



ST. PAUL VI PARISH



*And suddenly there
was a multitude
of the heavenly host
with the angel,
praising God and saying:*

**“GLORY TO
GOD IN THE
HIGHEST.”**

Luke 2:13-14

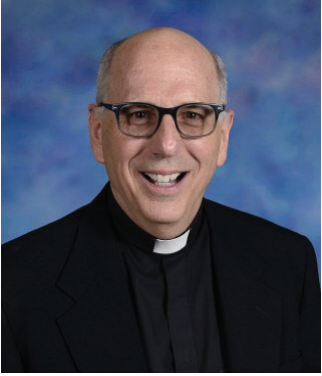
December 25, 2022 • Christmas

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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



Joy to the World!

It truly is a gift to be celebrating Christmas with everyone this weekend after the challenges we have faced the past two Christmas seasons. It is what we have hoped and longed for – and now we have it! Isn't it wonderful?

Imagine that kind of hope and longing being something of the human experience *for millennia*, not just two years. "Long lay the world in sin and error pining, til He appeared, and the soul felt it's worth!"

The gift of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Born in a manger, to a woman named Mary. We know the story, but do we *feel* the impact in our hearts and souls today? This is why we celebrate this most special of birth days – to remember what an incredible gift the world was given over 2000 years ago!

God gave us his son because He loves us! Jesus died on a cross and rose from the dead because He loves us! The Holy Spirit helps to guide and strengthen us because He loves us! We are truly blessed!

When a new baby comes into a family, everyone's lives change. A new rhythm must be established, there are new responsibilities and worries and lots less sleep! But there are also moments of peace and rest and smiles and profound joy. It is wonderful and challenging and exhausting and all encompassing! Is it no wonder that this is how God sent his son to us? For if we truly let this new baby of Jesus Christ into our hearts and souls, grow with him, learn about him, listen to him, talk to him, and let him become our very best friend – won't our life change? This is the gift.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful parish staff, our deacons and their wives, our school faculty, staff and administration, our maintenance staff, all of our catechists, board and council members, the Holy Name Society, the St. Paul VI Women's Society, the Knights of Columbus, our Ministers of Care, our lectors, cantors, choir members and musicians, those who serve on our Arts & Environment committees, our ushers and Eucharistic Ministers, our Garden Ministry, and all those who faithfully serve and support everything we are doing here at St. Paul VI Parish! I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas. May you experience love, laughter, and joy with all those you celebrate with this week. Thank you for your continued support of St. Paul VI Parish. We have much to be thankful for as we wrap up 2022 and much to look forward to as we get ready for 2023!

Fr. Tom May, Pastor

A message from our Associate Pastor



Merry Christmas! It is difficult to maintain Christmas joy even during the short Christmas Season. Tom Hoopes of Aleteia has more about his experience of seeing Christmas at every Mass.

Maybe you're like me. Maybe you tend to be utterly enchanted by Christmas but a little routine about Mass.

And maybe you're a little too superficial about Christmas and a little too intellectual in your appreciation of the Mass.

You can solve both problems at one time — adding more heart to your Mass and more brainpower to your Christmas — by considering how alike the two events are.

It is right there in the name Bethlehem, which in Hebrew means “House of Bread.”

The birth of Christ in the “House of Bread” led the way to the transformation of bread in the House of Christ. The simple coming of Christ as an infant to the Holy Family led to the simple coming of Christ in the Host to your family.

“These two mysteries are really one,” said Father John Hardon. “The Eucharist is merely an extension, a continuation, of what happened 2,000 years ago in Bethlehem.”

After all, both Christmas and Mass start with an Advent.

The Christmas celebration starts with the four-week penitential season of Advent, where we should prepare our hearts with special prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. It's the same with Mass.

The obligatory hourlong fast before Communion is just part of it. It is also important to “recollect yourself” before Mass, like Mary and Joseph preparing for the coming of Christ.

We gather around the altar like travelers gathering in the City of David.

We all have our reasons for being at Mass. Some feel compelled, like those forced to go to Bethlehem for the census. Some feel called, like the shepherds. Others are following a deep desire they hardly understand, like the Magi. We can think of our fellow Massgoers (and ourselves!) the same way as we gather in the church for Mass.

As the Mass begins, we hear why Jesus came, and we repeat the angels' reaction to his coming.

“You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy,” prays the priest, setting the stage.

“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will,” we proclaim, in song.

The Liturgy of the Word is a celebration of the Word who was made flesh.

