



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

2nd Sunday OF ADVENT

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023



St. Mary Church
105 Herrick Road
Riverside

Mater Christi Church
2401 S. 10th Avenue
North Riverside

A message from our Pastor



Today, throughout the Christian world, the second candle of Advent – the Peace candle – will be lit. Wouldn't it be wonderful if this act alone could bring peace to a world that so very much needs it? Yet, we are reminded daily, of ongoing wars in Ukraine and Palestine. Those wars create unrest and great stress in neighboring countries and indeed, the rest of the world. You would think the gift of the Saviour of the World over two thousand years ago would have brought an end to such calamities; but that is how we humans think things should automatically work. It is not the way of God and his divine plan.

Even way back before Jesus was born, the people longed for a King and Savior to set them free from war and oppression. Instead, God sent his Son as a gift to the world, so that all of humanity could be reconciled and saved for eternity. But not by a king waging war and enslaving people to his will and authority, but rather like a shepherd, gathering lambs in his arms and feeding his flock.

God invites us, by knowing and loving his son Jesus, to not only then know and love Him, but also be a part of His divine plan for the the world. God does not want us to be spectators; He wants us to be part of an amazing team, that is ultimately going to triumph over evil and bring lasting peace to the world! Are you in?

To be part of this team, we must prepare and be ready. Advent is one of these times that helps us to focus and examine how we can do better, how we can grow in our relationship with the Lord. Unlike Lent, which by the way is right around the corner, Advent is a time of hopeful preparation. We are preparing to welcome our brother Jesus into our lives. Every single person knows in some way how a new life affects the dynamic of the home and workplace. If you are really ready to welcome Jesus into your heart and life, how are you preparing for this dynamic life and soul changing shift?

It is interesting to note that as we reflect on Peace, that a new baby in the household is anything but peaceful, except when sleeping. Jesus brings a different kind of Peace to our lives and world. We are being called to wake up, come, see and believe!

A bit of parish housekeeping: Two weeks ago a message went out to the whole parish using our newest platform of communication, Flocknote. It was brought to my attention that it looked like one of our office staff wrote the communication, when in fact it was from me, as your pastor. I apologize for any distress this may have caused you and thank all of those who noticed the glitch and brought it to my attention. Thank you for your watchfulness and patience as we learn how to better navigate the enormous job of communicating important information to our growing faith community.

Also, this is the time of year when scammers come out of the woodwork trying to get your attention and money. Priests' emails are a very easy way to get people to answer a scam. Just this past Tuesday, three different emails were sent apparently by me to staff and Parishioners asking for help and money. PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER THESE EMAILS! If you are in doubt and believe I do need help, please call the parish office at 708-447-1020.

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



We have just celebrated the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. Marie-Christine Lafon of Aletheia explores this great feast. Lourdes-en-Bigorre, March 3, 1858: On the banks of the river Gave, in the damp and dark cave of Massabielle, a woman appeared for the 14th time in about 20 days to a local girl named Bernadette. Pushed by her priest who wanted to know the identity of this “Beautiful Lady” the young Bigourdane questioned her. Benedict XVI meditated in Lourdes on September 15, 2008, during the Mass for the Sick, “The Virgin Mary is today in the joy and glory of the Resurrection. Her tears at the foot of the Cross have been transformed into a smile that nothing will erase, and her maternal compassion for us remains intact.” This smile is thus a sign that in the midst of the greatest pain—her son dying on the Cross—that in the midst of the greatest injustice—the innocent Son of God is condemned by men—the Virgin Mary remains certain of the victory of God’s love over sin and death.

We are all called to be holy and immaculate.

The biblical foundation of this dogma is found in the words that the angel addressed to the young girl of Nazareth: “Hail, you who are filled with grace! The Lord is with you” (Luke 1:28). “Full of grace” is the most beautiful name of Mary, the name God himself gave her, to indicate that she has always and forever been the beloved, the chosen one, the one chosen to receive the most precious gift, Jesus, “the incarnate love of God” (Deus caritas est, no. 12)” (Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2006). Mary is the perfect receptacle to be filled with grace.

