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# ST. PAUL VI PARISH

#### February 12, 2023



# **6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



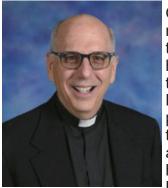
"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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St. Mary Church 105 Herrick Road Riverside Mater Christi Church 2401 S. 10th Avenue North Riverside

#### A message from our Pastor



On February 11, 1858 a beautiful lady appeared to a young peasant girl named Bernadette in the town of Lourdes, France. For the next five months, this lady dressed all in white with a blue sash around her waist, a white veil on her head, a rosary over her arm and yellow roses at her feet would continue to appear to Bernadette. Bernadette came to understand that the lady was Mary, the mother of Jesus. Mary's message was for daily prayer and penance, especially for the conversion of sinners. She also asked Bernadette to go to the local priests and tell them to build a chapel on the site where she appeared. Bernadette did as she was asked but the parish priest dismissed her - no chapel would be built unless the lady told them who she was. On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of the Annunciation, the lady identified herself to

Bernadette as the Immaculate Conception. Bernadette did not understand the meaning of these words, but the priests did, as the Catholic Church had just recently proclaimed this specific dogma in 1854.

In 1862, the church confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions, and the Basilica at Lourdes was consecrated in 1876. In 1890, Pope Leo XIII established the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes for February 11 and in 1907, Pope St. Pius X proclaimed that the feast should be celebrated by the universal church worldwide. Lourdes is a place of pilgrimage and healing; church authorities have recognized over 60 miraculous cures attributed to its healing waters. The larger miracle however appears to be the conversion and re-commitment to the faith of so many who visit this holy place as many people return home with renewed faith and a readiness to serve God.

Three hundred and twenty-seven years prior to her appearance at Lourdes, Mary appeared to another poor peasant halfway around the world. She requested that a chapel be built on the site, and she would bless all those who called upon her in their need. The church built in Tepeyac Mexico honoring Our Lady of Guadalupe is another place of pilgrimage and conversion. Jump ahead fifty-nine years from Lourdes, and again Mary appears to three peasant children in Portugal and asks them to pray the rosary daily for world peace and an end to the great war. She also requests that a chapel be built on the site honoring the Lady of the Rosary, which is now more popularly known as Our Lady of Fatima.

God in His infinite wisdom chose Mary to be the mother of his son and then Jesus gave his mother to all of us to be our mother and our greatest intercessor. Is it no wonder that throughout the ages she appears and calls us to him through daily prayer and penance? As we get closer to Lent and a period in the church specifically set aside for prayer, penance and a willingness to let God into our lives, let us look to the many examples the Blessed Mother has given us on how to do this. She is waiting to help us, especially through the beautiful and powerful prayer of the rosary. Do you know where your rosary is? Do you remember how to pray it? Perhaps you can find it in the next week or so and commit personally or as a family to begin praying it. Let us ask our Blessed Mother to be with us and help us on our journey of faith and encounter!

Fr. Matt and I have a special Valentine's Day request. Fr. Cy moved into his new residence and asked that we share his address. There is nothing more that brightens one's day than a card or letter in the mail. As Fr. Cy gets settled, might we ask that you send him a card or letter to let him know that you are thinking about him and keeping him in your prayers? Thank you in advance for this act of love and kindness for one of our brothers in Christ!

Rev. M. Cyril Nemecek, Room 2211, Mercy Circle, 3659 W. 99th Street, Chicago, IL 60655

#### A message from our Associate Pastor



February 14 has become one of the strangest days in Western culture. It is widely celebrated by the name of "Valentine's Day," referring to the Catholic saint, Valentine. Philip Kosloski and Bret Thoman from Aleteia have more about this day. How did an early heroic Christian saint and martyr come to be associated with romantic love?

According to some accounts, St. Valentine was secretly marrying young Christian couples so the men would not be conscripted into obligatory military service.

Another legend recounts the Rose of Reconciliation. Accordingly, Valentine overheard a young couple bickering while passing beyond the hedge of his garden. He came out to meet them holding a rose. The aging man's gray hair and smiling face had the grace of calming the quarreling spouses. He then held out the rose and asked the two to receive it. He instructed them to grasp the stem carefully, as a couple, so as not to prick one another. With that, he taught the two to have "cor unum" (one heart), and their love returned as before.

