



# ST. PAUL VI PARISH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF

# Advent



DECEMBER 18, 2022

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,  
and they shall name him Emmanuel,  
which means "God is with us."*

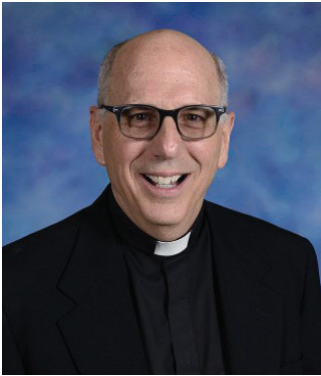
MATTHEW 1:23

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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*



This weekend, we light the 4<sup>th</sup> candle on the Advent wreath, symbolizing Peace. This candle is also called the Angel's Candle reminding us of the Angel's message in the gospel of Luke:

*"Glory to God in the highest  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."*

The phrase usually gets shortened to "Peace on earth, Goodwill toward men." But what does the actual phrase "on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests" mean?

A favor is an act of kindness performed or granted out of goodwill, beyond what is usual or due. On the night that Jesus was born, the entire world, all of mankind, was given the most precious gift it has ever been given since creation. God bestowed this gift on *everyone* – those tending flocks at night, those who followed stars and signs, those who had been waiting for the Messiah, even those who had no idea what had transpired and wouldn't for hundreds and hundreds of years. God gave us all His Son so that we could be in *a personal relationship with Him*.

"...and on earth peace..." What if peace on earth has nothing to do with global conflicts, as we often take it to mean? What if it has everything to do with peace in our hearts? If we follow Him, if we truly give our lives over to God's will, we know that life may be anything but peaceful. We only need to look at our Blessed Mother and know that this is true. Yet, when we look for an example of someone at peace in their lives, who better represents that than Mary?

By saying "yes" and accepting our Lord as our Savior, we are called to do His work and to spread his message of hope, love, and salvation. "Christ be our Light, shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness!" Four Advent candles are lit. We have six more days to get things done. Please use these last days of Advent to prepare your heart, mind and soul for the gift of Jesus Christ in your life!

Please invite your family, friends and neighbors to come and celebrate Christmas mass with us! There are many people who have not been to Christmas masses since December 2019. Sometimes all it takes is a personal invitation by a trusted friend or loved one to get someone back who has been away for a time. Fr. Matt and I are truly looking forward to celebrating with all of you next week!

*Fr. Tom May, Pastor*

## *A message from our Associate Pastor*



It's Advent during the Eucharistic Revival called for by the U.S. bishops, and so it's a perfect time to prepare for Christmas with Jesus Christ, truly present among us in the tabernacle or monstrance at our local Catholic church. Tom Hoops from Aletheia has more about preparing for the Eucharist Revival. Here are some easy ways to unite with Jesus, give gifts, receive gifts, and deepen family love.

***This Advent, through the Eucharist, unite yourself to Jesus.***

**Visit Jesus in the Eucharist during your Christmas errands.** You don't have to spend an hour or even a half hour to visit the Eucharist in the tabernacle or in the exposed monstrance. You can just stop by for a brief chat. I use the ABCS of prayer and briefly *adore* Jesus with simple words of why you believe, hope and love him; recall the *blessings* he has given you, especially the goodness, truth and

beauty you experienced in the past 24 hours; express *contrition* for what you've done wrong; and offer *supplication*, asking him to supply those in need with every good thing.

**Pray for his second coming.** Advent prepares both for Christmas and for Jesus' second coming. The Catechism (1402-1405) calls the Eucharist a "pledge of the glory to come." Add the words of Revelation "Come, Lord Jesus!" to your dinner prayer or daily offering, adding: "Come to us in the Eucharist, and at Christmas, and at the end of time."

***This Advent, through the Eucharist, share your gifts with others.***

**Give to the poor.** Jesus in the Eucharist, "commits us to the poor" says the Catechism. "To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brethren." Find some way to serve the poor as a family: Through a parish apostolate, a city initiative, or by donating. Make a visit to the Eucharist to pray for who you served before coming home.

**Commit to the Church.** It's not our human love or respect for one another that makes the Church what it is; the Eucharist "makes the Church," says the Catechism. To live the Eucharist, serve your parish or diocese or a religious order in an apostolate, in its activities, or by donating.

***This Advent, receive the forgiveness offered by the Eucharist.***

**Go to confession.** "Holy Communion separates us from sin" says the Catechism. But it adds, "The Eucharist is not ordered to the forgiveness of mortal sins — that is proper to the sacrament of Reconciliation." Find a time to bring the whole family to confession to prepare to receive Jesus at Christmas.