And if “the Cross is the place where God’s compassion for our world is perfectly manifested,” Benedict XVI said in Lourdes in 2008, “Mary shares the compassion of her Son. Because she lives and thinks with God, her heart is enlarged. In her, God’s goodness has come very close and is very close to us” (Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2005).

In fact, this immaculate conception, which distinguishes Mary from our common condition, does not distance her from us but, on the contrary, brings her closer to us. “While sin divides and distances us from one another, Mary’s purity makes her infinitely close to our hearts, attentive to each one of us and desirous of our true good. ...] What many, out of embarrassment or modesty, do not dare to entrust even to those closest to them, they entrust to her who is the most pure, to her immaculate heart: with simplicity, unblemished, in truth,” explained Benedict XVI when he returned to Lourdes in 2008.

Her immaculate design reflects on us

This mystery of the Immaculate Conception is not only for us to contemplate, but also to live it — as long as we believe in it and love it. This mystery is for us. “The grace of the Immaculate Conception given to Mary is not only a personal grace, it is for everyone. It is a grace given to the entire People of God,” Benedict XVI said in 2008. “First of all, because as sons and daughters of Mary, we benefit from all the graces given to her, and the incomparable dignity that her immaculate conception gives her reflects on us, her children,” he said. He added: “Mary loves each of her children [...]; she loves us simply because we are her children, according to the will of Christ on the Cross. In Mary, the Church can already contemplate what she is called to become. Every believer can already contemplate the perfect fulfillment of his or her own vocation.”

And our vocation is to live by the mercy of God who frees us from sin. In Mary, this was accomplished from the moment of her conception, gratuitously and instantaneously. For us, although we were immersed in God at our baptism and washed of original sin, we still suffer the consequences. Therefore, our sanctification is accomplished gradually. It takes time for Christian grace to fully take hold within us. However, even if this will only be fully realized in Heaven, where we will be immaculate, it must nevertheless be realized on earth, starting today. “In the Mother of Christ and our Mother the vocation of every human being is perfectly realized,” the Apostle Paul reminds us, “all men are called to be holy and immaculate in the presence of God in love (Eph 1:4),” Benedict XVI, Rome, December 8, 2005..

In this time of Advent, and even afterwards, let us seek out Mary’s smile, the source of invincible hope. “In this simple manifestation of tenderness that is a smile, we understand that our only richness is the love that God has for us and which passes through the heart of the one who has become our Mother,” said Benedict XVI in Lourdes. His desire is that, by becoming attached to her, we allow ourselves to be led to the only source of salvation, her Son, Jesus.

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

MASS LIVESTREAM LINK ON YOUTUBE:

youtube.com/channel/UC1KACprstDfNk-Zy8MOAeaA

(no set Mass time for livestream)

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm

St. Mary Church

Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 pm

ROSARY

Mater Christi Church

Monday - Saturday 7:30 am

St. Mary Church

Monday - Friday After 8:30 am Daily Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary

Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND DEC 16 & DEC 17:

St. Mary Church

Saturday **Dec 16**

Sunday **Dec 17**

President:

4:00 PM Fr. Thomas Unz

8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

10:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Mater Christi Church

Saturday **Dec 16**

Sunday **Dec 17**

President:

5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

8:00 AM Fr. Thomas May

9:30 AM Fr. Thomas May

11:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

**Presider schedule is subject to change.*

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 (8)/
2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/
Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/
Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/
Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16,
18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

HAIL MARY CHALLENGE

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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:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQ09)

[pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQ09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVhVBQ09)

Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468

Passcode: 949134

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

VIRTUAL PRAYER WALL

Share your prayer request so others can pray for you, or pray for the needs on the wall. Remember, this is a public forum. Be sure you have permission to share the personal details of others, especially names.

All prayer intentions will be moderated before posting.

Virtual Prayer Wall requests can be made by visiting www.stpaulviparish.org or call the parish office at 708-447-1020.