Perhaps the most well-known legend of St. Valentine involves a young couple named Sabino and Serapia. Sabino was a Roman centurion who was pagan, and Serapia was a beautiful Christian girl from Terni. He asked Serapia's father for her hand in marriage, but was refused since he was pagan. Serapia suggested that Sabino go to their bishop, Valentine, to receive Christian instruction and convert. Unfortunately, just as the celebrations for his baptism and their future wedding were being prepared, Serapia fell deathly ill. While Valentine was at her bedside, Sabino begged him not to be separated from his beloved. Bishop Valentine baptized the young man, presided over their marriage rite, and when he raised his hands to heaven for the blessing, a beatific sleep overcame the two for all eternity.

However, in the liturgy, most Roman Catholics don't actually celebrate St. Valentine on February 14. The general calendar states that February 14 is the memorial of "Sts. Cyril and Methodius."

While nearly the entire Western world celebrates "St. Valentine," the Church directs our attention to a pair of obscure Slavic saints.

Why is that?

Historically speaking, February 14 has been associated with St. Valentine for centuries, dating back to some of the earliest calendars of the Catholic Church.

However, it was not a single St. Valentine, but multiple saints, as the early 20th-century *American Ecclesiastical Review* points out.

The various martyrologies of the Church contain **twenty-two lives of canonized saints by the name of Valentine**. Of these, nine are recorded as bishops, twelve as martyrs, most of the latter were priests; one was an officer in the army of Maximian and died at Ravenna. They are of all nationalities, Italians, French, Spaniards, Germans and Belgians.

Five of the St Valentines have their feasts assigned upon the **14th of February** another occurs on February 12th. Yet, none of these Valentines is the one who is connected to the modern celebration of Valentine's Day.

Initially the Roman Church had no problem celebrating this and other Valentines on **February 14** and kept his feast on that date until 1969.

In the Second Vatican Council document, <u>Sacrosanctum Concilium</u>, it was suggested that the liturgical year should be revised, and certain saints removed from the general calendar.

Lest the feasts of the saints should take precedence over the feasts which commemorate the very mysteries of salvation, many of them should be left to be celebrated by a particular Church or nation or family of religious; **only those should** be extended to the universal Church which commemorate saints who are truly of universal importance.

A study was conducted by the Church, and St. Paul VI later explained in his motu proprio, <u>Mysterii Paschalis</u>, why some saints were removed and different ones added.

In order to execute this decision of the Ecumenical Council, the names of some saints have been removed from the universal Calendar ... The suppression of reference to a certain number of saints who are not universally known has permitted the insertion, within the Roman Calendar, of names of **some martyrs of regions where the proclaiming of the Gospel arrived at a later date.** Thus, as representatives of their countries, those who have won renown by the shedding of their blood for Christ **or by their outstanding virtues** enjoy the same dignity in this same catalogue.

While not martyrs, this does appear to be a reference to Sts. Cyril and Methodius, who proclaimed the Gospel to the Slavic people during the 9th century. The switch was an effort to make the calendar more "universal," as St. Paul VI states in his letter.

In truth, the general calendar is not something "fixed," and can change as the needs of the times permit. **Could St. Valentine be restored to February 14?** If a large group of faithful desire it and believe him to be of "universal importance," then yes, he might return to that date.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Mater Christi Church**

Daily Mass

Monday-Saturday 8:00 am

Church (Live replay on YouTube)

**Anticipated Mass** 

Saturday 5:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass 8:00 am Church

(Live replay on YouTube)

9:30 am Church 11:00 am Church\*

#### St. Mary Church

Daily Mass

Monday-Friday 8:30 am Church

**Anticipated Mass** 

Saturday 4:00 pm Church

Sunday Mass 8:00 am Church 10:00 am Church\* 5:00 pm Church

\*Children's Liturgy of the Word

#### MASS LIVESTREAM LINK ON YOUTUBE:

<u>youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA</u>

#### **Sunday Drive-Up Holy Communion**

St. Mary Church side parking lot near the elevator entrance

9:15 to 9:30 am

Please remain in your vehicle and the volunteers will guide you.

