



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

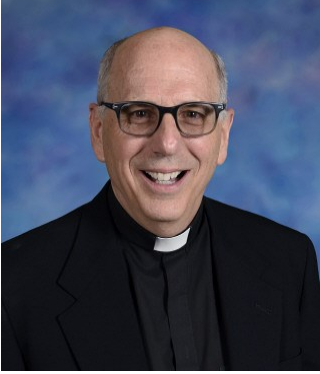
Matthew 2:11

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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



Happy and blessed New Year! I pray it will be a year of health and grace for all and that we, like the Three Kings we celebrate this Epiphany, may do whatever is needed to find the Christ in our lives. As Pope Francis wrote, “Like the Magi, may we also journey and be attentive, untiring and courageous on the path to find the invisible God who was born among us.”

Some people make resolutions as a New Year begins. A lot of those resolutions have to do with diet and exercise and giving up bad habits. Important and laudable as those efforts may be, such resolutions are frequently broken before the first week of the New Year is over. We may have the best of intentions but making the commitment and failing to stick to it can leave us feeling it's beyond our power to change.

We all made a resolution, or it was made for us, at our Baptism. We were claimed for Christ, anointed as members of Christ, we made baptismal promises, and received the light of Christ. Our life resolution was made. That promise is more important than our “temporary” resolutions, for it alone has eternal value.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates the first manifestation of Christ to Gentile people, the sign that Christ was to be the Savior of all people. Jesus came for all people, yet we may wonder, as Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans, “But how can they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how can they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone to preach?”

Our Baptismal resolution, promise, is to be those whose witness to Jesus through our words and our deeds “preach” to those who seek Jesus. Epiphany, according to the dictionary also means, “a moment in which you suddenly see or understand something in a new or very clear way.” Might we see or understand our baptismal promises in a new, clear way this year? Perhaps we can invite someone to the men’s retreat in February, or join Alpha, or help in one of our many outreach ministries, or come with us to Mass. There are many ways to engage in our parish community that can lead to a deeper connection with Jesus.

German Digital Ambassador Akilnathan Logeswaran wrote, “On New Year’s Eve the whole world celebrates the fact that a date changes. Let us celebrate the dates on which we change the world.” If we shine the light of Christ through our lives, with God’s grace, we can change the world and it will become ever more like the Kingdom of God for which we pray.

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



I am so grateful to be part of such a generous and compassionate community of St. Paul VI. I am grateful for all the prayers for my Father and my family. I am also grateful for all the generosity that I received during this Christmas season.

As we celebrate this joyous season of Christmas, we should remain in the spirit of the season. Yet looking at the calendar the Season of Lent is not that far away. Right before the Pandemic, I was the spiritual director for a program called Exodus 90. It is a 90-day program that leads up to Easter. This year that program begins January 17th. Please email or call if you are interested.

Exodus 90 is a challenging 90-day period of prayer and asceticism, supported by a fraternity of 5-7 like-minded men. Exodus fraternities are spiritually directed by a priest whenever possible.

The 90-day benchmark is not an arbitrary number; it is essential for freedom. That's the period it takes to re-learn the joy and satisfaction of self-mastery and freedom.

Prayer

During Exodus 90, you slowly read through the book of Exodus and commit to 20-60 minutes of silent prayer each day. You take on the story of the Israelites and are guided by daily meditations that open up the Sacred Scriptures in new and enlightening ways. But this isn't just a bible study, Exodus 90 is much more.

Asceticism

We cannot say "yes" to God until we have said "no" to the world and its comforts. During Exodus 90, you will return to the Church's ancient (and largely lost) tradition of asceticism. Essentially, asceticism is the spiritual discipline whereby a man practices self-denial, self-restraint, and self-mortification, and, for those who desire greater growth, more rigorous self-denial, more extreme abstinence, and increased austerity – all for the purpose of growing in personal freedom.

Brotherhood

Exodus 90 is not a self-help program. You'll invite 5-7 men to journey with you, and where possible, your priest will serve as your spiritual director. These meetings are an opportunity for men to give a self-report for accountability, to receive encouragement from the brotherhood, and wisdom from the spiritual director. There's no better way to re-awaken your diocese, parish, or men's group in these dark times that call for prayer, penance, and renewed trust.