Worship

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 9 - St. Juan Diego

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Parishioners
(SM) 4:00 pm † Dominic DeNicola
(MC) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns)

Sunday, December 10 - 2nd Sunday of Advent

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Antonietta Uthe, Jack Tintera (Kasper Family), Juan Roberto Ruiz (Ruiz Family), Health for Carina Willems (Diane Kretz), Thomas Lysaught, III
(MC) 9:30 am † George R. Zdarsky, Tim & Eileen Sweeney (Mary Sweeney), Celestine Casper, Dalton Lee Brown (Pat Brown), Edwin Dulik, Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jasso, Andrew Garcia
(SM) 10:00 am † Mildred Valek (Zaviska Family), JoAnne Kosey (Colleen Manika & Daughters), Cecelia Straka (Keen Family), Enedina Arrendondo
(MC) 11:00 am † Anna Sblendorio (Beth Pennacchio), Ron Gryzlak
(SM) 5:00 pm † Thomas Lysaught, III (Anne Lysaught)

Monday, December 11 - St. Damasus I

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Louis Vieceli (SPVI), Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Anne Lysaught), Ann & Egisto Marchetti (Marchetti Family)
Mary Ann & Aldo Mangiantina (Marchetti Family)

Tuesday, December 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Doris Gallagher (Cheryl Albertsen), Lorraine Kwiatkowski, Lydia Lara (Rosann Lorenz), Fr. Charles Igechi (Anne Lysaught)
(SM) 7:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners

Wednesday, December 13 - St. Lucy

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Ed Veth (Mary Ann Mazur)

Thursday, December 14 - St. John of the Cross

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Lidia Lara (Maria Ortiz)

Friday, December 15

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Javier R. McSheehy, Elizabeth Czarnowski (SPVI), Marianne & John Benac (Hoving Family), Valerie & Ed Fitzgibbon (Hoving Family)

Saturday, December 16

(MC) 8:00 am † Richard Kean (Bob Dedowicz)
(SM) 4:00 pm † Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach), Don & Joan Dvorak (Dvorak Children), Hortencia Rodriguez (Thanksgiving of life) B-Day Wishes
(MC) 5:00 pm † Irena & Marian Mazurkiewicz, Jim Burns (Del Burns), Mary Anderson, (PJ Folz), Walter Folz, Jr. (PJ Folz), Jean Folz (PJ Folz)

Sunday, December 17 - 3rd Sunday of Advent

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Rev. Thomas Moran (Shelley Drogos)
(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jasso, Andrew Garcia, Rudolf, Yolana & Miroslav Vavrinec (Ludmila Vavrinec)
(SM) 10:00 am † Procoro & Lillian Cuevas (Cuevas Family), Ronald Smith, Celestine Casper, William & Therese Hanley
(MC) 11:00 am † Rosemary Kaluzny, St. Paul VI Women's Society
(SM) 5:00 pm † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Anne Lysaught)



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
Donna Marie Giammarese.**

May they rest in peace.

FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Virginia Alba	Curtiss Klimes
Cheryl Albertsen	Jerry Kosik
Christine Alvarado	Virginia Kott
Jim Arndt	Donald J. Kotrba, Sr.
Antonio Arredondo	Mary Kratochvil
Neenah B.	Joseph Kratochvil
Arlene Batek	Diane Kretz
Mary Binder	Dorothy Kraus
Alberto Blasi	Christina Lee
Anita Blasi	Ramon Lehnen
Deacon Bob Boharic	Anthony Lindauer
Jennifer Borow	Charlotte Lindauer
Lauri Bukowski	Ashley Marlow
Del Burns	Eileen Marquetti
Raybon Carroll	Emily Martinez
Al Cimino	Harper Faith McGee
Victorino Herrera Corral	Spencer Mehr
Glen Cox	Dolores Messlein
Gloria DeSanto	Lizzie Mooney
Margarita Diaz	Rita Morrissey
Carol Dvorak	Freda Murphy
Alex Dynako	Annie Nystrom
David Dynako	Margaret O.
Elliott Franche	Russ O'Brien
Midge Galloro	Beth Pennacchio
Jayme Girard	Dean Pennacchio
Dawn Gmitro	Rafaela Perez
Mimi Gnolfo	Deacon Ron Pilarski
Bern Gordus	Elsie Piszczor
Anthony Gorski	Maria Pura
Elena Gorski	Lucia Ramirez
Irene Gorski	Maria Retana
Chris Green	Roberto Requena
Bob Gurski	Dolores Rieber
Katie Hassberger	George Rieber Sr.
Thomas Higgins	Al Riebock
Marilynne Higgins	Rogelio Rojas
Robert Holas	Maria Consuelo Serrano
Irene Horacek	Carol Schaffer
Olga Horacek	Lorraine Schmecht
Juan Infante	Ann Stauffer
Peggy K	Nicholas John Stiso
Wassyl Kalin	Ethan Tkalec
Noel Keen	Maria Villafuerte
Bill Kernan	Jennifer Walden
Patricia King	Carina Willems
Norman Kirkley	Henry & Dorothy Zalabak
Theresa Kledek	Pat Zdarsky
Russell Klemp	