#### RECONCILIATION

#### **Mater Christi Church**

Saturday 4:00 to 4:45 pm, before 5:00 pm Mass or by appointment

#### St. Mary Church

Saturday 3:00 to 3:45 pm, before 4:00 pm Mass or by appointment

#### This Week's Scripture Reading

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2,

3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13.

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29

and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk

8:34—9:1

Saturday: Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/

Mk 9:2-13

# PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 18 & 19:

St. Mary Church Presider:

Saturday **Feb 18** 4:00 PM Fr. Thomas May Sunday **Feb 19** 8:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz 10:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Mater Christi Church Presider:

Saturday **Feb 18** 5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday **Feb 19** 8:00 AM Fr. Thomas May

9:30 AM Fr. Thomas May 11:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

\*Presider schedule is subject to change.

# ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Mater Christi Church** 

Rosary

Saturday 7:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm

#### St. Mary Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

Rosarv

Monday - Friday After 8:30 am Daily Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 pm



# Hail Mary Challenge 1,395,389

Come pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary.

Please keep sending in your prayers for healing and join us for the Zoom Rosary Sundays at 7:30pm.

Join us at this link: Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468

Passcode: 949134

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?

pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUILVFVhYWVBQT09

#### Please pray for the children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Father of us all,
Protect the children of our parish
who are receiving your Sacrament of Reconciliation.
Help them to know your infinite Love and Mercy.
Gather them to You and help them to forgive
As they receive forgiveness.
Help them to forgive themselves

As they work to sin no more.

Protect the growing faith of our children.

Help us to accompany them on their journey.

We pray that You become the center of their lives

And that the Church becomes their refuge and their home.

Bless them with your Grace and Send the Holy Spirit to live in their hearts. We ask these things through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.



#### **Mass Intentions**

#### Saturday, February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

(MC) 8:00 am † Safety for Police Officers & Firefighters (SM) 4:00 pm † Catherine (Kay) Falbo (Sharmayne Stach) (MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Robert Baikie (Scot &

Ann Baikie)

#### Sunday, February 12

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Members of the Stumpo Family (D. Conjura), Bernard M Cygan (Jack & Joan Wiaduck), Fr. Vito Marziliano (Joanne Suba)

(MC) 9:30 am + Carole & Joe Turek (Ann Weber), Edwin Dulik, George R Zdarsky

(SM) 10:00 am † John Brophy (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Richard O. Krueger (Christine & Robert Ricker), Vera Stoehr. Monica Brown

(MC) 11:00 am † Irene Gomora (Bill Gomora), Matthew Kaluzny (SM) 5:00 pm † Kay Falbo (John & Susie O'Brien)

#### Monday, February 13

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Nancy Rektorski (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry)

#### Tuesday, February 14

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Jeanine Mengarelli (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Joseph Carrabotta

#### Wednesday, February 15

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Lottie Wengren (Patricia Madai)

#### Thursday, February 16

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Zen & Dorothy Cichon)

#### Friday, February 17

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Nancy Lyons (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry)

#### Saturday, February 18

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Parishioners

(SM) 4:00 pm † Allen Paneral (Tim & Debbie Marcolini),

Raymond Szkodyn (Ellen Egan), Leonardo & Margaret Vazquez (Cuevas Family)

(MC) 5:00 pm † Irena & Marian Mazurkiewicz, Jim Burns (Del Burns), Robert Baikie (Scot & Ann Baikie)

#### Sunday, February 19

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Healing for the sick of our parish, Ernest R.

(MC) 9:30 am † Dalton Lee Brown (Pat Brown), John Biba (Arlene Biba)

(SM) 10:00 am † Tom Nolan (Buckley Family)

(MC) 11:00 am † William Gomora, Ray Tonini (Myra Zak)

(SM) 5:00 pm + St. Paul VI Volunteers

#### In our hearts and prayers, we pray...

#### For the deceased

#### PRAYER FOR THE ETERNAL REST

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

#### For all those who have died, especially for Lucy M. Ostrowski.

May they rest in Peace.