In the great Christmas Gospel of St. John the Evangelist, we hear:

In the beginning was the Word ... And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

The project of our Christian life is to be incorporated into the Body of Christ such that God's will would be done in our lives as it is in heaven.

This is why we have readings in Mass: that the Word of God will become flesh again, *in us*.

After the Creed retells the Christmas story, the Liturgy of the Eucharist begins.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is above all a “window” through which we are present at the one sacrifice Jesus Christ made for us all in his Passion and Death.

But the Catechism speaks of the whole “mystery of Christ, his Incarnation and Passover, which we celebrate in the Eucharist.” The liturgy reminds us of this in the offertory prayer to Jesus, who was “incarnate by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin.”

St. Faustina had visions of the infant Christ Child on the altar during Mass. Imagining what she saw may help to greet the savior as she did:

As Holy Mass began, I immediately felt a great interior recollection; joy filled my soul. During the offertory, I saw Jesus on the altar, incomparably beautiful. The whole time the Infant kept looking at everyone, stretching out his little hands (Diary, 347).

When we receive Communion, we experience Christmas in our soul.

Many saints have called the Mass a “daily Bethlehem.” Father John Hardon beautifully meditated on how the host is like the Christ child.

“Is there anything more simple than a child, or anything more simple than the round wafer of the Eucharist?” he asked. Babies “are speechless, helpless; they must be fed and carried from place to place. And is there anything more unpretentious than what seems to be a piece of bread and a sip of wine? Yet as we know, real humility is always greatness hiding itself out of love.”

Be conscious as you receive Communion that you are receiving the highest form of greatness: The greatness of total humility.

As St. John Paul II put it, when we say “Amen” before receiving Communion, we are echoing the Fiat of Mary that made Christmas possible.

So, this year, celebrate Christmas around your tree, and then celebrate it again at every Mass.

One is just as deep and delightful as the other.

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

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

PRESIDER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF December 31 & January 1:

St. Mary Church

Saturday **Dec 31**

Sunday **Jan 1**

Presider:

4:00 PM Fr. Thomas May

8:00 AM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

10:00 AM Fr. Brian Taber, SJ

5:00 PM **No Mass**

Mater Christi Church

Saturday **Dec 31**

Sunday **Jan 1**

Presider:

5:00 PM Fr. Matthew Nemchausky

8:00 AM Fr. Thomas May

9:30 AM Fr. Thomas Unz

11:00 AM Fr. Robert Banzin

**Presider schedule is subject to change.*

ROSARY, DIVINE MERCY & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Mater Christi Church

Rosary
Saturday 7:30 am

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

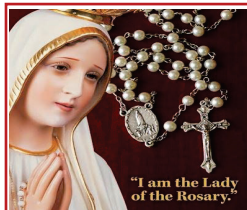
Monday 6:00 to 8:00 pm

St. Mary Church

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
Thursday 3:00 to 4:00 pm

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

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This Week's Scripture Reading

Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;
Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8;
Mt 2:13-18

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6;
Lk 2:36-40

Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 [12-17];
Ps 128:1-5; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn
1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8;
Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21



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 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, Wendell Jisa (Judy Jisa)
(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), Bernice Rachel
(MC) 11:00 am † Roebuck, Rocotello & Spagnoletti Families

Monday, December 26 - *St. Stephen*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Safety for Police & Firefighters

Tuesday, December 27 - *St. John*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Regina Turasky Spokas (Endriukaitis Family), Don & Mary Miller (Bob & Judy Finn)

Wednesday, December 28 - *The Holy Innocents*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Rev. John B. Murphy

Thursday, December 29 - *St. Thomas Becket*

(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Anele Kebleris (Genevieve Wright), Ken Wright (Genevieve Wright), Gene Holzmeister (Kay Holzmeister)

Friday, December 30 - **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**


(MC) 8:00 am & (SM) 8:30 am † Delwin & Elaine Stednitz

Saturday, December 31 - *St. Sylvester I, New Year's Eve*

(MC) 4:00 pm † Walter E. Smithe, Jr. (Judy Jisa), Lou Vitullo (Judy Jisa), Flavio Gentile (Judy Jisa)
(SM) 5:00 pm † Jim Burns (Del Burns)

Sunday, January 1 - **SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, New Year's Day**

(SM/MC) 8:00 am † For All Mothers
(MC) 9:30 am † Jose Gonzalez Monroy, Rosa Guzman Jaso
(SM) 10:00 am † Laverne Hansen (Drs. Frank & Carla Orland), Richard Dunleavy (Tom Dunleavy)
(MC) 11:00 am † St. Paul VI Parishioners