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 minimum 2 weeks prior to the requested Sunday bulletin date.

2023

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

PARISH RECONCILIATION

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 PM St. Mary Church

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 7

7:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

**Adoration 3:00 – 6:30 PM*

Friday, December 8

8:00 AM Mater Christi Church

8:30 AM St. Mary Church

7:30 PM Mater Christi Church

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 10

2:30 PM Mater Christi Church

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Tuesday, December 12

7:00 PM St. Mary Church

SIMBANG GABI

Saturday, December 16

5:00 PM Mater Christi Church

LAS POSADAS

Monday, December 18

7:00 PM St. Mary Church

Wednesday, December 20

7:00 PM Mater Christi Church

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23

4:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

5:00 PM Vigil Mater Christi Church

Sunday, December 24

**No 8 AM or 11:00 AM Masses*

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24

3:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

3:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Parish Center

Children's Christmas Pageant

3:30 PM Vigil Mater Christi Church

5:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

*10:00 PM Vigil St. Mary Church

*12:00 Midnight Mater Christi Church

**Christmas carols 30 minutes before Masses*

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25

8:00 AM St. Mary Church

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

11:00 AM Mater Christi Church

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30

Sunday, December 31

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

**No 5:00 PM Sunday Mass at St. Mary Church*

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1, 2024

**No 8 AM or 8:30 AM Masses*

9:30 AM Mater Christi Church

10:00 AM St. Mary Church

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 6, 2024

Sunday, January 7, 2024

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Sunday, January 14, 2024

Regular Weekend Mass Schedule

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

Dear Friends in Christ,

On the Second Sunday of Advent, our parishes will be conducting the Retirement Fund for Religious collection, an annual appeal that benefits nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priests nationwide.

I am grateful for the significant influence that women and men religious, both past and present, have had on my own spiritual journey. I deeply appreciate their invaluable contributions to our diocese and the wider community. Perhaps you too have been touched by the kindness and guidance of an older religious who made a positive difference in your life.

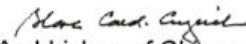
We are called to recognize that many of our senior vowed religious have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Consequently, their religious communities face a shortage of retirement savings. Compounding this challenge are rising health-care costs and decreased income. Religious communities find it increasingly difficult to meet the day-to-day needs of aging members, including their medical expenses, nursing assistance and other necessities.

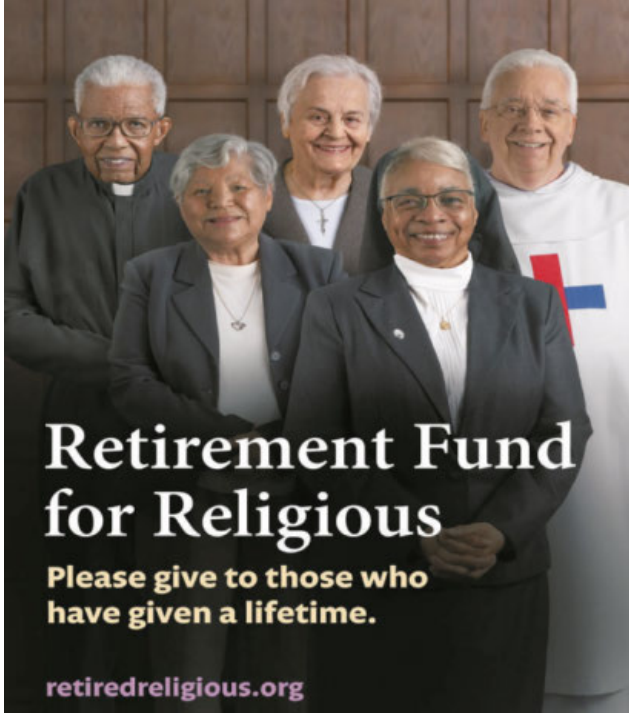
Your generous donations to the Retirement Fund for Religious provide vital financial support, enabling religious communities to care for their aging members.

