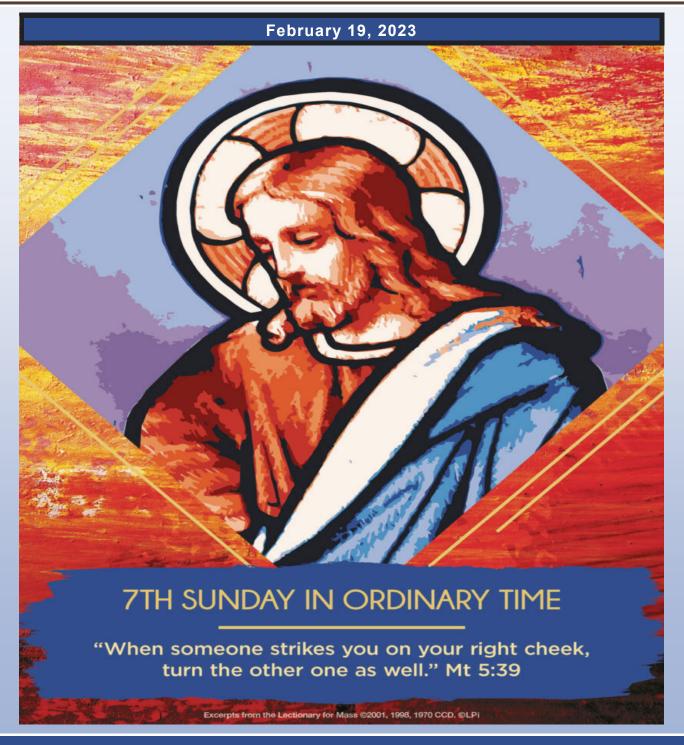
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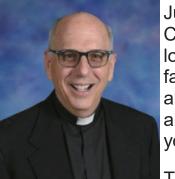


ST. PAUL VI PARISH



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

A message from our Pastor



Just a few days ago I was fortunate to see Les Miserables at the Cadillac Theatre in downtown Chicago. As many of you know, I love the theatre, and going to see plays and musicals is one of my favorite things to do. Les Mis, as it is affectionately known, is absolutely one of my very favorite shows. The entire show is sung, and the music and lyrics are just beautiful; I am sure that many of you would recognize at least one or two of the songs.

The show is based on the book of the same title written by Victor Hugo in 1862. The story takes place in early 19th century France at the cusp of the French Revolution and begins with a man being released from prison. Jean Valjean has served nineteen years for stealing a loaf of bread to feed his sister's starving child. Angry and bitter, he is released back into society. He is shown great kindness by a local priest and repays the bishop by stealing from him. When caught and brought before the bishop to be identified, the bishop says it has all been a misunderstanding and gives Jean Valjean several more precious objects to help him become "free". Valjean is overcome and vows to become a man worthy of the forgiveness and kindness he has been given. However, the world in which we live does not make this the easiest thing to do.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us to turn the other cheek, love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. He knows this is not in our nature, that we must continually work at showing mercy and kindness to those we don't like, those who are not like us, those who we believe don't deserve it. But isn't that exactly what God shows us every single day? His son Jesus is here for every single one of us, every moment of every day, even when we chose not to be there with him. Jesus is with us, always. He waits for us to let him enter our lives and rejoices when we embrace him. Most importantly, he lets us make the choice, always. Is your heart and mind and soul that open and patient and forgiving to those in your lives? It gives us a lot to think about three days before Lent begins, doesn't it?

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, is this week. In the midst of eating paczkis and your last desserts and making lists of all of the things you are going to give up for the next six weeks, why not think of how we can follow Jesus' directions instead?

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

To all of our generous parishioners, supporters and friends:

Please note that checks written for donations or gifts **must** be made payable to **St. Paul VI Parish**. The bank gave us a grace period as we transitioned from three separate entities into one, however now that the bank accounts are under our new parish name, checks made payable to church worship sites will no longer be accepted. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the parish office 708-447-1020.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Fr. Tom May and Fr. Matt Nemchausky

A message from our Associate Pastor



We all say too often, "that went by so fast," or ask, "where did the time go?" The same will happen to Lent unless we make some firm decisions on how to use these forty days well. Here are seven tips for making the most of Lent, and bringing more joy into these coming 40 days. Here are 7 tips from Dr. R. Jared Staudt from Exodus 90 about how to have a happy Lent.

