



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

March 26, 2023

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

**St. Mary Church
105 Herrick Road
Riverside**

**Mater Christi Church
2401 S. 10th Avenue
North Riverside**

A message from our Pastor



Today we begin the fifth week of Lent. Next week we will celebrate Palm Sunday. Have these last weeks gone by quickly? Do you feel like you have been making a change in your life? Are you opening yourself up to God? Are you beginning to discern God's plan and how you fit into it? These questions give a whole new meaning to the story of Lazarus, Martha, and Mary, don't they?

We know from the story that Lazarus, Martha and Mary were some of Jesus' closest friends. We also know that Martha and Mary believed that Jesus was the Messiah and that they both expressed the conviction that if Jesus had been with Lazarus, their brother would not have died.

They also accepted that things happen on God's timeline, not according to their desires. They were all truly disciples of Jesus Christ.

As Pastor my primary responsibility is to help you grow as disciples of Jesus and to provide you with tools to help make disciples of others. This is at the heart of the **Renew My Church** process and the **Building a New Reality** message. That is why this Lent all parishes have been asked to participate in a survey conducted by Catholic Leadership Institute. **The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** allows parishioners to reflect on their own spiritual growth and discipleship and identify the ways in which the parish effectively supports that growth.

This survey will be accessible online and in paper form through March 31. Paper forms are available at both worship sites, at the Faith Formation Center and at the Parish Office. Paper forms can be turned in at the parish office, the school, the faith formation center or by dropping them in the Sunday collection baskets.

Our parish will receive a summary report of the results. We will not have access to individual survey responses but will learn about issues that are important to parishioners in a confidential and professional way. The results will be used to look at opportunities to support parishioner growth in discipleship and create goals and plans to achieve that growth.

Please access the **Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey** by using this link, <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/g5989g> or scan the QR code. Everyone in the family over the age of 14 can participate. This is a 75-question survey and will take about 20 minutes to complete. **We need to hear from all parishioners! Your feedback is important!**



This week, after you complete the survey, take some time to reflect on your openness to God's timeline and plan. What are some of the things that are making you anxious or angry or distressed? Is your heart open to Jesus and His response to what is happening in your life?

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



March is Women's History Month and there are so many saints and powerful women to highlight this month. Tom Hoopes from Aletheia proposes that our very religion contains the strength of the feminine. There is a certain womanly touch about Christianity, and Catholicism in particular.

Some ways are obvious; others not so much.

Look at the obvious one for starters: The Church is a bride to Christ the bridegroom.

"In ancient Jewish tradition," Brant Pitre writes in *Jesus the Bridegroom*, "as far back as we can tell, the Song of Songs was not interpreted as a love poem or as an allegory of the individual soul; it was interpreted as an allegory of God's spousal love for the people of Israel."

In fact, he says, "in its deepest mystery, all of salvation history is in fact a divine love story between Creator and creature, between God and Israel, a story that comes to its climax on the bloody wood of a Roman cross."

The Church is now awaiting the bridegroom, like in Jesus's wedding parables, and awaiting to join in the heavenly wedding banquet.

The Church has many characteristics of the "feminine genius" — the special grace of women.

Lists of feminine virtues can easily fall into stereotype and misunderstanding, since no woman has them all and no man lacks them all. But generally speaking, the commonly listed virtues of femininity can be attributed to the Church. To name a few:

●*Receptivity*: While masculinity seeks to dominate others, femininity receives and guides others, like the Church in confession and the Eucharist.

●*Emphasis on the person*: Masculinity focuses on tasks and things, femininity on human beings, like in the Beatitudes and the emphasis on personal discernment in Catholic spirituality.

Empathy: Masculinity puts others' pain in perspective; femininity empathizes with others, as in the Catholic tradition of offering sufferings for others.

The Church is a "she" for this reason too: To remind us of her particular greatness.

Then, there is the Gospels' emphasis on women.

From the infancy narratives to the Resurrection, Luke features women. His genealogy mentions Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba; his story begins with Elizabeth and Anna.