#### For the sick and homebound

Virginia Alba Cheryl Albertsen Christine Alvarado Jim Arndt Leo Augustinas Arlene Batek Jennifer Borow Del Burns Raybon Carroll Gloria DeSanto Margarita Diaz Therese Dolmant Carol Dvorak Elliott Franche Midge Galloro Lindsey Gavin Jayme Girard Dawn Gmitro Mimi Gnolfo Bern Gordus Anthony Gorski Elena Gorski Irene Gorski Bob Gurski Katie Hassberger Thomas Higgins Marilynne Higgins Robert Holas Irene Horacek Olga Horacek Wassyl Kalin Noel Keen Bill Kernan Patricia King Norman Kirkley

Theresa Kledek

Joanne Kosey

Donald J. Kotrba, Sr Mary Kratochvil Joseph Kratochvil Diane Kretz Christina Lee Ramon Lehnen Deacon Bob Boharic Charlotte Lindauer Eileen Marquetti **Emily Martinez** Mary Carole McGovern Harper Faith McGee Spencer Mehr Lizzie Mooney Freda Murphy Irene Nelsen Fr. M. Cyril Nemecek Annie Nystrom Beth Pennacchio Dean Pennacchio Rafaela Perez Elsie Piszczor Maria Pura Dennis Raleigh **Dolores Rieber** George Rieber Sr. Rogelio Rojas **Bridget Sarley** Carol Schaffer Lorraine Schmecht Ann Stauffer Nicholas John Stiso Erin Stobaugh Ethan Tkalec Maria Villafuerte Jennifer Walden Carina Willems Pat Zdarsky

If you have a loved one that you would like to be remembered for a special intention during Mass, please visit our parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside or call 708-447-1020 to schedule one.

To request your Mass Intention to be included in the bulletin, please submit at least 2 weeks prior to the requested Sunday bulletin date.

### Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

#### Prayer of Generosity

"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous. Teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to labor and not to seek to rest, to give of myself and not ask for a reward, except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will." - St. Ignatius of Loyola

#### -WAYS TO GIVE-

#### **MAIL - DROP OFF - CALL**

- Bishop Lyne Pastoral Center 40 E Burlington St. Riverside IL 60546
- (708) 447-1020

#### **ONLINE**

 Click the donate button at <u>www.stpaulviparish.org</u> to set up an EFT or credit/debit card donation.

#### **TEXT-TO-GIVE**

- Text **DONATE** to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).
- A verification and an email will be sent to you.

#### **SCAN TO DONATE**



How to scan a QR code using your iPhone or Android phone:

- Open the Camera app on your phone.
- Then point your phone on the QR code to scan.
- Tap on the pop-up banner to open St. Paul VI Donate page.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



#### A Message from Cardinal Cupich

Today, as Jesus continues his Sermon on the Mount, he opens our eyes to how God is present to us through his Son who walks with us in all of our joys and sorrows, our challenges and opportunities. Jesus tells us that when we fully trust Him and place our lives in His hands, we find the grace and strength to leave behind anger and embrace peace, to leave behind an adulterous and unfaithful mindset and embrace faithful love, to leave behind our hesitations and deceptions and embrace simple and direct truth.

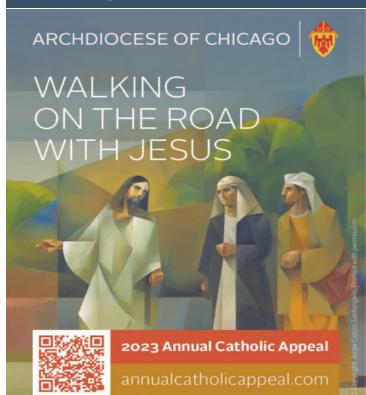
In the depths of our hearts each of us truly desires the peace, fidelity, and truth Jesus offers us, for we know how much we need these gifts. We suffer from divisions in society, in our families and yes, even in the Church. We feel vulnerable in the aftermath of the pandemic and our own personal and family illnesses. We have fears about our financial insecurity and the safety of our families, and we are troubled by the threats which wars and conflicts bring to world stability. So, walking on the road with Jesus is urgent and necessary for us. But, as soon as we do so, we recognize as true the words of Sirach today, "if you trust in God, you too shall live". And we come to know that this new life in Christ is a grace this world cannot give, for "eye has not seen, and ear has not heard what God has prepared for those who love him."