1. Do something every day.

It will be hard to make progress if we don't take on a consistent practice each day during Lent. If you do something only once a week or irregularly it won't

form a lasting habit or do much to help you to make a consistently good Lent.

2. Make sure it pushes you.

Unless you're totally addicted, giving up chocolate won't get you very far. Giving up TV, music, alcohol, taking cold showers, regularly volunteering to serve others, doing a holy hour–these are the kinds of difficult practices that push us out of our comfort zone and help us to grow during Lent.

3. Don't forget regular fasting.

Lent arose as a forty day fast. Although there are many other important practices, Lent should involve some kind of change in your eating habits. Consider eating less each day, giving up meat more than once a week, abstaining from alcohol, or fasting a few days a week.

4. Prayer is essential.

Nothing that we do will bear true spiritual fruit without prayer. Giving things up can focus on our own efforts, while Lent aims at union with God. Make sure you are increasing your prayer time each day during Lent.

5. Go to Mass more often.

A great way to pray more each day is to go to Mass at least one additional day each week. This will help us to unite our prayer and penance to Christ, spending time with him in the desert as we fight the battle of Lent. At Mass, we will encounter Christ in his tangible presence.

6. Pick a spiritual book to read.

St. Benedict, the father of monks, ordered that everyone in the monastery choose a spiritual book to read straight through during Lent. It's a good idea for all of us, because a good book can guide our Lenten journey. Two great classics are Thomas a Kempis's Imitation of Christ and St. Francis de Sales's Introduction to the Devout Life.

7. Do something to help others.

The pillars of Lenten spiritual growth are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We can forget the third one. If we are coming closer to God, he also wants us to do something to help others during this holy season. Consider doing something to help the poor as an expression of almsgiving.

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: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 **Monday:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2,

5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,

39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: JI 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 **Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and

6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab,

18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4,

5-6/Lk 5:27-32

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF February 25 & 26:

St. Mary Church Presider:

Saturday **Feb 25** 4:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday **Feb 26** 8:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

10:00 AM Fr. Thomas May 5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Mater Christi Church Presider:

Saturday **Feb 25** 5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Sunday **Feb 26** 8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

9:30 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

11:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz

*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 1,401,477

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 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. DiMonte

(MC) 9:30 am † Dalton Lee Brown (Pat Brown), John Biba (Arlene Biba), Jose Gonzalez Monroy & Rosa Guzman Jaso (SM) 10:00 am † Tom Nolan (Buckley Family)

(MC) 11:00 am † William Gomora, Ray Tonini (Myra Zak), David Escamilla Herrera & Bernardo Lopez

(SM) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Volunteers

Monday, February 20 - President's Day

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † John Biba (Arlene Biba)

Tuesday, February 21 - St. Peter Damian

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † School Sisters of Notre Dame Benefactors

Wednesday, February 22 - Ash Wednesday

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † School Sisters of Notre Dame Benefactors

Thursday, February 23 - St. Polycarp

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † John Biba (Arlene Biba)

Friday, February 24

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Berenice O'Brien (John & Susie O'Brien), Flora Doniny (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry)

Saturday, February 25

(MC) 8:00 am † All the souls in Purgatory

(SM) 4:00 pm † Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach), John Leo Wilson (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Liane Blauw (Ann & Stephen Kubiczky), Virginia Sanders (Mary Hoff) (MC) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners

Sunday, February 26

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Rogelio Guico & Family), Deceased members of the Tangorra and Dituri Family (Joanne Suba)

(MC) 9:30 am † St. Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 10:00 am † Msgr. R. George Sarauskas, John Leo Wilson (Virginia Valadka)

(MC) 11:00 am † Jim Burns' Anniversary (Del Burns)

(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 August Lux and Lorraine Kwiatkowski.

May they rest in Peace.