Luke mentions the women who traveled with Jesus, including Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Susanna, and "many others." Clearly, women were a key part of God's plan for the new Church, whether they are active Marthas or contemplative Marys — which is a distinction we get from a story only Luke tells.

But the other Gospels focus on women too: Jairus' daughter, the woman with the hemorrhage, the woman at the well, the woman caught in adultery, etc.

The Gospels signal that Jesus's project is not an exclusively male project, and women have prominent roles from the beginning. Especially one woman.

Mary is a big deal in the Gospel of Luke. But she is perhaps an even bigger deal in the Gospel of John.

Given that John wrote it, it stands to reason that Mary had a significant influence. After all, at the crucifixion we hear that "from that hour" John took Mary "into his home."

Ancient writers didn't use footnotes. When Luke tells stories that only Mary could know, he shows the source of his information by saying "Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." After his introduction, John's story begins in Chapter Two with, "There was a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there."

Mary's Voice in the Gospel of John is the title of the fascinating 2021 book by Catholic University's Michael Pakaluk in which he presents his own translation of John with commentary that looks for the influence of Mary.

Once you listen for her, you can hear her everywhere.

Talk about emphasis on the person: Pakaluk points out that John's Gospel is practically the record of a series of conversations: With Nicodemus, with the Woman at the Well, with the crowds regarding the Eucharist, with the sisters of Lazarus, with the Apostles on the night before he died — then with Pilate at the crucifixion and Peter at the resurrection.

And this was not just any woman, Pakaluk says, but the *Theotokos*, the woman whose pondering on the Incarnation showed in the Scriptural knowledge and imagination of the Magnificat. He invites us to imagine what the conversations in the home of John and Mary were like as two contemplative souls discussed the one they both loved, the one who had impacted their lives so deeply.

And then, John invites us to enter into Jesus Christ's story with them, in a faith like theirs that is focused on Jesus. But with a woman's touch.

Fr. Matt Nemchausky, Associate Pastor

Worship

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:

[youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA)

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: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF April 1 & 2:

St. Mary Church

Saturday **Apr 1**

4:00 PM Fr. Thomas Unz

Sunday **Apr 2**

8:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

10:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Mater Christi Church

Saturday **Apr 1**

5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday **Apr 2**

8:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

9:30 AM Fr. Thomas May

11:00 AM Fr. Thomas May

**Presider schedule is subject to change.*

ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

Rosary

Monday - 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

Rosary

Monday - Friday After 8:30 am Daily Mass

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 pm



Hail Mary Challenge 1,438,404

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?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVVBQT09)

[pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVVBQT09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVVBQT09)

Please submit your count to stmarymarys@gmail.com. The counts received are tabulated for inclusion in upcoming communications.

SELF-OFFERINGS

Beginning Ash Wednesday, there will be small sheets of paper available in the narthex and pews on which parishioners can write self-offerings and prayer intentions.

1. Please take a few moments to write something you can do to further your faith or something for which you would like the congregation to pray.

2. Then, place the slip of paper in the collection basket so that it can be placed at the foot of the altar for the consecration of the gifts.

In this way, your self-offering and prayers will become part of the gifts we offer to God each week.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 25 - THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

(MC) 8:00 am † Healing for the sick of our parish

(SM) 4:00 pm † Kevin Katsis (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Christine Spagnoletti, Leo Augustinas, Sr. (Sharmayne Stach)

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns), Edward Kwiek, Anthony LaPorte, David Escamilla

Sunday, March 26 - 5th Sunday of Lent

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Rogelio Guico & Family), Deceased members of Tangorra & Dituri Families (Joanne Suba), Therese Gasper (Marie Kotoulas)

(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jaso

(SM) 10:00 am † Kevin Katsis (St. Paul VI Bereavement Ministry), Msgr R. George Sarauskas, Jeff White, Emil E. Wengren

(MC) 11:00 am † St. Paul VI Parishioners

(SM) 5:00 pm † Leo Augustinas, Sr. (Elise George & Billy Hertog)

Monday, March 27

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Lorraine Kwiatkowski

Tuesday, March 28

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † St. Paul VI Volunteers

Wednesday, March 29

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Safety for First Responders

Thursday, March 30

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Patricia Schmidt Caravetta

Friday, March 31

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Jenny Dedowicz (Bob Dedowicz), Marie McLeese (Sue Kisel), Anna Sblendorio (Teresa West)

