

APRIL 21, 2024

CRUCICIS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOHN 14:24:15

320 South Washington Street
Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Schedule

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Monday through Friday 6:25 am
8:30 am
Saturday (weekday Mass) 8:30 am
Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
Sunday 7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

Holy Family Chapel

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

TEEN MASS (open to the public)

Upper Church

Sunday, May 19th @ 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

in vestibule of Upper Church

Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am
Saturday 3-4:00 pm

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

Baptisms

Alessandro David Curcio

Son of David J. Curcio and Janice G. Salas

Quinn Isabel Kopacz

Daughter of Michael Kopacz and Morgan Elies

Jimmy Barry Lorenz

Son of Brian F. Lorenz and Marianna DeFilippis

Liam Thomas Mahoney

Son of Timothy G. Mahoney and Caitlin L. McAuliffe

Easton James Tagge

Son of Scott Tagge and Michelle Moriarty

Nolan Lee Treaster

Son of Billy Treaster and Kelsey Carolan

Pray for our Sick

Names Stay in Bulletin for 2 months

Delaney Bartz
Julie Benedetto-Wilcox
Joe Garvey
Baby Oliver Letcher
Vince Ross
Will Whiston
Carole Zachary

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed in our SPC community.

Leonard Barbarone
Kathleen Jacobs
James Hurley

Wedding Banns

III Thomas F. Didier

&

Tara Ann-Marie Woodford

III Declan Mulcrone

&

Maureen O'Donnell

II Nick Welninski

&

Diana Bernatek

About the Cover Artist

Linda Swoboda is a practicing pediatrician at Lutheran General Hospital with a passion for art since her childhood. Initially an art major, Linda was eventually pulled into the sciences and medicine.

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (April 7th-13th)

Envelopes	\$16,696.00
Loose	\$9,778.15
Electronic Giving	\$14,815.94
Total Weekly Offering	\$41,290.09
ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (through April 13th)	
Lenten Almsgiving	\$63,631.10
Easter	\$105,273.00

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (through March 19th)(goal: \$145,569)	\$75,546 paid (52%) \$87,366 pledged (60%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through April 13th)	\$1,513,808.03
Sunday Giving FY24 vs Budget (July 1st through March 31st)	\$105,274.04

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18
Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20
Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Letters from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

A friend shared with me the other day this quote from the poet Rainer Marie Rilke:

“Death is our friend precisely because it brings us into absolute and passionate presence with all that is here, that is natural, that is love... Life always says Yes and No simultaneously. Death (I implore

you to believe) is the true Yea-sayer. It stands before eternity and says only: Yes.”

The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. It's a line we're all familiar with. St. Peter quotes it in his sermon from Acts of the Apostles in our second reading. It's from Psalm 118 and appears elsewhere throughout the scriptures. The rejected stone symbolizes death. Jesus died. The cornerstone doesn't vanish into nothingness. It becomes the cornerstone of some new and fantastic building. Jesus rose from the dead.

If we are called to be like Jesus, and Jesus is the rejected stone, then we too are called to be the rejected stone. We are *the Rejected Stones* (maybe a good name for a *Rolling Stones* cover band?). That is, we are called to face death and embrace it. When we die, we are raised.

Sure, I'm talking about our literal deaths. Whether you are in your 20s or your 80s, it's always a good idea to have your life in order and meditate on your death. Are you ready for it? Why or why not? Are you afraid? All things to pray and talk to Jesus about.

But there are other deaths we are called to face everyday, smaller “deaths” than the final death, but as important nonetheless. If we can embrace those deaths, becoming the rejected cornerstone, we will be saying “yes” to something great and opening ourselves up to a new horizon.

For example, I think of a married individual who is experiencing the “seven year itch” or a mid-life crisis. The honeymoon has worn off, they are tired or bored or frustrated with their spouse or job or home, and the temptation is to leave: find a new partner or change scenery somehow. To indulge that temptation is to avoid death, to avoid becoming the Rejected Stone.

Rather, the invitation in this situation for the

struggling partner/parent is to acknowledge the pain of the relationship and remain with the Lord in it. Don't give up on your marriage or your home. It's generally not the other spouse's fault or a problem with the current landscape. It's generally about us growing, surrendering, letting go of an old way of living. If we can let go of that old way of living, then we will become a cornerstone for something newer and better.

This is counter-cultural. The world tells us to always be happy and to change or eliminate that which brings us pain. This is why St. Paul says the cross is a stumbling block for many. The world would not have us die. Ironically, the world's way will cause us to die. “He who loses his life finds it, and he who preserves his life loses it,” said our Lord.

There are many other examples we could give. The point is death is facing you in some way you're probably not recognizing immediately. Make friends with it. As Rilke says, death is the ultimate “Yea-sayer.” And know that you're not alone in your struggle.