For the sick and homebound

Virginia Alba Cheryl Albertsen Christine Alvarado Jim Arndt Leo Augustinas Arlene Batek Deacon Bob Boharic Jennifer Borow Del Burns Raybon Carroll Victorino Herrera Corral 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

Donald J. Kotrba, Sr Mary Kratochvil Joseph Kratochvil Diane Kretz Christina Lee Ramon Lehnen Charlotte Lindauer Eileen Marquetti **Emily Martinez** Mary Carole McGovern Harper Faith McGee Spencer Mehr **Dolores Messlein** 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

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.

Pat Zdarsky

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



Would you please help us fund the organ upgrade at Mater Christi Church?

Do you know why is music so important to the Catholic Church?

The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art. The main reason for this pre-eminence is that, as sacred song is united to the words, it forms a necessary or integral part of the solemn liturgy.



Do you know we have an opportunity to install a newer donated organ to Mater Christi to replace our older organ that is in need of significant repairs?

As with many improvements we make in our parish, this work will require funding that was not part of our planned expenses.

If you love our music each weekend, please help us cover the cost of the installation by dropping a donation in the weekend collection or at our parish office.

Your continued generosity will be music to all of our ears!

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Second and Special Collections 2023

Aid for the Church in Central and F	February 22, 2023

Eastern Europe

Holy Land April 7, 2023

Catholic Charities - Mother's Day May 14, 2023

Priests' Health & Retirement June 11, 2023

Peter's Pence July 2, 2023

Missionary Co-Op Sunday in July/August

Seminarian Education September 17, 2023

World Mission Sunday October 22, 2023

Catholic Campaign for November 19, 2023

Human Development

Retirement Fund for Religious December 10, 2023

CRS Rice Bowl During Lent

-WAYS TO GIVE-

SCAN TO DONATE



ONLINE

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

MAIL - DROP OFF - CALL

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

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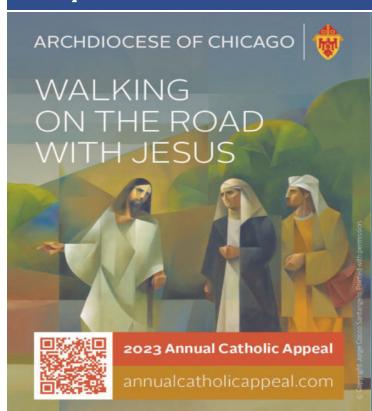
- Text **DONATE** to 708-55-4PAUL (708-554-7285).
- A verification and an email will be sent to you.

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2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

Walk on the road with Jesus

Our parish is conducting our campaign for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The new Annual Catholic Appeal theme, "Walking on the road with Jesus," is an important theme as we prayerfully consider our support for the Appeal but also important for embracing the life that the Lord wants us to live. Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools and ministries to deliver the needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

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 annualcatholicappeal.com.

Our promise to our donors is that no money donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal has been or will be used to defray expenses related to misconduct issues.

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...

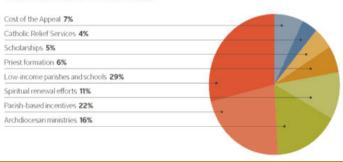
For a more complete listing of ministries supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal, please visit annualcatholicappeal.com.

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



A message from Rev. M. Cyril Nemecek

To the St. Paul VI parish family,

I realize that this note has been unduly delayed and requires an apology for my inability to be more forthcoming about my present status and the health decisions that have been made on my behalf as a result of the setbacks I've experienced. Until the day before Thanksgiving, I had been capable of handling the atrophied activities of daily living, (or as medical professionals refer to them as adl's). However, I was rushed to the hospital suffering another cardiac episode (congestive heart failure). After being stabilized and post numerous tests I underwent a procedure to implant three stents in the left coronary artery on December 7. The two weeks of confinement had atrophied my ability to manage my adl's adequately. The decision to enter a rehab facility for therapy was made. I spent a few weeks at the Smith Village Nursing Facility but made only minor progress overcoming the decline in my physical capabilities. I decided that I needed more intensive therapy and felt I could receive such care at Mercy Circle, I can only hope that my decision bears fruit.

Mercy Circle is a Nursing care facility with every level of care available for its residents. It was developed by the religious community of sisters (nuns) to care for the aging and retired sisters of their community. More than half the residents are religious sisters. I have been placed in assisted living status. Since my mobility has been severely restricted I need to use a walker to move around. Physical therapy will hopefully assist in restoring a semblance of normalcy.