**Give something up for Advent.** The Eucharist "enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in" Christ, says the Catechism. It's hard to give something up in December, the month of Christmas parties and holiday concerts. Maybe give up something significant and donate it as a special sacrifice.

***This Advent, strengthen your ties to your family.***

**Do a secret good deed daily.** "The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life," says the Catechism. Fight back! Instead of being a "Secret Santa" be a "Secret Jesus" by the power of his body and blood you have received, and do a secret good deed each day (use the five love languages and give an act of service, a small gift, an affirming word, a hug or kiss, or quality time).

**Have a family Advent movie night.** Instead of going in different directions, find time to get the family together for a movie. Before there were Hallmark Christmas movies, there were movies for each of these categories. Movies about Jesus include "A Charlie Brown Christmas" (1965) and "The Little Drummer Boy" (1968). Movies about giving and repentance include *A Christmas Carol* (the Muppets version is best for kids) and *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (1966). But if you want to watch a Hallmark movie, why not the one most about the Eucharist? In *The Maldonado Miracle* (2003), directed by Salma Hayek, the blood of Christ unites a town.

*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

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7;

Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6;

Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

## PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 24 & 25:

### St. Mary Church

Saturday Dec 24

### Presider:

3:00 PM Fr. Robert Banzin (Church)  
3:00 PM Fr. Thomas May (Parish Ctr)  
5:00 PM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ  
10:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

Sunday Dec 25

8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky  
10:00 AM Bishop Kevin Birmingham

### Mater Christi Church

Saturday Dec 24

### Presider:

4:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky  
12 Midnight Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

Sunday Dec 25

8:00 AM Fr. Thomas May  
9:30 AM Fr. Thomas May  
11:00 AM Fr. Thomas Unz

*\*Presider schedule is subject to change.*

### ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### Mater Christi Church

Rosary  
Saturday 7:30 am

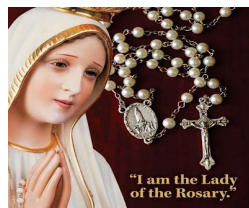
*\*There will be NO Rosary on December 24th*

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



### Hail Mary Challenge

**1,335,456**

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 on this link: Meeting ID: 812 1056 2468

Passcode: 949134

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81210562468?pwd=eG80RGRkREdyN0RieUJLVFVhYWVVBQTO9)

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## 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](http://www.stpaulviparish.org) or call the parish office at 708-447-1020.

# Worship

## Mass Intentions



*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	Theresa Kledek
Cheryl Albertsen	Mary Kratochvil
Christine Alvarado	Joseph Kratochvil
Jim Arndt	Diane Kretz
Arlene Batek	Christina Lee
Deacon Bob Boharic	Ramon Lehnen
Jennifer Borow	Charlotte Lindauer
Linda Bronsteader	Eileen Marquetti
Del Burns	Emily Martinez
Raybon Carroll	Harper Faith McGee
Gloria DeSanto	Spencer Mehr
Margarita Diaz	Lizzie Mooney
Therese Dolmant	Freda Murphy
Elliott Franche	Irene Nelsen
Midge Galloro	Fr. M. Cyril Nemecek
Jayne Girard	Annie Nystrom
Mimi Gnolfo	Beth Pennacchio
Bern Gordus	Dean Pennacchio
Anthony Gorski	Rafaela Perez
Elena Gorski	Elsie Piszczor
Irene Gorski	Dennis Raleigh
Bob Gurski	George Rieber Sr.
Katie Hassberger	Rogelio Rojas
Thomas Higgins	Bridget Sarley
Marilynne Higgins	Carol Schaffer
Robert Holas	Lorraine Schmecht
Irene Horacek	Nicholas John Stiso
Olga Horacek	Erin Stobaugh
Wassyl Kalin	Ethan Tkalec
Noel Keen	Maria Villafuerte
Bill Kernan	Jennifer Walden
Patricia King	Carina Willems
Norman Kirkley	Pat Zdarsky

### **Saturday, December 17**

(MC) 8:00 am † St. Paul VI Deacons & their families, Eileen Brandlein (Bill Jones)

(SM) 4:00 pm † Frances Rogoznica (St. Paul VI), Joseph Carrabotta, Joan & Donald Dvorak (Dvorak Family)