This truth Jesus proclaims in the Sermon on the Mount has inspired us to choose as this year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal, Walking on the road with Jesus. I invite you to see this year's appeal as an opportunity to reclaim our identity, a sense of ourselves, as God's pilgrim people who are on the way, on the road with Jesus. And as we walk together, we are changed, for by being on the road with each other Jesus lifts us up from a narrow individualism and links us to each other. Being on the road, also means none of us has arrived, but that we are staying with each other to make sure no one is left behind and we all keep going.

Our participation in the Appeal is an expression of who we are as a people walking on the road with Jesus. And our support of the Appeal is more important than ever. Together, we join hands to help struggling parish communities, schools, religious education and ministry formation programs in the Archdiocese. We also take by the hand those who are weak in the world through our initiatives for justice, peace, and respect for human life, as well as through Catholic Relief Services, which allows us to be present to people suffering from illnesses, natural disasters, and war.

Walking on the road with Jesus—that is who we are. As your financial circumstances permit, please join me and other Catholics in making a gift to the Annual Appeal. I promise that the Archdiocese will be respectful of your sacrificial offering and be a good steward of your gift. And once your parish meets its goal, proceeds return to your parish to support its mission in your local community.

#### Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure



# Please Make Your Gift to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

#### Walk on the road with Jesus

I Invite you to spend time week reflecting on the Annual Catholic Appeal materials you should have received in your bulletin or in the mail. The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: it is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made in payable installments.

Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of so many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services to answer the call of "Walking on the road with Jesus."

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back. This year, we also encourage our parishioners to make their Annual Catholic Appeal gifts online at <a href="mailto:annualcatholicappeal.com">annualcatholicappeal.com</a>.

#### Your gift supports important ministries

#### Catholic Schools

The Annual Catholic Appeal helps to provide annual scholarship support to thousands of Catholic school families eligible for financial need. Your support puts a faith-filled, academically excellent and supportive education within reach

#### Special Religious Development (SPRED)

ministries help differently-abled parishioners to grow in faith and engage fully in their parish community. SPRED assists parishes in identifying the needs of persons with developmental disabilities and provides the best tools and training to serve their community members.

#### Catholic Relief Services

For 79 years, Catholic Relief Services has represented the Church's healing presence worldwide. Without regard for religious affiliation, CRS promotes human development by responding to major emergencies, fighting disease and poverty, and nurturing peaceful and just societies. Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the generosity of the people of the Archdiocese of Chicago supports this vital ministry.

#### Young Adult and Campus Ministry

The Saint John Paul II Newman Center provides a welcoming, faith-filled environment to UIC students as they encounter pivotal moments and big questions as college students. The Newman Center offers service opportunities, bible study, and other formation events that nurture a strong faith community on campus and a place to learn more about Jesus and the Church.

#### And Many More...

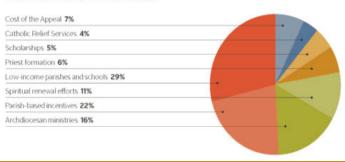
For a more complete listing of ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit annualcatholicappeal.com.

# WHAT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FUNDS

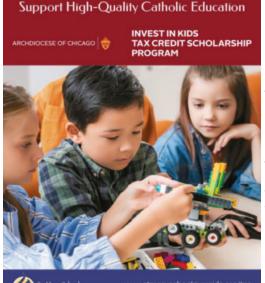
These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

Low-income parishes and schools	29%	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	22%	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	16%	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	11%	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	6%	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Scholarships	5%	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school families
Catholic Relief Services	4%	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
Cost of the Appeal	7%	Printing, postage, processing costs for the Appeal

#### How Your Gift Will Be Used



# Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure



# TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM 1-for-1 Matching Gift is Now Open!

Did you know we have 24 children that want to attend St. Mary school? We can help make it a reality by participating in the Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

As of Dec. 1, 2022, for a limited time, you can take advantage of a 1-for-1 Matching Program that will double the impact of your gift! Some limitations apply. A donation can be made using cash, check, appreciated stock, or credit card.