In the meantime, I must accept the fact that my physical well-being and capabilities have declined significantly. Restoring previous levels of independence is noticeably impaired by my age (88). "The old gray mare just ain't what it used to be". No doubt that my having been diagnosed with the onset of Parkinson's disease has multiplied that decline even more so. And so, I must face the prospect that Mercy Circle may be my final address.

I must admit that Mercy Circle is not a conveniently located facility but has been very hospitable and welcoming. Visitors are welcomed and encouraged. Phone calls and notes of assurance of prayers are likewise gratefully received.

But enough about me. The real reason for this note of self-disclosure is to acknowledge with profound gratitude the numerous cards, words of encouragement and prayers offered on my behalf. I am humbled by the genuine love manifested by so many who gave assurances of their prayers for my well-being. Words are inadequate to express my gratitude for such solicitude. Please be assured of my own prayers for their physical and spiritual well-being.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to give special thanks to so many volunteers who joined the "meal train" and provided generous meals of distinct flavor while I was unable to do so. I will be eternally grateful for such generosity. May God reward your kindness.

I must conclude these remarks by admitting how much I miss the warmth and fervor of the St. Paul VI parish family. After 31 years in your midst, it is painful to admit how separation from you affects my daily thoughts and prayers. May our Lord be a source of deep grace and love as we journey toward our final end to live in His presence.

May the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Spirit come upon you and remain with you forever.

With deep affection,

Father Cy

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

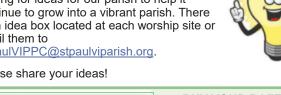
Parish Announcements

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

StPaulVIPPC@stpaulviparish.org.

Please share your ideas!



ST. PAUL VI PARISH 600 CUVB R)(4)(F)(F)(L)(E)

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners for 600 Club 2/13

1st Prize (\$75): Jerry & Janet Kosik (#81)

2nd Prize (\$25): Andy & Cathy Wirtas (#151)

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

The next raffle drawing will be tomorrow, Monday, February 20.

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 jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org or 708-853-1421.

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



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Visit us at:

https://www.stpaulviparish.org/join-our-parish.html

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**nd in reciting the Rosary. Consider

starting this Lenten Season by praying this beautiful prayer to Our Lady. Vivat Jesus!



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

Family Faith Formation



Join us on **February 23** at the **St. Hugh Faith Formation Center** (2400 S. 10th Ave.,
North Riverside) at **6:30pm** to do fun family
Lenten activities and learn more about the
Lenten Season.

Activities include several crafts to learn more about Lenten practices and lots of fun for parishioners and guests of all ages!

Link to RSVP: www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA62AAAFC1-family5



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 708-447-5423

Keys to Building a Stronger Faith

Retreat hosted by the St. Paul VI Women's Society

Name: (printed) ______
Phone: ______
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 https://www.stpaulviparish.org/womens-society.html





St. Mary School St. Patrick's Day Party Annual Fundraiser

PLEASE JOIN US

Saturday, March 4, 2023 5pm-midnight

St. Mary Parish Center 97 Herrick Rd, Riverside, IL 60546

Tickets are available at our website

stpats2023.givesmart.com

\$65 in advance - \$75 after March 1

AUCTIONS - LIVE BAND - FOOD - LIBATIONS

All proceeds benefit the children of St. Mary School

If you can't attend, please consider making a contribution on our website, scanning the QR code, or by check



Follow us on Instagram @stmary.school



Contact us at stpatsparty2023@gmail.com with questions



Scan to purchase tickets or donate

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 3rd 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 3rd 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: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic48#/



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

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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 FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER

BEDS PLUS has opened emergency shelters in a rotational schedule at churches in our neighboring communities. St. Paul VI Service Outreach Committee is supporting BEDS PLUS with a dinner and breakfast meal on March 3rd at the St. Barbara's shelter. Volunteers are needed to provide dinner and breakfast items. Pls review the signupgenius link and help us to help others.

Any questions, reach out to Nancy DeFauw, nancydefauw@comcast.net.

Here is the link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-beds2



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 www.stpaulviparish.org (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.

For information, call the parish office at 708-447-1020.



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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 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 visit.

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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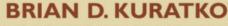
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