A new program that starts at the same time that we are doing is called Fiat 90.

Fiat 90 is a 90-day spiritual retreat for women with prayer, fasting, and other mortifications to help us grow closer to Jesus through Mary and to develop healthy habits to help us fulfill our unique mission as daughters of the Most High God.

Lord, I will praise you through my body

- I will eat three meals per day, with no snacking in between. A meal is defined as one main item and two side items.
- I commit to the Heroic Minute in which I wake up on my first alarm and not hit snooze.
- I will work out 5 times per week, but I will not push my body outside of my limits.
- I will not eat sweets or desserts, drink alcohol, soda or add anything to my drinks.
- I commit to fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays. this fast will contain one full meal and the other two meals will be only one side dish and contain no meat.
- I will get 7 hours of sleep per night.

Lord, I will praise you through my soul

- I will spend 30 to 60 minutes per day in prayer which may include a Holy Hour, Lectio Divina with the daily Gospel, the Rosary, Divine Mercy chaplet, a daily Examen
- I will attend Mass each Sunday (or Saturday evening) and daily Mass when I am able.
- I will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per month.

Lord, I will praise you through my mind

- I will abstain from social media (outside of work obligations), TV and movies.
- I will only listen to uplifting music, Catholic podcasts and radio, and read spiritual books.
- I will not make any unnecessary purchases.
- I will not gossip or complain about things out of my control.
- I am going to try not to multitask.
- I am going to limit my texting and call people instead.

Fr. Matt Nemchausky, Associate Pastor

Worship

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 1, 2022

9:00 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00-11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

*NO anticipated Mass on either campus for Sunday, January 2

EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 2, 2022

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:00 AM St. Mary Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

11:00-11:30 AM Drive-thru Communion

5:00 PM St. Mary Church

REGULAR 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 (Livestream on YouTube)

5:00 pm Church

Sunday Drive-thru Holy Communion

40 E. Burlington St., Riverside

11:00 to 11:30 am

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

RECONCILIATION

Mater Christi Church

Saturday 4:00 to 5:00 pm

or by appointment

St. Mary Church

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

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 8 & 9:

St. Mary Church

Saturday Jan 8

Sunday Jan 9

Presider:

4:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

8:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

10:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Mater Christi Church

Saturday Jan 8

Sunday Jan 9

Presider:

5:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

9:30 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

11:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz

**Presider schedule is subject to change.*

ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm

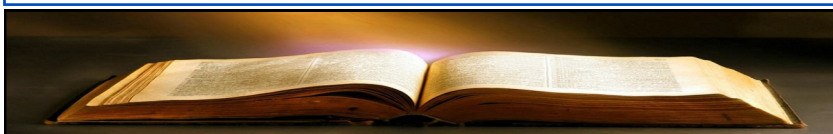
St. Mary Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

3:00 to 9:00 pm



This Week's Scripture Reading

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30; Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



One Million *Hail Mary* Challenge

As of December 16, 2021 we have prayed **930,565** Hail Marys.

Come pray the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary on Sunday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

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

Passcode: 949134

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Mass Intentions



In our hearts and prayers, we pray...

Saturday, January 1

(MC) 9:00 am † Lillian Seils (Altobello)

(SM) 10:00 am † Charles Labotka, Jr. (Margaret Labotka)

Sunday, January 2

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Leona & Paul Carrabota, August & Helen Ondrejka (Lily Vavrinec)

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

(SM) 10:00 am † Nicholine Shields (Jane Kunka), Margaret "Peg" Birmingham (St. Paul VI Staff)

(MC) 11:00 am † All Guild Members, Tim & Eileen Sweeney (Mary Sweeney), Louis Lorenz (Roseann Lorenz), Jim Burns (Del Burns)

(MC) 5:00 pm † St Paul VI Volunteers

Monday, January 3

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Arthur H. Yetter (Patricia Madai), George Pesut (Mrs Pesut)

Tuesday, January 4

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Beverlee Reyes (Sharmayne Stach), Philip Wengren (Patricia Madai)