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

### **Sunday, December 18 - 4th Sunday of Advent**

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † Anna & Salvatore Silvestri, Rudolf, Yolana and Miroslav Vavrinec (Ludmila Vavrinec), Jenny DiTuri (Joanne Suba)

(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jaso, Asteria Acas (Ben & Maria Pura)

(SM) 10:00 am † Frank J. Silhavy (St. Paul VI Choir), Frances Rogoznica (The Bradt Family)

(MC) 11:00 am † Francisca Lopez (Josefina Flores), Emily Vrba (Alice Vrba)

(SM) 5:00 pm † St. Paul VI Parishioners, Flavio Gentile (Judy Jisa), Wendell Jisa (Judy Jisa)

### **Monday, December 19**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Jewell Sova (St. Paul VI), Ronald J. Nemchausky (Sharmayne Stach)

### **Tuesday, December 20**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Christine Spagnoletti

### **Wednesday, December 21 - St. Peter Canisius**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Joseph & Leona Carrabotta (Rogelio Guico & Family)

### **Thursday, December 22**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Gene Holzmeister (K.H.), Eileen Herbstritt (John & Susie O'Brien), Baby Eve Tomeczko (Mel & Chris Tomeczko)

### **Friday, December 23 - St. John Of Kanty**

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Robert Stake (Alice Stake), Bill Kurzawski (Ray & Carol Borowski)

### **Saturday, December 24 - Christmas Eve**

(SM) 3:00 pm † St. Paul VI Staff & their families

(SM/PC) 3:00 pm † Children's Pageant- St. Paul VI Families

(MC) 4:00 pm † Stephen Laskowski

(SM) 5:00 pm † Walter E. Smithe Jr. (Judy Jisa), Lou Vitullo (Judy Jisa), Jim Burns (Del Burns), Irene Kaval (Buckley Family)

(SM) 10:00 pm † Nushardt & Jes Families (Sharmayne Stach), Wengren & Madai Families (Patricia Madai), Robert Swift (Cheryl Albertsen)

(MC) Midnight † St. Paul VI Parishioners

### **Sunday, December 25 - THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † John & Connie Tangorra (Joanne Suba), Jose Murguia, Leo Chimienti (Joanne Suba)

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

(SM) 10:00 am † Msgr. R. George Sarauskas, Janice (Bunnie)

Rink-Knackstedt (Barb, Edna, Carolyn, Barb & Judy), Rick Dunleavy & Bob McCormac (Tom Dunleavy)

(MC) 11:00 am † Roebuck, Rocotello & Spagnoletti Families

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.

## *2022 Advent & Christmas Mass Schedule*

### **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Saturday, December 24

No morning Masses

3:00 PM St. Mary Church  
3:00 PM St. Mary Parish Center  
Children's Christmas Pageant  
4:00 PM Mater Christi Church  
5:00 PM St. Mary Church  
10:00 PM St. Mary Church (Livestream)  
*(Carols begin at 9:30 PM)*  
12:00 Midnight Mater Christi Church  
*(Carols begin at 11:30 PM)*

### **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Sunday, December 25\*

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  
**\*NO 5:00 PM Mass at St Mary Church**

### **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

Saturday, December 31, 2022

4:00 PM St. Mary Church  
5:00 PM Mater Christi Church

Sunday, January 1, 2023\*

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

**\*NO 5:00 PM Mass at St Mary Church**

### **EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 7, 2023

Sunday, January 8, 2023  
Regular Weekend Mass schedule

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

Saturday, January 14, 2023

Sunday, January 15, 2023  
Regular Weekend Mass schedule



*Rejoice always,  
Pray without ceasing.  
- 1 Thessalonians 5:16*

# Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

## Prayer of Generosity

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

### - WAYS TO GIVE -

#### MAIL - DROP OFF - CALL

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

#### ONLINE

- Click the donate button at [www.stpaulviparish.org](http://www.stpaulviparish.org) to set up an EFT or credit/debit card donation.

#### TEXT-TO-GIVE

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



#### SCAN TO DONATE

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

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



#### Vincentian Reflection

In today's Gospel, we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy and more full of God.

Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent dePaul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that "God is with us."  
Thank you!

## Announcements

ST. PAUL VI PARISH



Welcome  
New  
Parishioners

Bill & Linda Gomora

Matthew McCreary, Jessica Yee, Leo Yee  
McCreary, and Finley Yee McCreary

Timothy Thick

Daniel, Samantha, Daniel, & Joshua Waring

Janina & Sophia Zwierski



#### HIGH SCHOOL SACRAMENTAL PREP

Do you know a teen who have not received First Communion or Confirmation?