Donate now, reduce your state income tax and invest in our children's future! Take advantage for a limited time of a 1-for-1 matching gift. The Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program awarded scholarships to more than 11,000 students since it was created five years ago.

You can decrease what you owe the state at tax time and potentially increase your refund. You can help fund a student's St. Mary School education!

For more information please contact Mrs. Nicole Nolazco at St Mary School at <a href="mailto:nnolazco@stmaryriverside.org">nnolazco@stmaryriverside.org</a>, the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617, <a href="mailto:tcs@archchicago.org">tcs@archchicago.org</a>, or visit <a href="mailto:archchicago.org/tcs">archchicago.org/tcs</a>.

#### Parish Announcements

#### LYNE PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Lyne Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, February 15th for a Staff Retreat. We will re-open on Thursday, February 16th from 10 am - 6 pm. In an event of an emergency, please leave a message at 708-447-1020 and we will return your call promptly.



#### **GOT IDEAS?**

The St. Paul VI Parish Pastoral Council is looking for ideas for our parish to help it continue to grow into a vibrant parish. There is an idea box located at each worship site or email them to <a href="mailto:StPaulVIPPC@stpaulviparish.org">StPaulVIPPC@stpaulviparish.org</a>. Please share your ideas!



#### Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month



- · Isolates you from your family and friends
- Checks or monitors your texts, emails, phone calls, or social media without your permission
- · Constantly belittles you
- · Has an explosive temper
- · Has constant mood swings towards you
- · Makes false accusations against you
- · Blames you for things that are not your fault
- · Threatens to hurt you or him/herself





# BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

The next raffle drawing will be tomorrow, Monday, February 13.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Winners for 600 Club 1/23

1<sup>st</sup> Prize (\$75): John Radtke (#109)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (\$25): Kathy Drenth (#214)

Come by the parish office and grab a raffle ticket. The winner will be notified by email/phone, bulletin. Pick one up at the parish office. 40 E. Burlington St. Riverside. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be credited toward the parish fundraising goal of \$45,000 for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Any questions? Please contact Jane Birmingham at <a href="mailto:jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org">jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org</a> or 708-853-1421.

#### Parish Events

#### **BRING IN LAST YEAR'S BLESSED PALMS**

Collection of palms for burning can be brought to both Church sites and placed in a basket, located in the Narthex. You can also drop them off during office hours at the parish office at 40 E. Burlington.



BURNING OF THE PALMS Tuesday, February 21

10:00 AM – St Mary Church (front steps) 5:30 PM - Mater Christi Church (Shrine)



ASH WEDNESDAY Wednesday, February 22

8:00 AM - Mater Christi Church (Mass) 8:30 AM - St Mary Church (Mass)

**10:00 AM-6:00 PM** - St Hugh Faith Formation Center & Bishop Timothy J Lyne Center (distribution of Ashes)

3:30 PM - Mater Christi Church-Bilingual (Prayer Service)

4:00 PM - St Mary Church (Prayer Service)

7:00 PM - St Mary Church and Mater Christi Church (Mass)



#### **LENTEN SEASON ROSARY**

Members of St. Paul VI Knights of Columbus Bishop Ketteler Council 1628 invites our fellow parishioners to join us after the **7:00 pm Mass at St. Mary on Ash Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** in reciting the Rosary. Consider starting this Lenten Season by praying this beautiful prayer to Our Lady.

Vivat Jesus!.... which translates into Jesus Lives!



Join us as we gather to pray, read a Bible story, share our thoughts, and hopefully laugh a lot!

This event is open to all ladies of St. Paul VI Parish.

We will gather on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at 7pm at Mater Christi in the Marian Room (lower level)

Please RSVP by filling out the online link:

www.tinyurl.com/www21823

or calling: 708-224-9993 by February 13, 2023.

Please read the Scripture Passage (to participate in the discussion):

Save the Dates: April 29, 2023; 1pm (SM) June 17, 2023; 7pm (SM)

Puah and Shiphrah; How to Fight Your Fears

Exodus 1:15-22

Small free-will offerings gratefully accepted.