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The Word on the Street event will take place at Harp and Fiddle this Tuesday, April 23rd. Fr. Tim Anastos, the previous associate pastor at Mary Seat of Wisdom and current assistant at the Newman Center at UIC, will join me for the discussion. Our topic will be “Does the Church need to update?”

Our weekly **Wednesday Scripture Seminar** will take place this Wednesday at 9am in the Holy Family Chapel. Please note, there will be *no seminar next Wednesday, May 1st*.

We are currently giving out a free book, *Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary* by Dr. Brant Pitre. We thought this would be helpful in our understanding of Mary and in enhancing our devotions for the month of May. We have 500 copies of the book. If you would like an advance copy (or two) before we put it out for the general parish in another week, please call or email the parish office. You can email Nick Testa (nicktesta@spc-church.org). We will then have a parish-wide book discussion and lecture on Mary at the end of May, though there is no commitment to attend if you sign up for the book. We hope you will read and enjoy the book.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Wallace

Community Reflections



I was meditating on the virtue of patience recently remarking at how elusive this gift is. We all agree it's a wise aspiration, but difficult to attain. Proverbs 14:29 states "whoever has patience has great understanding, but one who is quick tempered displays folly." When I prayed for clarity in my vocation it took years to discern the right path. I hear often of people telling me they pray for something and it seems nothing changes or the result seemed fruitless. I struggle with patience for the Lord and most other things actually. I can even be frustrated when a friend reminds me of Habakkuk 2:3 "For the revelation awaits an appointed time; it speaks of the end and will not prove false, though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay." That seems to be the hard part, waiting for knowledge and the unfolding of Gods plan in our lives.

He is patient with us, just think of the parable of the prodigal son. He waits for our return, and is ready to forgive our transgressions. "Praise be his patience for I am slow to repentance." A parent learns quickly to be patient or they will surely combust. A gardener has patience: change so slow it is hard to measure but over time the result can be great beauty and nourishment. I had an orchid which didn't bloom for three years. It didn't seem to want to or need to; just content being a sprig of leaves. Many looked at it and contemplated throwing it out thinking it was a lost cause. Now it finally shines with beauty that rewards the patient soul. Everyday I see it when making my morning coffee and am grateful that I persevered. My grandmother prayed the rosary for years that I would turn my life around, I could see she was happy God found a way for me to have a purpose. Patience is supported by hope born in an abiding trust in God. Hopefully all of our spiritual journeys, unique to us, will lead to this faith.

Yours in Christ,

Father Nicholas Cavallari

Adoration Chapel

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!


Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am until 11 pm.

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. Red boxes indicate where there are no committed adorers. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed to fortify the schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present.

If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at 847-825-7605 or email adorationchapel@spc-church.org.

	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
12:00 AM	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Yellow
1:00 AM	Red	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red
2:00 AM	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
3:00 AM	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
4:00 AM	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
5:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
6:00 AM	Yellow	clean	Yellow	clean	Yellow	clean	Green
7:00 AM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green
8:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
9:00 AM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
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8:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Green
9:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
10:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
11:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS		
MON, 4/22 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Howard and Betty Kramer		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Patricia DeBella, Umberto Spuria, Martin Ciebien, Helen Maloney, Michael Ingram, Mark DuBrock, Birthday Blessings for William Plencner		
TUE, 4/23 Saint George, Saint Adalbert	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Anna Kolowicz		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Joan Roer, Nelia Payomo, Healing and Blessings for John Ahern, Jr.		
WED, 4/24 Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Louise Bak		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Louise Sottile, Rev. Daniel Smilanic, Jeanne Ingram		
THUR, 4/25 Saint Mark	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Bill Eddy		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Dominic Morris, Rosa DiFranco		
FRI, 4/26 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Holy Souls in Purgatory		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Peter Tobin, Patricia Raucci, James Roche, William and Martha Bradna		
SAT, 4/27 Easter Weekday	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			50th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Vince, Jr. and Violet Llanes		
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. Nick			Patti Nowak, Cave Sullivan	Carol Welton, Karl Ochsner, Mary Jack, Katheen A. McMahon	John Sleszynski, Helena Wojtas, Helena Kazibut, George O'Leary, Brian Masterson, Sr. Romana Hennessy, Robert Vabro
SUN, 4/28 Fifth Sunday of Easter	7:30 am UC	Fr. James			Kirke Machon, Frances Johnson	Mike Marrese, Mike McCue, Eugene Cooney, Missy Machon	Birthday Blessings for Nancy Woods
	9:00 am UC	Fr. Nick			Jimmy Johnston, John Tallman	Elly Lamacchia, Donna Donovan, Randy Bull, Lisanne Roth	Albert Schick, Bogna Van Dyke
	10:30 am UC	Fr. James			Susan Davis, Brianna Santucci	Dan Hogan, Paula Vallejo, Margaret Teich, Laura Manos	Gerald Schorr, Liana Pini, Healing and Blessings Mary Forrest Hopkins, Deceased members of the Dockery, Cooney and Forrest families
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick			Joni Haley, Sally Keenan, Katie Johnston, Neda Naum, Joan Keefe	Katie Johnston, Neda Naum, Joan Keefe, Maria Talarico	Christopher and Jennifer Palacz, Steven Modzelewski, Larry Jones, Kathleen Jacobs.