Saturday, April 1 - The Feast of St. Hugh

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Volunteers

(SM) 4:00 pm † Leo Augustinas, Sr. (Ken & Marcia Diubek), Deceased members of the Buckley Family (Buckley Family)

(MC) 5:00 pm † Joanne Koszala (Gene Koszala), Jim Burns (Del Burns)

Sunday, April 2 - PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Madonna Curran (Jack & Joan Wiaduck)

(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jaso

(SM) 10:00 am † Leo J. Augustinas, Sr. (Buckley Family), Leo Augustinas, Jr. (Buckley Family), Adelaide Shields (Shields Family)

(MC) 11:00 am † Healing for the sick in our parish, Juan & Francisca Madera

(SM) 5:00 pm † All children of St. Paul VI Parish



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.

May they rest in Peace.

For the sick and homebound

Virginia Alba	Jerry Kosik
Cheryl Albertsen	Donald J. Kotrba, Sr
Christine Alvarado	Mary Kratochvil
Jim Arndt	Joseph Kratochvil
Arlene Batek	Diane Kretz
Alberto Blasi	Christina Lee
Anita Blasi	Ramon Lehnen
Deacon Bob Boharic	Charlotte Lindauer
Jennifer Borow	Ashley Marlow
Del Burns	Eileen Marquetti
Raybon Carroll	Emily Martinez
Al Cimino	Mary Carole McGovern
Victorino Herrera	Harper Faith McGee
Corral	Spencer Mehr
Gloria DeSanto	Dolores Messlein
Margarita Diaz	Lizzie Mooney
Therese Dolmant	Freda Murphy
Carol Dvorak	Irene Nelsen
Elliott Franche	Fr. M. Cyril Nemecek
Midge Galloro	Annie Nystrom
Lindsey Gavin	Beth Pennacchio
Jayne Girard	Dean Pennacchio
Dawn Gmitro	Rafaela Perez
Mimi Gnolfo	Elsie Piszczor
Bern Gordus	Maria Pura
Anthony Gorski	Maria Retana
Elena Gorski	Roberto Requena
Irene Gorski	Dolores Rieber
Bob Gurski	George Rieber Sr.
Katie Hassberger	Rogelio Rojas
Thomas Higgins	Bridget Sarley
Marilynne Higgins	Maria Consuelo Serrano
Robert Holas	Carol Schaffer
Irene Horacek	Lorraine Schmecht
Olga Horacek	Ann Stauffer
Wassyl Kalin	Nicholas John Stiso
Noel Keen	Erin Stobaugh
Bill Kernan	Ethan Tkalec
Patricia King	Maria Villafuerte
Norman Kirkley	Jennifer Walden
Theresa Kledek	Carina Willems
Joanne Kosey	Henry & Dorothy Zalabak
	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.

Worship - Lent Schedule



**Encounter Him; meeting Christ through prayer.
Join us this Lent.**

FEAST OF ST HUGH

Saturday, April 1
8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, April 1 and Sunday April 2
Regular Mass schedule at both worship sites

TRIDUUM

No morning prayer or Mass on April 6, 7, 8
Holy Thursday-The Mass of the Lord's Supper, April 6
7:00 PM St Mary Church Mass

Altar of repose and Adoration at Mater Christi Church until Midnight

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion, April 7
3:00 PM Mater Christi Church- Service and Veneration
7:00 PM St Mary Church- Service and Veneration

Holy Saturday, April 8
No Saturday Evening Mass
12:00 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets and Food at both campuses
7:00 PM Easter Vigil Mass at Mater Christi

EASTER THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Sunday, April 9
8:00 AM Mater Christi Church and St Mary Church
9:30 AM Mater Christi Church
10:00 AM St Mary Church and Parish Center
11:00 AM Mater Christi Church
12:00 PM St Mary Church
No 5:00 PM Mass Easter Sunday

ADORATION

Mondays at Mater Christi Church 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Thursdays at St Mary Church 3:00 - 9:00 PM

CONFESSIONS / CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

March 27 and April 3
6:00-6:45 PM Mater Christi Church (bilingual) and St Mary Church (English)

THURSDAY EVENING MASS

March 30
6:30 PM Mater Christi Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, March 31
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross - Mater Christi Church

Outdoor Stations available at Mater Christi by the Shrine
*Please check our website for more information about [Soup Suppers](#) before Stations, beginning at 6pm.