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

#### Women's Retreat

#### Keys to Building a Stronger Faith

Sponsored by the St. Paul VI Women's Society

stay Strong IN YOUR Faith

RETREAT LED BY: Fr. Francis Bitterman

DATE: Wednesday, April 19

TIME: 9am to 3pm, we will celebrate Mass at 2:30pm

LOCATION: Mater Christi Church; Marian Room (lower level) FOOD: Continental Breakfast & Lunch included COST: \$30/person

REGISTRATION: Please register by April 5.

For additional information contact: Bern Gordus at 708-447-5433

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Email: \_\_\_\_\_
Lunch (lunch includes sandwich, fruit, chips, pickle, and drink)

Sandwich Selection: Please circle one choice below.

Ham & Cheese Turkey & Cheese Tuna

Please return the registration form, labeled St. Paul VI Women's Retreat, with the \$30 fee by April 5 to the Parish Office or to Ida Clary (708-344-3894).



Fr. Francis Bitterman – currently serves as the pastor of St. Josaphat Parish in Lincoln Park. Read more about Fr. Francis on our website at <a href="https://www.stpaulviparish.org/">https://www.stpaulviparish.org/</a> womens-society.html





Please join us for this beloved St. Mary tradition!

The **St. Patrick's Day Party Annual Fundraiser** is one of the most fun and important nights of the school year.

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#### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

# Building a stronger school in our community.

St. Mary School's annual fundraiser, The St. Pat's Party, is organized by parent volunteers and held in the school Parish Center. With the support of generous donors like you, this fundraiser allows St. Mary School to continue to invest in excellent educators, new technology and classroom tools, and keep tuition affordable for any child in our community.

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# Every child deserves access to the highest level of education.

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#### Service Opportunities

#### **CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) - TUESDAY SUPPER**

CC Cicero began the Tuesday Supper program at the beginning of the pandemic in October, 2020. The geographic area that is served is mostly the near west suburbs of Berwyn, Cicero, and South Oak Park. The CC clients served are seniors and the working poor. **St. Paul VI Parish is a monthly sponsor.** The Service Outreach Committee coordinates a supper on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month; different menus are planned. Thank you to all who have helped us to help others, especially those who help on a regular monthly basis.





#### Volunteers are needed on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month

- 1. <u>Cooks & Bakers</u> Prepare food for 24, ready to serve in disposable trays delivered between 4:45 5 pm to St. Mary's Parking Lot near the entrance off of Herrick Street.
- 2. <u>Drivers</u> needed at 4:40 pm to meet at St. Mary's Parking Lot to load up prepared food and drop off by 5:30 pm at the CC Cicero location where the food is served.

#### February 21st Tuesday Supper is FULL. Thank you for your support!

Our next supper will be on Tuesday, March 21st. Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic48#/">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic48#/</a>



#### **FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!**

Please bring your donation for the Catholic Charities Pantry items to the Parish Office at 40 E. Burlington, Riverside. Canned goods: soup, vegetables, fruit, tuna, and pasta, pasta sauce, rice, cereal, mac n cheese are welcome. In addition, gift cards can be placed in an envelope and dropped at the office mailbox. Please label the envelope CC Food Pantry Collection.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIAPER DRIVE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Knights of Columbus are collecting diapers of any size for Catholic Charities in Cicero. Your donation will help many families and babies in need. Please drop off your donation at the parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside, or Mater Christi Church at 2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside.

Thank you for your generosity!



# FEEDING THE HUNGRY

#### ending homelessness

Do you enjoy cooking? There is an opportunity and

need for volunteers to help feed the hungry for a homeless shelter located on Lake Street in Oak Park.

On the first Friday of each month, generous cooks provide 40 dinners to Housing Forward. Volunteers make 5-10 dinners on a menu of their choosing comprising of an entree, a vegetable, and a dessert. Containers are supplied. Meals are delivered.