Wednesday, January 5

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

Thursday, January 6

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Horgen & Otmanask Family (Robert E. Dedowicz), Charmine Prepura, Ralph John Trulis, Meg McSheehy O'Brien

Friday, January 7

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

Saturday, January 8

(MC) 8:00 am † Dorothy Dedowicz (Robert Dedowicz), Charles Dragisic

(SM) 4:00 pm † Marianna Zukowski, Bielskis Family, Nushardt & Jes Families, Lola Vasquez (Cuevas Family)

(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns)

Sunday, January 9

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Rudolf, Yolana and Miroslav Vavrinec

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

(SM) 10:00 am † Vincent Capone (Kunka Family), Margaret "Peg" Birmingham (Sharmayne Stach)

(MC) 11:00 am † People of St. Paul VI Parish

(MC) 5:00 pm † St Paul VI Volunteers

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 Ronald Nemchausky, Frances Rogoznica,
Jewell Sova, Mary DeRose, and for all those
who have died,**

May they rest in Peace.

For the sick and homebound

Virginia Alba	Mary Kratchovil
Cheryl Albertsen	Joseph Kratchovil
Jinnie Allan	Ramon Lehnen
Leo Augustinas	Charlotte Lindauer
Arlene Batek	Emily Martinez
Jorge Blackaller	Spencer Mehr
Linda Bronsteader	Dolores Messlein
John Brophy	Lizzie Mooney
Del Burns	Freda Murphy
Joseph Carrabotta	Irene Nelsen
Mary DeRose	Annie Nystrom
Dorothy Dunajcik	Beth Pennacchio
Midge Galloro	Dean Pennacchio
Anthony Gorski	Rafaela Perez
Elena Gorski	Elsie Piszczor
Irene Gorski	Carol Schaffer
Robert Holas	Lorraine Schmecht
Irene Horacek	Eugenia Valdivia Infante
Olga Horacek	Jorge Valdivia
Juan Infante	Jennifer Walden
Noel Keen	John Leo Wilson
Patricia King	Tommy Witeman
Norman Kirkley	Pat Zdarsky
Theresa Kledek	

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 in advance.

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

Weekly Offertory Envelopes

We have moved to one printer for our weekly envelopes. Beginning January, in your packet of envelopes, you will find a few new envelopes and two name change.

We are adding:

Energy-in an effort to offset the increasing costs to heat and cool our buildings.

Arts & Environment-to support all the arts and environment volunteers efforts inside our buildings.

Mother of Mother's Shrine-for the upkeep of the Shrine on our Mater Christi site.

Name change:

Maintenance changed to Grounds & Building Repairs

Building for the Future and TTWCI changed to Capital Improvements

We cannot begin to tell you how much we appreciate all the support you provide to our parish.

Should you have any questions regarding these updates please reach out.

Thank you.

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Stewardship and Development

SECOND AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS 2022

Collection for the Church in Latin America	January 23, 2022
Annual Catholic Appeal	February 12-13, February 19-20, February 26-27, 2022
Aid for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe	March 2, 2022
Holy Land	April 15, 2022
Catholic Charities – Mother's Day	May 8, 2022
Priests' Health & Retirement	June 12, 2022
Peter's Pence	June 26, 2022
Missionary Co-Op	Sunday in July/August
Seminarian Education	September 18, 2022
World Mission Sunday	October 23, 2022
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	November 20, 2022
Retirement Fund for Religious	December 11, 2022
CRS Rice Bowl	During Lent

Try our new

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.

-WAYS TO GIVE-

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.

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 my self and not ask for a reward, Except the reward of knowing that I am doing your will.

-St. Ignatius of Loyola

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

A NOTE FROM FATHER CY NEMECEK

In order to dispel any erroneous reports of my health condition. I wish to report on recent developments. First, in July my primary care physician advised me that I was displaying symptoms of the onset of Parkinson's disease. She recommended a consultation with a neurologist which I undertook and who confirmed the primary care's diagnosis. She also recommended a series of therapy sessions with Loyola's Rehabilitation Services Department. I enrolled in the program and have been attending therapy twice each week. This program, while not a curative, is intended to slow the progression of deterioration which is usual with the disease. She also recommended certain restrictions on my usual functions while attempting to retain a quasi-normal profile of behavior. The symptoms of the disease have only slightly changed the tremors, dexterity, balance, stability and accompanying symptoms remain the same. Hopefully, the therapy has been reasonably effective.