Events This Week

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Monday, April 22nd @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	That Man is You
Tuesday, April 23 @ 7:00 pm	Harp & Fiddle	Word on the Street
Wednesday, April 24th @ 9:00 am	Holy Family Chapel	Scripture Seminar with Father James
Thursday, April 25th @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Thursday, April 25th @ 8:00 pm	Morello Parish Life Center Gym	Pick Up Basketball

The History of Eucharistic Adoration: Development of Doctrine in the Catholic Church

What did Pope Gregory VII (life: 1020/25 – 1085) teach about the Eucharist?

From EWTN, “Gregory’s teaching on the Real Presence was quoted verbatim in Pope Paul VI’s historic document *Mysterium Fidei* (1965) to meet a new challenge to the Eucharist in our day--very similar to what happened in the eleventh century.

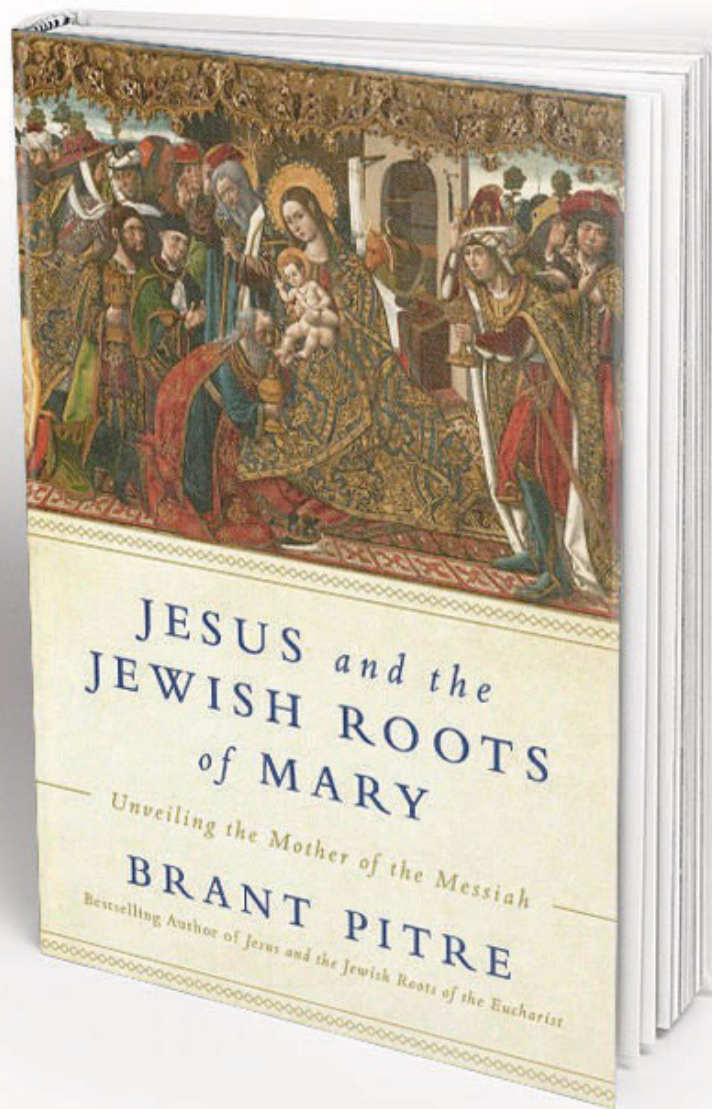
“I believe in my heart and openly profess that the bread and wine placed upon the altar are, by the mystery of the sacred prayer and the words of the Redeemer, substantially changed into the true and life-giving flesh and blood of Jesus Christ our Lord, and that after the consecration, there is present the true body of Christ which was born of the Virgin and offered up for the salvation of the world, hung on the cross and now sits at the right hand of the Father, and that there is present the true blood of Christ which flowed from his side. They are present not only by means of a sign and of the efficacy of the Sacrament, but also in the very reality and truth of their nature and substance.”