Please visit our website:
www.stpaulviparish.org or scan the QR for more information.



Lenten Speaker



Lenten Mission Speaker Series

"Encounter Him"

Our last Lenten Mission Speaker Series features Timothy Johnston. He will be sharing about "Encountering Christ through Music"

Mater Christi Church
2401 S 10th Ave.
North Riverside

Wednesday, Mar. 29
7:00 PM

Coffee and conversation
to follow in the Marian Room.

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

<u>Month Ending February 2023</u>		<u>Special Collections YTD (7/1/2022– 2/28/2023)</u>	
Sunday Collections	\$ 52,641	Capital Improvement	\$ 26,839
Online/Text Offerings	<u>22,714</u>	Building for the Future	\$ 4,400
Total Received	\$ 75,355	Energy	\$ 6,610
Budget	<u>79,200</u>	Building & Grounds	\$ 8,273
Greater/(Less) Than Budget	\$ (3,845)	Mother of Mothers Shrine	\$ 3,166
% Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(5%)	Arts & Environment	\$ 2,542
<u>Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/2022-2/28/2023)</u>		St. Mary School Education Fund	\$ 13,811
YTD Sunday Collections	\$ 668,871	RE & Lifelong Faith Formation Fund	\$ 7,757
YTD Budgeted Collections	<u>693,200</u>	Fund to Bury Veterans	\$ 335
Greater/ (Less) Than Budget	\$ (24,329)	Sharing Parishes	\$ 13,893
Percent Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(4%)	Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$ 32,878
		<u>Easter Collections YTD (03/14/2023)</u>	
Christmas YTD (03/14/2023)	\$ 112,233	Collections	\$ 4,770
Christmas Budget	\$ 130,000	Easter Budget	<u>79,000</u>
Percent Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(14%)	Percent Greater/ (Less) Than Budget	(94%)

Please note that checks written for donations or gifts **must** be made payable to **St. Paul VI Parish** as we have transitioned from three separate entities into one. The bank will no longer accept checks made payable to church worship sites. Thank you for your continued support!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at the parish office 708-447-1020.

-WAYS TO GIVE-

SCAN TO DONATE



ONLINE

- Click the donate button at www.stpaulviparish.org 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

TEXT-TO-GIVE

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

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Second and Special Collections 2023

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 Human Development	November 19, 2023
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 10, 2023
CRS Rice Bowl	During Lent

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

Organ Installation Update

As you may have seen in the bulletin recently, the parish is in the process of replacing the old organ at Mater Christi Church. \$16,000 was the amount quoted for the installation.

Fr. Matt and I would like to give a HUGE THANK YOU to the St. Paul VI Holy Name Society. At their most recent meeting, the organization voted to gift the parish \$10,000 specifically for the organ installation!

The Holy Name Society is very thankful to all the parishioners who have so generously supported their fundraising efforts, including the Turkey Shoot, the Smoker, the Easter Basket Raffle (currently underway) and the upcoming Reverse Raffle. Together we are building a community that in turn can help support community needs!

If you would like to be a part of the effort to help get the organ installed at Mater Christi Church, donations can be dropped in the collection baskets at either worship site or at the parish office located at 40 E. Burlington, Riverside. Please be sure to mark the memo on the check or put in an envelope that says Mater Christi Organ Installation. If you would like to make a donation via credit card please use the QR Code or go online at <https://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Form/542c5be1-05cc-4c7a-a83b-e91481539efa>.

I am confident that we will get this project funded and completed before the end of this fiscal year. I am very much looking forward to hearing the beautiful sound it will provide to enhance our mass experience at Mater Christi Church!