We would love to help him or her grow in their faith. High school sacramental preparation classes will begin in December and January on Tuesday evenings from 5:30-7 pm. All teens that want to dive into their faith and receive the sacraments are welcome to join us! Please call the Faith Formation Office at 708-447-1020 or email Maria Ramos at [marramos@archchicago.org](mailto:marramos@archchicago.org) for more information.



ST. PAUL VI PARISH



G O O C L U B  
R A F F L E

#### 600 CLUB RAFFLE

Due to early bulletin submission names of winners were not available.  
The next drawing will be on Monday, December 19.

The big prize raffle drawing will be on Monday, December 26th. Feeling lucky?! 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](mailto:jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org) or 708-853-1421.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



### Christifideles awardees honored

Each year, the Archdiocese of Chicago grants two kinds of awards to laypeople for their dedication to the church and its ministries. The Bishop Quarter and Christifideles awards were conferred on Oct. 2, 2022 at Holy Name Cathedral and blessed by Cardinal Cupich before presented to award winners. The Christifideles Award is bestowed upon an individual Catholic layperson who has demonstrated by participation in parish life, the personal and ministerial renewal called for by the papal exhortation “Christifideles Laici” calling the laity to the vocation of responsibility for the church’s life springing from the gift and mission of their baptism. This award is available to one awardee per parish annually. The Bishop Quarter Award, named for Bishop William Quarter, the first bishop of Chicago, is given each year to a layperson or married couple in each vicariate who demonstrates consistent service to the ministries of the archdiocese’s vicariates. Episcopal vicars nominate recipients. (Karen Callaway/Chicago Catholic)



### Stephen Piszczor received the Christifideles award

Stephen is a parishioner of St. Paul VI Parish but has been a long time parishioner of Mater Christi since his Baptism in 1962. He is an active member of the Holy Name Society and was the president of Holy Name Society from 1980 - 1983. His dedication to the Church and ministry earned him this special award. Congratulations, Stephen! May God continue to bless and protect you.



Picture above: Cardinal Cupich and Stephen Piszczor  
Top right: Stephen Piszczor, Bishop Kevin Birmingham, Fr. Matthew Nemchausky  
Bottom right: Cardinal Cupich and the auxiliary bishops in prayer





ST. PAUL VI PARISH

# Posadas

TRADICIONES NAVIDEÑAS

Las Posadas, fiesta religiosa celebrada en México y algunas partes de Estados Unidos entre el 16 y el 24 de Diciembre, conmemora el viaje que José y María realizaron desde Nazaret hasta Belén en busca de un refugio seguro donde María podría dar a luz al niño Jesús.

En la historia de la Natividad, tocan las puertas de todas las posadas del pueblo, en busca de refugio, antes de encontrar finalmente un lugar donde quedarse. Las nueve noches de las celebraciones de Las Posadas simbolizan los nueve meses del embarazo de María con su hijo, Jesús.

Una procesión de niños, músicos y adultos va de puerta en puerta cantando villancicos y leyendo pasajes de la Biblia.

La comida es fundamental para las celebraciones, y la cocina Mexicana tiene una gran variedad de deliciosos platillos desde pozole, tamales y atole. Estos forman algunas de las comidas y bebidas tradicionales para la temporada Navideña.

Los viajeros esperan con ansias los refrigerios que les esperan en la última casa.

Una vez en la casa de acogida, todos cantan villancicos y comparten comida y bebidas. Dependiendo de la situación económica de la familia, pueden ofrecer humildes bocadillos de chocolate caliente y pan dulce o ser extravagantes y hacer los tradicionales tamales y ponches.

En algunas áreas, como México, también celebran en el hogar rompiendo una piñata.

Las piñatas llenas de dulces y juguetes son uno de los elementos más emocionantes de Las Posadas y, a menudo, están diseñadas como coloridas estrellas de siete puntas, que se dice que guiaron a los Reyes Magos hacia el recién nacido Jesús.

Los dulces y bocadillos dentro de una piñata representan la abundancia que llegará a tu vida.

Las Posadas, (Spanish: "The Inn") religious festival celebrated in Mexico and some parts of the United States between December 16 and 24. Las Posadas commemorates the journey that Joseph and Mary made from Nazareth to Bethlehem in search of a safe refuge where Mary could give birth to the baby Jesus.

In the Nativity story, they knock on the doors of all the inns in the town, searching for shelter, before finally finding somewhere to stay. The nine nights of the Las Posadas celebrations are symbolic of the nine months of Mary's pregnancy with her son, Jesus.