If you are interested in this worthy deed, please contact Kathy Burns, burns.kathleen@comcast.net

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#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for adults who would like to work with children during the 10:00 am Sunday Mass at St. Mary or the 11:00 am Sunday Mass at Mater Christi, please reach out to Elizabeth Kos at ebkos@stpaulviparish.org.

No experience is necessary, and we will provide all materials you need! Teens are also needed to help!



#### PARISH MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

#### Connect with us and join us!

At St. Paul VI Parish, we have an abundance of ministry opportunities and ways in which you or your family members can get involved. For a list of ministries, visit <a href="www.stpaulviparish.org">www.stpaulviparish.org</a> (click Engage, then Get Involved), or call the Parish Office at 708-447-1020 to sign up.

#### Parish & Community Resources

#### ST. PAUL VI PARISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The St. Paul VI Women's Society holds its monthly gatherings on the first Wednesday of every month, September through June, unless otherwise noted. The meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Marian Room (lower level) of Mater Christi Church. Prior to the meeting, everyone is invited to church for the Rosary at 6:30 pm. To join, contact Carol Dvorak, 708-280-6406, ccdvorak123@yahoo.com; or Susan Kahler, 708-805-1007, sclarekahler@gmail.com.

#### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Bishop Ketteler Council 1628 Catholic men 18 and older are invited to our monthly meeting held on the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary Church (Oak Room). Info: Roger Jensen at (630) 418-3308.

#### **HISPANIC MINISTRY / MINISTERIO HISPANO**

Join the St. Paul VI Hispanic Committee to talk about promoting our Latino faith and share with the parish community.

For questions, contact Matthew Brophy mbrophy@archchicago.org or call 708-447-1020.

Únase al Comité Hispano de St. Paul VI para hablar sobre promover nuestra fe latina y compartir con la comunidad Parroquial.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Matthew Brophy mbrophy@archchicago.org o llame al 708-447-1020.

#### ST. PAUL VI HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St Paul VI Parish Holy Name Society (HNS) meets monthly from September through May each term. General meetings are held on the second Friday of each month with a Mass celebrated the Sunday immediately following the meeting. Other HNS events are held throughout the calendar year with information posted in advance in the bulletin. For information contact Ted Watylyk at stpaulvihns@gmail.com.

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month to pray, knit and crochet. Please let us know when someone in your family or neighborhood is in need of the comfort these prayer filled shawls, hats & scarves provide.

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#### **BAPTISM OF INFANTS**

Second and fourth Sundays at St. Mary, first and third Sundays at Mater Christi. Register for Parent Preparation Session by calling the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.



#### **MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

This process begins with an interview with a Pastoral Staff member. No date Holy Matrimony for the ceremony can be reserved until this interview is completed. For more information, call the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

#### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If you would like to receive an anointing, or you know someone who would like to receive this Sacrament, please call the parish office (708-447-1020) to schedule an appointment to arrange a

#### FUNERAL PLANNING & ARRANGEMENTS

St. Paul VI Parish will assist you in preparing and customizing the Funeral Mass for your loved one. We are here to be of service to you during your time of sorrow.

Please contact the parish office at 708-447-1020 to make arrangements.

There is a simple outline of choices you may use to personalize the Mass for you and your family. All of these are suggestions; you may choose any sacred music that is familiar or important to you.

Contact Cheryl Skoda at cskoda@stpaulviparish.org for assistance in any musical questions or special requests.

For a complete list of the Outline of Funeral Mass, please visit https://www.stpaulviparish.org/funerals.html

#### COUNSELING SERVICES

St. Paul VI offers counseling services to our parishioners. All issues are treated with respect and confidentiality. Appointments are set at your convenience and are held at the Pastoral Center or other suitable location.

Clients are served on a sliding scale and whenever possible insurance reimbursement will be encouraged and supported.

Meet our parish counselor Damaris Colòn-Soto. She is now available for confidential counseling in person at the Lyne Pastoral Center or St. Hugh Faith Formation Center from 9 am-4 pm. To schedule an appointment, please email damariscolon.claret@gmail.com or call 773-313-2492 (Se habla español). She will be available to meet in person at the Lyne Parish Office on Fridays.

For reading resources, visit stpaulviparish.org.

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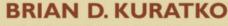
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