 ***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
Louis Vieceli.
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
Carol Dvorak	Irene Nelsen
Elliott Franche	Fr. M. Cyril Nemecek
Midge Galloro	Annie Nystrom
Jayne Girard	Beth Pennacchio
Mimi Gnolfo	Dean Pennacchio
Bern Gordus	Rafaela Perez
Anthony Gorski	Elsie Piszczor
Elena Gorski	Dennis Raleigh
Irene Gorski	George Rieber Sr.
Bob Gurski	Rogelio Rojas
Katie Hassberger	Bridget Sarley
Thomas Higgins	Carol Schaffer
Marilynne Higgins	Lorraine Schmecht
Robert Holas	Nicholas John Stiso
Irene Horacek	Erin Stobaugh
Olga Horacek	Ethan Tkalec
Wassyl Kalin	Maria Villafuerte
Noel Keen	Jennifer Walden
Bill Kernan	Carina Willems
Patricia King	Pat Zdarsky
Norman Kirkley	

If you have a loved one that you would like to be remembered for a special intention during Mass, please visit our parish office located at 40 E. Burlington St., Riverside or call 708-447-1020 to schedule one.

To request your Mass Intention to be included in the bulletin, please submit at least 2 weeks prior to the requested Sunday bulletin date.

Worship

2022 Christmas Mass Schedule

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



*Rejoice always,
Pray without ceasing.*

- 1 Thessalonians 5:16

EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 7, 2023
Sunday, January 8, 2023
Regular Weekend Mass schedule

Announcements



ST. PAUL VI PARISH

600 CLUB
RAFFLE

**BUY YOUR RAFFLE
TICKETS TODAY!**

Due to early bulletin
submission, winners
for December 19 will
be announced on
January 1st bulletin.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Winners for 600 Club 12/12

1st Prize (\$75):

Carol Schaffer (#093)

2nd Prize (\$25):

Susan Storcel (#130)

**The big prize raffle drawing will be tomorrow,
Monday, December 26.**

Come by the parish office and grab a raffle ticket. The winner will be notified by email/phone, bulletin. Pick one up at the parish office. 40 E. Burlington St. Riverside. All proceeds from the fundraiser will be credited toward the parish fundraising goal of \$45,000 for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Any questions? Please contact Jane Birmingham at jbirmingham@stpaulviparish.org or 708-853-1421.



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 for more information.

2022

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSICIANS IN MEMORIAM

This Christmas parishioners were invited to assist in creating a small, yet tangible, remembrance of their family members and/or friends while helping to fund Christmas Flowers and Musicians that enhance our parish liturgies.

Parishioners have taken the special opportunity to remember the following people:

Sandra Abramowski	John Dunajcik	John & Clara Kurek	Edward Paitl
Joe & Elsie Abramowski	Dynako Family	Paul Lehner	Victoria Piekarski
Judy Addleman	Escamilla Family	Mike LePage	Mr & Mrs A. Pierkowski
Mr. & Mrs. Bert Austin, Sr.	Scott Fanta	Lesniak Family	Procoro & Cuevas Family
Art Baikie	Feigle Family	LoCigno Families	Joseph Pryzbylo
Bernadine Baikie	George & Rose Ferraro	Lorenz Family	Andrea Racibozynski
Mr. & Mrs. John Baranowski	Mary Lou Finn	Mr. & Mrs. M. Lozin	Sandra J. Riedl
Ramona Baskis	Mr. & Mrs. R. Finn, Sr.	Charles & Jennie Lukasik	Ed Russin
Lillian & Charles Batek	Edward Flowers	George & Jean Lust	Richard Schnorr
Gus Baumgart	Walter Folz, Jr.	Ronald Macey	Jamie Schwartz
Sally Beauford	Eleanor Francich	Arthur Maffie	Cindy Schwarz
Elaine Belice	Luigi Gattuso	Mary Maffie	Sam & LenaScianna
George Belice	Andrea Gattuso	Wanda Manika	Lillian Seils
William & Mary Elaine Bensfield & Sons	Maria Gattuso	Sam Marcolini	Nicoline M. Shields
Jack Bigane	Isabel & Edward Goetttert	Michael Marcolini	Margie & Teddy Sipiora
Margaret Bigane	Deacon Rich Gordus	Frank Margelewski	MadelineSolik
Carleton Billingham	Rosina Grano	Joseph & Josephine Marra	Theo Stalling
June Billingham	Ron Gryzlak	Jose J. Martinez	Stefanelli Family
Karen Blackaller	Joe Grzelak	Michael Martino	Rose A. Stockero
Dorothy Bogan, Son & Grandson	John & Klara Grzelak	Eugene & Eleanor Matuszewski	Julianna Storino
Helen & Joe Bottoroff	Anna Marie Guinta	Agnes Mazur	Richard Stransky
Janice Bottoroff	Lena Marie Guinta	Joseph McHatton	Adelaide Svoboda
Alex Brazulis	Thomas J. Guinta	Richard McLain	Alvin Svodoba
Walter & Dorothy Brazulis	Marie Guinta – Nowell	Brendan Melanson	Joe & Cathy Suchan
Dalton Lee Brown	Dorothy & Donald Hanson	Peter & Dorothy Messlein	Vince & Gerry Sullivan
Horatius Cooper Browne	Harmath Family	David & Michelle Messlein	Szczepanik Family
Jim Burns	Angeline Harpst	Peter & Loretta Messlein	Tomeczko Family
Bob & Charlotte Byrnes	Marie & Michael Healy	Ruth & William Meyer	JosephTranaskas
Cantrell Family	Ray Hickey	Michniewicz Family	Joseph & Carole Turek
Charlotte Castaldo	Joseph & Lucille Hipsman	Mr. & Mrs. D. Miller	Leonard & Margaret Vasquez
Mario & Alice Cecconi	Gwynn & Joe Hoffman	Paul Miller	Richard & Clara Vlastnik
Carmen J. Cerrone	Bill & Dorothy Hough	Guy A. Miska	Joseph Walczak
Jerry Cheop	Katie Infante	Daniel Mokrzycki	Wollweber Family
Pearl & Bill Cheop	Annabelle Islas	Ed & Lillian Mokrzycki	Patricia Walt
Katy Chomic	Helena Jakubec	Kerry Morrissey	Robert Walt
Margaret & George Chott	Jamrosz Family	Gina Moyer	Eugene Warta
Mary Cichon	James & Bessie Jes	Agustin Murillo	Lena & Theodore F. Watylyk, Sr.
Coha Family	Jobin Family	James Robert Murphy	Ramona Wierciak
Gregory Cowell	John Kenny	Marie Nadle	Chester Wierciak, Sr.
William & Mary Denis	Pearl Kirkley	Bob & Helen Nickola	John Leo Wilson
Mary Devlin	Kish Family	Frank & Eleanora Nushardt	Mary & Louis Wodzinski
Michael Devlin	Klancir Family	Claude Ohansian	Edward Woods
Drenth Family	Kovacevic Family	Helen Ostrowski	Jack Yamich
Edwin Dulik	Arthur Kreiling	Rosemary Padula	Zak Family
Rudy & Frances Dulik	Margaret Kreiling	Catherine & Elmer Pauls	George R. Zdarsky
Dorothy Dunajcik	Kubiczky Family	Eric Paitl	John & Helen Zeman

WE REMEMBER ALL OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, LIVING AND DECEASED, AND FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO ONE TO PRAY FOR THEM.

Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

Prayer of Generosity

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

<u>Month Ending November 2022</u>		<u>Special Collections YTD (7/1/2022– 11/30/2022)</u>	
Sunday Collections	\$ 50,299	Capital Improvement	\$ 15,881
Online/Text Offerings	<u>35,194</u>	Building for the Future	\$ 2,903
Total Received	\$ 85,493	Energy	\$ 4,022
Budget	<u>95,000</u>	Building & Grounds	\$ 5,549
Greater/(Less) Than Budget	\$ (9,507)	Mother of Mothers Shrine	\$ 2,058
% Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(10%)	Arts & Environment	\$ 1,943
<u>Fiscal Year to Date (7/1/2022-11/30/2022)</u>		St. Mary School Education Fund	\$ 10,809
YTD Sunday Collections	\$ 408,528	RE & Lifelong Faith Formation Fund	\$ 5,669
YTD Budgeted Collections	<u>411,550</u>	Fund to Bury Veterans	\$ 335
Greater/ (Less) Than Budget	\$ (3,022)	Sharing Parishes	\$ 8,253
Percent Greater/(Less) Than Budget	(.73%)	Archdiocesan Special Collections	\$ 18,912
Christmas YTD (11/30/2022)	\$ 3,245		

- 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 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!