A procession of children, musicians, and adults go door to door singing carols and reading passages from the Bible.

Food is essential to the celebrations, and Mexican cuisine has a large variety of delicious dishes from pozole, tamales, and atole. These form some of the traditional meals and drinks for the holiday season. The travelers look forward to refreshments awaiting them at the last home.

Once at the accommodating home, everyone sings carols and shares in food and drink. Depending on the economic status of the family, they may offer humble snacks of hot chocolate and sweet bread or be extravagant and make traditional tamales and ponche.

In some areas, like Mexico, they also celebrate in the home by breaking a piñata.

The piñatas filled with candy and toys are one of the most exciting elements of Las Posadas and they are often de-signed as colorful seven-pointed stars, which are said to have guided the Three Wise Men to the newborn Jesus.

The candy and snacks inside a piñata represent the abundance that will come to your life.



We invite you to  
Las Posadas

on  
Friday **16** @7pm  
viernes Dec

at ST MARY CHURCH

and

on  
Tuesday **20** @7pm  
martes Dec

at MATER CHRISTI

Los vemos ahí!

We see you there!

## St. Mary School Announcements

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



### INVEST IN KIDS TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



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

Did you know we have 24 children that want to attend St. Mary school?

We can help make it a reality by participating in the Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program.

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

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

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

For more information please contact Mrs. Nicole Nolazco at St Mary School at [nnolazco@stmaryriverside.org](mailto:nnolazco@stmaryriverside.org), the TCS hotline at 312.534.2617, [tcs@archchicago.org](mailto:tcs@archchicago.org), or visit [archchicago.org/tcs](http://archchicago.org/tcs).



ST. MARY SCHOOL  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

# SAVE THE DATE

MARCH 4, 2023  
5:00-MIDNIGHT @ ST. MARY

TICKETS @ [STPATS2023.GIVSMART.COM](http://STPATS2023.GIVSMART.COM)



**St. Mary School's Family School Association (FSA) is selling their first annual Christmas ornament!**

These beautiful ornaments are made of glass. They are 3" square and have a picture of the church and original school building. Each ornament is \$12. Checks can be made out to St. Mary FSA.

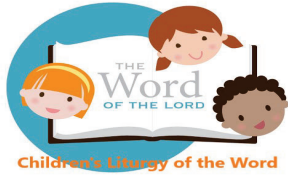
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## Service Opportunities



### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

[ebkos@stpaulviparish.org](mailto:ebkos@stpaulviparish.org).

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

### BEDS PLUS Rotational Shelter Dinner Coordinator

St. Paul VI Parish would like to support the BEDS PLUS organization as they open their Rotational Shelters and are seeking cook teams. Service Outreach Committee (SOC) has sponsored these dinners pre pandemic and would like to resume supporting BEDS Plus. In order to provide support, SOC is looking for a volunteer who can coordinate 3 monthly dinners, 1 in January, February & March 2023. Dinner dates for each month and locations (LaGrange, Brookfield or LaGrange Park) will be finalized once we have a coordinator. Check our [website](#) for details.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES (CC) - TUESDAY SUPPER

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



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

1. **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, January 17<sup>th</sup>.** Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaafc1-catholic46>

### FOOD PANTRY - STOCK THE PANTRY!!



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

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!



### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS DIAPER DRIVE FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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

Thank you for your generosity!



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### FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Do you enjoy cooking?  
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need for volunteers to help feed the hungry for a homeless shelter located on Lake Street in Oak Park.

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

If you are interested in this worthy deed, please contact Kathy Burns, [burns.kathleen@comcast.net](mailto:burns.kathleen@comcast.net)

Sponsored by the St Paul VI Women's Society.



The next session is Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:30- 11:15 am. Kids 11+ be must accompanied by a responsible adult.

For questions or to register contact John Legan via text or call at 708-870-0045 or email at [bishopse5a@gmail.com](mailto:bishopse5a@gmail.com).

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## Parish & Community Resources

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

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

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



### HISPANIC MINISTRY / MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

For questions, contact Matthew Brophy  
[mbrophy@archchicago.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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



### MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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



### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



### FUNERAL PLANNING & ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

Contact Cheryl Skoda at [cskoda@stpaulviparish.org](mailto:cskoda@stpaulviparish.org) for assistance in any musical questions or special requests.

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

### COUNSELING SERVICES

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

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

Meet our parish counselor Damaris 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](mailto: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](http://stpaulviparish.org).

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