Fr. Tom



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (CRS)

Join our faith community—and nearly 13,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a transformative Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl at both worship sites or parish office. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on the impact of global hunger and climate change on vulnerable communities around the world, and we will pray, fast and give alms to help our sisters and brothers in need. **Please return your filled Rice Bowls to Church or to the parish office by Palm Sunday, April 2.**



THE POWER OF SACRIFICE

Lent can feel like a long time. Sometimes we'd like to skip right to Easter! But through prayer and sacrifices, we share in Christ's suffering and prepare for the joy of his resurrection. This Lent, we've learned how people in Honduras, the Philippines and Kenya made sacrifices so their families and communities can thrive. How have your Lenten sacrifices helped your family and community and communities around the world? Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.



The Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program helps children from low-income homes receive scholarships that cover up to 100% of a Catholic school's tuition. Thanks to the generosity of our community, St. Mary School has raised \$24,098 and of that \$24,098 is being matched for a grand total \$48,197.

We still need your help.

This year, more than 4,400 children are waiting for the opportunity to attend a school in the archdiocese with the help of the Illinois Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program, including 23 on the waitlist at St. Mary School.

1-for-1 Matching Program is still open!

Good news. There is still about 1 million left in matching funds. The cap for the match is \$75,000 per school; therefore we still have an opportunity to match \$50,902.

THANK YOU!

These simple steps make a difference in a child's life and will have a long-lasting, positive impact on our community because you have invested in Catholic education.

For more information, please contact the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617 or tcs@archchicago.org, or visit archchicago.org/tcs.

Scan to get started today!



CONGRATULATIONS!
Winners for 600 Club 3/20

1st Prize (\$75):
Brian Mitchell (#181)
2nd Prize (\$25):
Alice Stake (#19)

BUY YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY!

The next raffle drawing will be tomorrow, Monday, March 27 .

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.



SHARE YOUR VOICE SUPPORT OUR PARISH

YOUR OPINION MATTERS AT ST. PAUL VI!

Does our parish help you grow spiritually? How good are we at connecting you to others in the parish? In what ways do you feel invited to share your talents at our parish? Your honest answers to these types of questions are what will make St. Paul VI a better faith community.

This Lent, St. Paul VI will invite all parishioners to share their input **by participating in a 10-15 minute survey**. Our friends at the Catholic Leadership Institute are helping with this online survey until **March 31**. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

Your feedback and input will help shape various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best parish we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

A paper copy is available at both worship sites and the parish office.

Thank you for helping your St. Paul VI Parish!



Parish Announcements



April 22, 2023
I Jonathan Cohen
 &
Gianna Marie Stillo



Nicholas, Renea, Taylor,
 and Parker Jablonski



May the Lord Bless You and
 Keep You, and
 continue to watch over you.

January 15, 2023
 Vivian Eleanor Christenson
 Camila Rose Sandoval

February 19, 2023
 Philip John Partyka
 William Enrique Serpico
 Elena Ava-Lauren DiStefano

February 12, 2023
 Ania Kerry Kawa
 Jasmine Sophia Villegas
 Colton Rex Bennett

March 12, 2023
 Eleanor Belle Greene
 Brinley Rose McIntosh
 John Joseph Kostaken, Jr.



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 www.stpaulviparish.org (click Engage, then Get Involved), or call the Parish Office at 708-447-1020 to sign up.

Parish Events

HOLY MOMENTS LAST DISCUSSION

March 26, 11am
 St. Mary (Oak Room)

We hope that you have enjoyed the past meetings. Find out how God might be inviting you to collaborate with Him in a powerful new way. Join us for the last discussion meeting.



Use the QR Code to sign up.

MEN'S CHOIR FOR GOOD FRIDAY 3PM SERVICE

All men of the Parish are welcome to sing on Good Friday, at the 3pm Service at Mater Christi. Join us for 2 rehearsals on Monday, March 27th and Monday April 3rd, in the Marian Room (located in the lower level) at Mater Christi, from 7:00-8:30pm.



Women's Retreat

Keys to Building a Stronger Faith

Sponsored by the St. Paul VI Women's Society



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



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>

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).