I am deeply grateful for the offers of assistance that have surfaced and the generous response of so many in the parish. I ask your prayers that I may cope with this condition and accept the limitations that ensue. God's grace and blessing continue to sustain me as do the prayers and assistance of so many parishioners. May God bless and grant His abundant grace to you.

May I also take this opportunity to express my thanks for the Christmas and New Year's wishes sent by so many. Regrettably, I will be unable to acknowledge these sentiments with a similar card and expression. However, I pray that the Lord will indeed come and intrude Himself into our lives and sustain us with His grace throughout the coming year.

With deep gratitude and blessing,

Father Cy Nemecek



THANK YOU ST. PAUL VI PARISHIONERS

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to all who support the Catholic Charities Food Pantry.



This collection has been going on throughout the year 2021. Every 2 weeks, many continue to bring pantry foods, which are delivered to Catholic Charities in Cicero. This week, we'd like to especially thank the St. Paul VI Bishop Ketteler Council 1628 Knights of Columbus for their donation of 16 turkeys and 300 lbs. of white and sweet potatoes. In addition to the regular collection, the turkeys and potatoes were a special treat for those at the Food Pantry, during this holiday timeframe.

HAPPY NEW YEAR !



Thank you to all the parishioners who supported the St. Paul VI Parish Giving Tree

St. Agatha's gift giving was generously supported to fulfill the needs of 24 families consisting of 100 individuals (24 Adults, 76 children). Thank you to our Parish Community!

St. Paul VI also graciously gave 124 gift cards to St. Eulalia for a value of over \$2300. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Gifts for the Veterans included 170 pairs of socks, 101 t-shirts, and 76 gift cards for a value of over \$1300. Thank you for supporting those who served our country!

Wishes for the Children of Lyons were fulfilled granting 49 children's wishes in 21 different families. Thank you for acting as St. Nicholas to these families.

We also want to thank all the volunteers who helped to sort, carry, or help in anyway to make this year's Giving Tree a success.

Thank you!

Renee Tomczak, Carol Dvorak, Chris Alfred

Parish Announcements

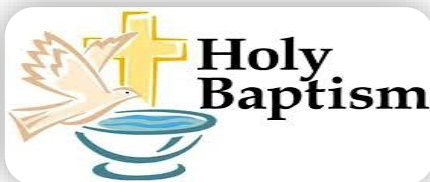
BEREAVEMENT NEWS

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Ronald Nemchausky, 81, father of Reverend Matthew Nemchausky, passed away on Sunday, December 19, 2021. Father Matthew Nemchausky, class of 2009, is the Associate Pastor of St. Paul VI Parish in Riverside, IL.

Please pray for Father Matt and his family during this difficult time.



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

December 26, 2021
Frederyk William Huyck



January 22, 2022

I Bridget Hannon & Wyatt Estevez

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

On Friday, January 7, the parish office will be closed for a Staff Christmas luncheon, from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm.



Due to recent health setbacks, Fr. Cy Nemecek is having difficulty preparing meals.

Father became Pastor of Mater Christi Church in 1992 and has been Pastor Emeritus since 2004.

Please help us and together we can provide nutritious meals for Fr. Cy so that he may be strengthened and kept as healthy as can be.

If you would like to volunteer to make some meals for Fr. Cy:

Call or Text Patti Jo Meyer at 708-334-6263
(Please leave a voicemail if no answer.)

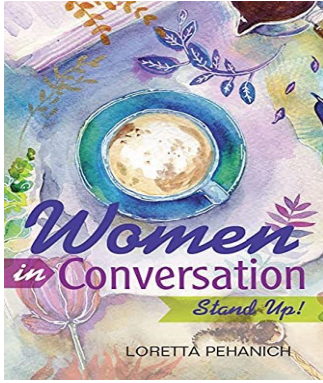
Or you may email her at pjmeh14@gmail.com and she can send you the link. Thank You!

VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Are you a budding cinematographer?

We are seeking volunteers that would like to become a part of the livestreaming team for masses. Please reach out to Bryant Rouleau brouleau@stpaulviparish.org for additional information.

Parish Events



What's Your Story...Chapter 3

Our December meeting included prayer and discussion using the book *Women in Conversation*. We will meet again on **January 8, 2022 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at St. Mary Church Oak Room (lower level)**.

The meetings are "stand-alone," so even if you haven't joined us yet, come and share with other women. The conversations are rich, and we grow together in faith and in our relationships with each other.

To sign up or for more information, contact Carole Eipers at ceipers@stpaulVIparish.org or 708-853-1419.

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of group conversations that explore life, spirituality, and faith through a Christian lens. Alpha provides a non-judgmental and open environment where it's easy for anyone who is skeptical or curious about faith to explore questions of life with new friends.

How it works

Welcome: 6:30-6:45 PM Welcome, meet some new people.

Dine: 6:45-7:15 PM A light meal is shared

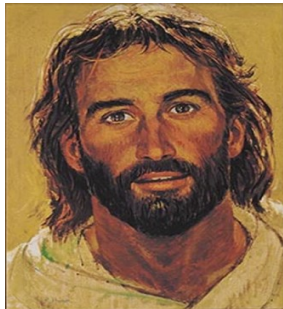
Watch: 7:15-7:45 PM Each Alpha meeting features a 25-minute film. Designed to inspire questions rather than provide answers, these films explore big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity. Do the films address questions such as Who is Jesus? And How can we have faith?

Discuss: 7:45-8:30 PM The evening builds to the time of discussion. Your host will facilitate the group where you can share your thoughts about faith and life and hear from others in the group. You can share as little or as much as you like.

Location: Mater Christi Church Marian Room 2401 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside

Dates and Times - Winter dates are to be determined soon!

To sign up or for more information, contact Carole Eipers at ceipers@stpaulVIparish.org or call at 708-447-1020.



Men of St Paul VI Parish You are Invited to a Retreat Seeing Jesus in Others

Take this opportunity to get to know other men of our newly formed parish in a faith-filled environment. The retreat format will include spiritual reflection, small group discussions, silent time and time to socialize.

RETREAT MASTER: Deacon Peter Brown

DATE: Saturday Feb. 5th

TIME: 9am to 4pm

LOCATION: Our Lady of the Angels Retreat Center, 13820 Main Street, Lemont, IL

FOOD: Light breakfast and Lunch included

COST: \$35/person

REGISTRATION: Required by January 24th.

Hosted by The Holy Name Society and the Knights of Columbus

For additional information contact: Dave Pokraka 224-217-0576 or Rich Sima 708-446-6394

Seeing Jesus in Others

Name: (printed) _____

Phone: _____ email: _____

Drop an envelope with cash or check to St Paul VI Parish in the collection basket or at the parish office, Bishop Lyne Center, 40 E Burlington, Riverside. Mark the envelope "Retreat."



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC)
TUESDAY SUPPER**

The CC Cicero office and Service Outreach provides monthly hot meals to those in need in the local community every third Tuesday of the month. Volunteers are needed to cook, bake, shop, assemble containers, clean-up and food delivery.

The next Tuesday Supper will be on **Tuesday, January 18**. Job details and food items needed for supper can be found on the Sign-Up Genius. Please use this link to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic46>

FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!

The Food Pantry collection will continue in 2022. Please bring your 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!



SOCK DRIVE FOR THE HOMELESS

The Service Outreach Group of St. Paul VI Parish, will be collecting new socks for the homeless, **January 3rd through the 17th**. New men's, women's and children's socks can be dropped off at the Lyne Parish Office, 40 E. Burlington, St. Mary School, or the St. Hugh Faith Formation Center at Mater Christi.

Socks are seldom donated for the homeless, yet socks are one of the most important clothing items needed. This is especially true for the colder months, and provides warmth and prevents disease. We ask that you drop off your new men's, women's, children's socks, January 3rd through the 17th. These will be donated to Guardian Corps of America, where they seek out the homeless under viaducts, at camps, or on the street. Thank you for your caring and generosity.