I know you are frequently asked to support many worthy causes. I invite you to contribute what you can at masses the weekend of December 9-10. Most importantly, please keep all our men and women religious in your prayers. Rest assured that they are praying for you.

May God's abundant blessings be upon you and your loved ones during this Holy Season of Advent. With kind regards I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Archbishop of Chicago



**Retirement Fund
for Religious**

**Please give to those who
have given a lifetime.**

retiredreligious.org

Support a lifetime of service. Women and men religious have spent their lives serving others in prayer, ministry, education and care for those in need—usually for little or no pay. Today, their religious communities do not have enough retirement savings. As they age, they require essential care and medications. Please support them by giving to the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation makes a difference for nearly 25,000 senior men and women religious. Please give generously.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO 

2023 LEGACY PLANNING

Please Consider a Gift to the Church that Pays you Back

The spirit of giving is most evident during the Advent season. A Charitable Gift Annuity is a great way to make a gift to the Church and receive fixed payments for life—benefitting you today and our parish in the future. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. Also, a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy). The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Paul VI Parish, please contact Jane Birmingham at 708-447-1020 or jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org.

THERE ARE STILL TICKETS AVAILABLE!

ALL proceeds from this fundraiser will help defray regular operating costs in the parish budget. The parish FUNDRAISING GOAL for 2023-2024 is \$35,000.

For the official rules, terms and conditions, visit our website at www.stpaulviparish.org.

Tickets will also be available for purchase at 40 E. Burlington, Riverside. [Visit our website to download and print the order form.](#) Ticket numbers are assigned in the order payments are received.

Any questions? Please contact Jane Birmingham at jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org or 708-853-1421. Thank you in advance for supporting the parish and GOOD LUCK!



**December 4, 2023
WINNERS!**

1st Place (\$75)
#54 - Mary Jane Miller

2nd Place (\$25)
#91 - Tom Shields

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.

Parish Announcements & Events



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

November 5, 2023 - Antonella Jeane Scumaci

November 12, 2023 - Miles Francis Wallis

Daniel James Piemonte

Tessa Louise Broderick

November 19, 2023 - Emmanuel George Castro

Lucia Serena Castro

Graham Gregory Christopher

Stella Belle Christopher

November 25, 2023 - Parker John May

Eloise Rose Wolodzko

November 26, 2023 - Vincent Anthony Coia



OUR PARISH GIVING TREE

Thank you to those who have picked up a tag to help bring Christmas cheer to children in need in our local community. We still have gift requests at the Mater Christi Church Giving Tree. Please be generous this season and pick up a tag!

Please follow the directions on returning your gifts on the back of each tag.

Questions? Contact the Parish Office at 708-447-1020.

CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS SINGERS!

Please consider joining the Parish Choir for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. We will also be singing Christmas carols as a congregation the half hour prior to Mass, so come get into the holiday spirit!

There are two rehearsals prior to Christmas Eve:

Thursday, December 14th, 7:00p-8:30 p.m. at Mater Christi Church

Wednesday, December 20th, 7:00p-8:30p p.m. at St. Mary Church

Blessings on your Christmas, and happy singing!



WOMEN'S SOCIETY MEETING- DECEMBER 13TH

The St. Paul VI Women's Society will meet at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13 (not Dec. 6), in the Marian Room at Mater Christi, preceded by the rosary at 6:30 pm in church. We will make Scrabble crosses as we share favorite Christmas memories and enjoy refreshments.