St. Paul VI Holy Name Society
Easter Basket Raffle
and
Split-the-Pot
Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00pm
35 Baskets will be Raffled!

EACH BASKET will include: Spiral Cut Ham, Smoked Sausage, Rye Bread, Butter Lamb, Eggs, Egg Coloring, Peeps, Easter Lamb Cake, 1lb. Solid Milk Chocolate Bunny, Jelly Beans, Easter Lily, and Wine

**Details and entry forms at stpaulviparish.org
or call (708) 602-1927**

Advanced entry purchase is required! Streamed online raffle drawing!

All entries must be received by Friday, March 31st at 6:00pm!!

The Holy Name Society and Parish are BACK!

A "brutal" winter season is mostly behind us and the spring season seems to have sprung. We are in the season of Lent meaning Easter is about to be celebrated. So ..for the third time the Holy Name Society will raffle 35 Easter Baskets overflowing with Easter goodies (exact contents are listed on the flipside) along with a Split-the-Pot. Last year we awarded 3 cash prizes of \$2500, \$1500, and \$500, totaling \$4500. Friends, you have made this all possible and the Holy Name Society appreciates your generosity greatly.

This is a chance to raise funds for the Holy Name Society and the Parish. Proceeds from the raffle will go toward the needs of both campuses.

All entries must be purchased in advance by using the entry form on the other side of this letter. All entries must be received by Friday, March 31st at 6:00pm.

We hope that you will consider participating in the Easter Basket Raffle. Once again, the Holy Name Society and St. Paul VI Parish greatly appreciate your generosity. On behalf of the Holy Name Society, we thank you very much and wish you and yours a blessed and Happy Easter!

ENTER ... WIN ... ENJOY ... SHARE

For the children there will be a downloadable coloring sheet of an Easter Basket on the St. Paul VI website. Print it, color it, return or mail it, and five (5) participants will receive a \$25 Target Gift Card. We always appreciate the talented children's participation.

New this year, there will be a downloadable coloring sheet for our adult coloring extraordinaires! Why just let the children have all of the fun? As above, print it, color it, return or mail it and one lucky participant will win a \$25 Target gift card ..

THANK YOU AND GOOD LUCK!!

The Easter Basket Raffle and Split-the-Pot will be streamed on Sunday, April 2nd at 3:00pm. A link will be provided on the St. Paul VI website, www.stpaulviparish.org to allow everyone to witness the winning moments!

Service Opportunities



CHURCH DECORATORS NEEDED - No experience necessary

It seems like we just finished putting away the Christmas decorations and Lent is already upon us. I wanted to extend my gratitude to all the volunteers who came out to help for Christmas. Everyone makes a difference! I enjoy getting to know each of you, sharing our talents, and praying together.



Please reach out to Bryant Rouleau at brouleau@stpaulviparish.org if you are interested in pitching in at Mater Christi.

Saturday, April 1, 9am to 11am Palm Sunday Decoration

Saturday, April 8, 9am to 12pm Easter Decoration

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. **Cooks & Bakers** – 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. **Drivers** – 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.

Our next supper will be on Tuesday, April 18th. Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic58#/>



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

Thank You for your generous donations to the ongoing Knights of Columbus Diaper Drive for Catholic Charities. Any sizes will help families and babies in need but **sizes 5 & 6 are the most needed.** Please drop off your donations at the parish office located at 40 E Burlington St, Riverside, or Mater Christi Church at 2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside

SERVICE OUTREACH

How can I volunteer to serve others? Is there a group at St. Paul VI Parish that helps others outside our parish?

These questions may come to mind when you see and hear of hardships that others in our community and in the world are enduring. The St. Paul VI Service Outreach Committee (SOC) focus is to inspire and lead the parish faith community in ministering to those in poverty, service members in the military, the elderly, community families and the environment. Visit our page on the St. Paul VI [website](#), see what we have done, projects that are ongoing and how you can help.

"We are not called to save the world, solve all problems, and help all people. But we each have our own unique call, in our families, in our work, in our world. We have to keep asking God to help us see clearly what our call is and to give us the strength to live out that call with trust." - From the poem, Our Unique Call by Henry Nouwen



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

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.

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