A big thank you to all blood donors and volunteers!

20 whole blood and 4 double red units were collected at the December 10th blood drive held at Mater Christi. This has the lifesaving potential to impact 72 patients. All blood collected is distributed to local hospitals. This event is jointly sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society.



Stewardship: Gifts of Time, Talent & Treasure

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith
Global Mission Office
Department of Parish Vitality and Mission
3525 South Lake Park Avenue
Chicago, IL 60653

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



October 22, 2022

Fellow Missionary Disciples:

We in the Mission Office are eternally grateful for your donation through the Missionary Cooperation Plan. Your willingness to welcome missionaries in your parish, listen to their stories, and respond with generosity is a true sign of Gospel love and missionary spirit.

The missionaries supported through this initiative depend on your contributions in their work to proclaim the Good News of Jesus in our world, especially among those facing poverty, turmoil, and persecution. They walk alongside the vulnerable and marginalized, respond to spiritual and material needs, and build bonds of love among communities in conflict. Now, with your contributions, they do these things in the knowledge that you stand with them as fellow members of the Body of Christ.

90 percent of every donation through the summer Missionary Co-op directly supports missionaries in their work. The remaining 10 percent supports the operations of the Mission Office, on whom missionaries from across the globe rely to build connections with supporters like you within the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Thank you for joining us in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ in our world!

Sincerely,

Megan C. Mio
Director

Irene Acevedo-Gonzalez
Bookkeeper

November 10, 2022

Dear St. Paul VI Parish,

Thank you for your donation of 42 bags of coats for clients of Catholic Charities. Your generosity helps us meet the needs of families in the west suburbs.

Catholic Charities provides food, shelter, clothing and counseling to tens of thousands of people in the west suburbs every year. Our West Region office in Cicero serves more than 300,000 meals a year through our food pantry and supper program; shelter dozens of men, women and children who otherwise would be homeless through programs such as New Hope Apartments; clothes hundreds of people and offers support and counseling to help our clients on the path to self-sufficiency.

The coats you donated will be distributed to families in those Catholic Charities programs, who are struggling more than ever with the high cost of living. Your generosity not only helps them make ends meet, it gives them encouragement and hope by letting them know someone cares.

Thank you again for your support. With your help, we are making a difference in the lives of those in need.

With gratitude,

Mike Waters

West Regional Services
1400 S. Austin Blvd., Cicero IL 60804
(708) 222-1491 catholiccharities.net



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.

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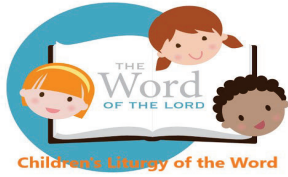
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ebkos@stpaulviparish.org.

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 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, January 17th. Check the SignUpGenius link for more info: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054eaea62aaaf1-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!



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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.

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If you are interested in this worthy deed, please contact Kathy Burns, burns.kathleen@comcast.net

Sponsored by the St Paul VI Women's Society.



The next session is Saturday, January 7th from 8:30- 11:15 am. Kids 11+ must be 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.

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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; or Susan Kahler, 708-805-1007, sclarekahler@gmail.com.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

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



HISPANIC MINISTRY / MINISTERIO HISPANO

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

For questions, contact Matthew Brophy mbrophy@archchicago.org or call 708-447-1020.

Únase al Comité Hispano de St. Paul VI para hablar sobre promover nuestra fe latina y compartir con la comunidad Parroquial.

Si tiene preguntas, comuníquese con Matthew Brophy mbrophy@archchicago.org o llame al 708-447-1020.

ST. PAUL VI HOLY NAME SOCIETY

St Paul VI Parish Holy Name Society (HNS) meets monthly from September through May each term. General meetings are held on the second Friday of each month with a Mass celebrated the Sunday immediately following the meeting. Other HNS events are held throughout the calendar year with information posted in advance in the bulletin. For information contact Ted Watylyk at stpaulvihns@gmail.com.



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets twice a month to pray, knit and crochet. Please let us know when someone in your family or neighborhood is in need of the comfort these prayer filled shawls, hats & scarves provide.

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

BAPTISM OF INFANTS

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



MARRIAGE PREPARATION

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



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

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



FUNERAL PLANNING & ARRANGEMENTS

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

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

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

Contact Cheryl Skoda at cskoda@stpaulviparish.org for assistance in any musical questions or special requests.

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

COUNSELING SERVICES

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

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

Meet our parish counselor Damaris 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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