Come and relax with us at our last gathering till Feb. 7!



You are invited to sing communally with us at

A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 10th, 2:30 p.m.

St. Paul VI Parish (Mater Christi campus)

2401 S 10th Ave

North Riverside, IL 60546

Free admission

Reception to follow



For more information, contact Nello at abarone@stpaulviparish.org

ST. PAUL VI PARISH



Sponsored by
St. Paul VI Holy Name Society

JOIN US!

Monday, December 11th

5:00 pm

St. Mary Oak Room

All Seniors are invited to dinner hosted by St. Paul VI Holy Name Society. Enjoy some dinner and company with other Senior parishioners.

Please RSVP so we can get an accurate attendance count
Chef Dan Schoen at dschoen325@gmail.com (312-320-7324) or
Chef Kevin Tabor at tabor316@comcast.net (708-334-8536)

Parish Announcements & Events



THE FEAST OF
Our Lady of Guadalupe
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
ST. MARY CAMPUS
105 HERRICK RD., RIVERSIDE

6:00 - 7:00 PM
Drop off food for Potluck Social (Fiesta)
(Parish Center)

7:00 - 8:00 PM
Bilingual Mass (Misa de las Rosas)
Music - Mariachi Alma de Mexico

8:00 - 9:00 PM
Potluck Dinner Fiesta (Parish Center)
Music - Mariachi Alma de Mexico

If you would like to be a sponsor/ padrino (madrina) for the roses, hospitality, Holy cards and other items for the Feast, kindly drop off your donation in the collection basket in an envelope. Please mark on the envelope-
OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE.

For more information, contact Matt Brophy at
mbrophy@archchicago.org

 ST. PAUL VI PARISH



PARROQUIA SAN PABLO VI
LAS POSADAS

18 de Diciembre
7 p.m. en Iglesia de Sta Maria
Acompañenos en el Salón
nivel inferior
¡Oración tradicional, canto,
comida y diversión!

20 de Diciembre
7 p.m. en Iglesia Mater Christi
Acompañenos en el Salón
Mariano
¡Oración tradicional, canto,
comida y diversión!

Oficina Parroquial San Pablo
40 E. Burlington St.
Riverside, IL 60546
(708) 447-1020
www.stpaulviparish.org




Knights of Columbus
Luminaria Sale

GET YOUR LUMINARIAS AND SUPPORT THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Christmas Luminaria orders are due by **December 13th**. Each Kit contains 6 candles, 6 bags, and sand. Local Orders will be delivered on December 16. Scan the QR Code below for online ordering.

1 Kit (6 Luminaria) for \$10
3 Kits (18 Luminaria) for \$20



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ 1 Kit (6 Luminaria for \$10)

_____ 3 Kits (18 Luminaria for \$20)

Total Amount Paid _____

Please make check Payable to:
St. Paul VI Parish
Paper orders can be returned to the
Lyne Parish Office
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St. Mary School

TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIPS SET TO EXPIRE

While the Illinois state legislature has allowed the Invest in Kids Act Tax Credit Scholarship Program to sunset, you can still support St. Mary School and Catholic education this school year and reduce your Illinois income tax bill for up to five years by making a contribution this December.

Many students are currently on the waitlist to receive a tax credit scholarship for this final year of the program. To guarantee that your donation helps a student during the 2023-24 school year, please make your contribution to a scholarship granting organization (SGO) like Empower Illinois or Big Shoulders Fund per the timeline below:

December 11, 2023- deadline to postmark a mailed check donation.

December 20, 2023- deadline to complete a stock or bond donation.

December 22, 2023- deadline to complete an electronic payment donation (e.g., credit card, ACH, e-check/wire transfer)

With the support of your tax credit scholarship donation today, students can receive this year's desperately needed scholarship funds while you receive a 75% state income tax credit for the amount of your donation. Contributions received this December qualify for a tax credit for the 2023 tax year and if you don't use all of your tax credits in 2023, you can roll them forward for up to five years.