For questions, please contact Pat Madai at 708-484-2047.



JOIN THE TEAM!

Volunteers needed for a repack session.

**SATURDAY, January 8, 2022
1:00 to 3:45 pm**

Must be 11 years or older with a parent or guardian. Age 16+ can come on their own. Only 15 slots are available so sign up now!

Contact John Legan at bishopse5a@gmail.com or call/text 708-870-0045 to register or for questions.

Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship Matching Donation Program Begins Dec. 1, 2021

The Archdiocese of Chicago has once again secured matching donors for the Empower Illinois Scholarship Program. St. Mary School will receive an additional \$2 for every dollar that you contribute between **Dec. 1, 2021 and Jan. 10, 2022** (when funds typically run out). Here's how the program works:



1. **REGISTER** with the State of Illinois at mytax.illinois.gov, unless you already have an online account. It usually takes 10-14 days to receive a letter with the ID number required to set up an account, so click on the "Sign up Now!" button in the Login box to start the process as soon as possible.
2. **RESERVE** your tax credit for the current calendar year (2021 if you donate in Dec and 2022 if you donate in Jan.) Once your account is set up, log into your online account at mytax.illinois.gov (Empowerillinois.org will eventually take you to the same page.) Click on the link to your individual account under the "Accounts" tab. Then, under "I Want to" in the top right corner of the page, select "Contribute to Invest in Kids". Navigate through the form, selecting Cook County, Empower Illinois as the scholarship granting organization, and the amount you will be donating (to all schools). **You will have the opportunity to select St. Mary School when you make your donation.** You will then receive your Contribution Authorization Certificate under your mytax.illinois.gov account correspondence tab almost immediately.
3. **DONATE:** Make your donation between Dec. 1, 2021 and Jan. 10, 2022 (So that we can get our 2:1 matching funds). You will receive 75% of your donation that can be used as a tax credit on your Illinois tax bill. Our goal this year is to secure the full \$100,000 in matching funds available to each school. Here is a [step by step guide](#) to make your donation. Contact Mrs. Vrablik or Mrs. Nolazco with any questions.



www.stmaryriverside.org/school

Visit from the Bishop

Bishop Birmingham visited St. Mary School today to tour the building and bless our classrooms. Each classroom created special cards to welcome him to our campus. Welcome, Bishop Birmingham!

Visit our Facebook page to see the rest of the photos from the Bishop's visit to our school. ([facebook.com/stmaryschoolriverside](https://www.facebook.com/stmaryschoolriverside))



SAVE THE DATE

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Saturday March 19th

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More details to follow....stay tuned!

Parish & Community Resources

ST. PAUL VI PARISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY

The new St. Paul VI Women's Society monthly meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month. Rosary begins at 6:30 pm in the Mater Christi Church followed by a meeting at 7:00 pm in the Marian room (lower level). To join, contact Teresa Hall, 708-525-3082, hallrts@comcast.net; Carol Dvorak, 708-280-6406, ccdvorak123@yahoo.com; and 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 the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.



For information: <http://stmaryriverside.org/kofc> or contact Roger Jensen at (630) 418-3308.

Hispanic Ministry / Ministerio Hispano

The Latino Advisory Council Meets every third Friday of each Monday. Join us 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.

El Consejo Asesor Latino se reúne cada tercer viernes de cada lunes. Únase a nosotros para hablar sobre la promoción de 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.



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 Marilyn Havlik at 708-485-7538.

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BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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First and third Sundays at Mater Christi
Register for Parent Preparation Session by calling the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.



Holy Matrimony

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.

Fr. Matt Nemchausky will assist in any musical questions or special requests you have.

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.

Visit stpaulviparish.org for reading resources or contact Damaris Colón-Soto at 787-940-6283. Se habla español.

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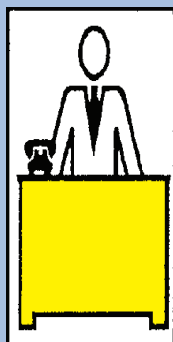
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