We are so grateful for the generosity of our tax credit scholarship donors who have made a Catholic education possible for many of our most vulnerable students over the years. For those who would like more information about the Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program, please go to empowerillinois.org or contact Jane Birmingham at jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org or 708-447-1020.



Faith Formation



Alive in Christ: Martyrs of the Eucharist

A new series has launched on the Eucharistic Revival website! It's a compelling account of the first Christians and their courageous struggle to uphold their faith against the Roman Empire. Learn the true meaning of the Eucharist in this inspiring documentary.

<https://learn.eucharisticrevival.org/featured/videos/alive-in-christ-martyrs-of-the-eucharist>



For not as common bread and common drink do we receive these; but in like manner as Jesus Christ our Saviour, having been made flesh by the Word of God, had both flesh and blood for our salvation, so likewise have we been taught that the food which is blessed by the prayer of His word... is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh. And on the day called Sunday, all who live in cities or in the country gather together to one place, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read... Then we all rise together and pray, and, as we before said, when our prayer is ended, bread and wine and water are brought, and the president in like manner offers prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people assent, saying Amen; and there is a distribution to each, and a participation of that over which thanks have been given, and to those who are absent a portion is sent by the deacons.

- St. Justin Martyr, 155AD



Fr. Luke Spannagel is a member of the team of National Eucharistic Preachers, part of the National Eucharistic Revival. He loves being a spiritual father to many and has a great passion for helping hearts to grow.

Save the Date: Explanatory Mass!

**January 23, 2024
6:30pm in St. Mary Church**

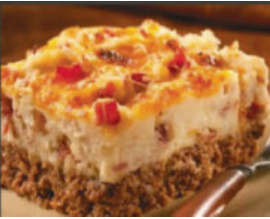
Have you ever thought about the prayers and responses of the Mass... what do they mean? What's the "why" behind what we do in the Mass? Are you ever bored or find your mind wandering off in Mass? In January, our parish will have an explanatory Mass where Fr. Luke will walk through the prayers and gestures, explain the background and meaning of different parts of the Mass, and give some helpful tips for prayer and participating more deeply in our greatest celebration each Sunday-- the Holy Mass!

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. **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, December 19th. Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EAEA62AAFC1-catholic66#/>



FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!

The Food Pantry stays open year round. Please continue to support the Food Pantry by keeping it stocked year round. 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, and 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 COLLECTING DIAPERS 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.



SAINT KATERI'S CLOSET

We are still accepting First Communion outfits for our St. Kateri's Closet. We are looking to build a closet of dresses and suits for children and parents to shop and borrow for this special occasion. Items can then be returned freshly laundered for the next family to use.



There is no cost to the families. Donations can be dropped off at:

St. Hugh Faith Formation Center
2400 S. 10th Ave., North Riverside

St. Paul VI Parish Office (Lyne Parish Office)
40 E. Burlington St., Riverside

Questions? Contact Chris at 708-224-9993 or jcvalfred@outlook.com

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.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Looking for volunteers to help feed 40 meals to the hungry for a homeless shelter located on Lake Street in Oak Park on the first Friday of each month. Each volunteer makes 5-10 dinners on a menu of their choosing comprising of an entree, a vegetable, and a dessert. Containers are supplied. Meals are delivered.

Interested? Contact Kathy Burns, burns.kathleen@comcast.net
Sponsored by the St Paul VI Women's Society.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please consider helping serve the poor by joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul or by making a donation in the donation box found in the back of both Churches. Thank You for your generosity!



If you know of someone who needs assistance, or would like to join St. Vincent DePaul, please call the office at 708-447-1020, X217.

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. For information, contact Co-President Nicki Mendez, 708-539-6575, nicki828@myyahoo.com; or Co-President Theresa Mendez, 815-383-8841, thrmndz2055@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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

St. Paul VI's Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society helps those in the surrounding areas with assistance. If you need assistance or know someone that needs assistance, please call the parish office and leave a message for St. Vincent DePaul and a volunteer will contact you.

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 the parish office 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 Colón-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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Love is Respect (For Teens) 1-866-331-9474

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