With this profession of faith, the churches of Europe began what can only be described as a Eucharistic Renaissance. Processions of the Blessed Sacrament were instituted; prescribed acts of adoration were legislated; visits to Christ in the pyx were encouraged; the cells of anchoresses had windows made into the church to allow the religious to view and adore before the tabernacle. An early ordinal of the Carmelites included the words “for the devotion of those in the choir” when referring to the reservation of the species.” From the eleventh century on, devotion to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle became more and more prevalent in the Catholic world. At every stage in this development, members of religious orders of men and women took the lead. The Benedictine Lanfranc, as Archbishop of Canterbury, introduced from France into England numerous customs affecting the worship of the Real Presence.”

Stay tuned for our next message which will discuss St. Francis of Assisi and his belief in the Eucharist. God bless!



Get Your Free Book!



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Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

JOE CAPITANI RISING STAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

In an effort to promote and encourage Catholic Education, the St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club will award our 14th annual scholarship, worth \$5,000, to be utilized at any approved Catholic High School Institution in the Chicagoland area. This scholarship opportunity is open to any 8th Grade male parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross. The Rising Star Scholarship will be awarded to the deserving individual who...

- Demonstrates aptitude for extracurricular activities, has contributed to his community through philanthropy and demonstrates good Christian values.
- Completes a one-page essay.
- Participates in an informal interview with members of the SPC Men's Club Judging Committee.

All entries must be submitted by 5 PM Monday, May 6th. All applicants are to contact Steve Bachert from the St. Paul Men's Club at sbachert7@gmail.com or by phone, 312.399-9531 for complete details, eligibility requirements, and submission information.

Announcements

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS SCHOOL BOARD OPENINGS FOR 2024-25 ACADEMIC YEAR

The St. Paul of the Cross School Board has three openings for the upcoming 2024-25 school year. We invite parents and parish members to consider taking a leadership role and participating on the school board.

As an advisory board, our school board assists our Principal, Dr. Erika Mickelburgh, in formulating and implementing policies and procedures to run our parish school. The school board meets monthly during the school year. Board activities include finance, academic education, religious education, public relations, technology and building planning. The eligibility requirements for the Board are as follows:

1. 21 years of age or older
2. Registered member of the Parish
3. No full time or part-time employees of the school or immediate member of the family of an employee shall be eligible for Board membership
4. Genuine interest in Catholic education
5. Ability to work with others to achieve consensus
6. Available for meeting and committee work
7. Ability to maintain confidentiality and exhibit the highest levels of respect and integrity.

If you are interested in participating on the school board, please email Siobhan Haugh at: siobhan.haugh3@gmail.com or schoolboard@spc-school.net. You may also contact any of the current board members listed on the SPC school website.

The nomination deadline is **Tuesday, April 16, 2024.**

SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with* FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24TH
9:00 am
Holy Family Chapel

Please join Fr. James at the next SCRIPTURE SEMINAR on Wednesday, APRIL 24th at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

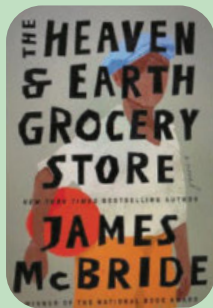
- * Pancake mix and syrup
- * Ketchup
- * Cookies
- * Strawberry jelly

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH
7:30 pm

Parish Life Center A/B Room

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



SPC SCHOOL KID'S SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE

Our summer camp schedule is as follows:

JUNE 10-14

JUNE 17-21

JUNE 24-28

VISIT: <https://www.spc-school.net/parents/summer-camp> TO LEARN MORE.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Avenues to Independence is looking for volunteers to help with retail work at our Thrift Shoppe located at 7710 Touhy Ave on the border of Park Ridge and Chicago. For more information, please contact Stephen Kray, President and CEO, at 847-292-0870 ext 1141 or skray@avenuestoindependence.org.

PLANNED GIVING

As stewards of our faith, you can express your gratitude for God's gifts and help ensure that God's good work on earth continues by considering a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the Archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish as the remainder beneficiary.

How It Works:

1. Make a gift of \$10,000 or more to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fund your gift annuity with cash or securities.
2. Receive fixed payments for life – for yourself or a loved one age 60 or older. Payment rates are based upon the age of the annuitant at the time you establish the gift annuity.
3. Enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy).
4. The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school – as designated by you.

For more information, please visit giving.archchicago.org/cga. To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact Krystina M. Campbell, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.534.5404 or kcampbell@archchicago.org.

Word On the Street

TUESDAY, APRIL 23RD

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

HARP & FIDDLE

110 MAIN ST, PARK RIDGE

**YOU ARE INVITED TO
AN EVENING OF FELLOWSHIP AND CONVERSATION**

WITH

FR. JAMES WALLACE

&

FR. TIM ANASTOS

TOPIC: DOES THE CHURCH NEED TO UPDATE?

**APPETIZERS WILL BE PROVIDED!
CASH BAR WILL BE AVAILABLE!**

**EMAIL NICKTESTA@SPC-CHURCH.ORG WITH QUESTIONS
ALL ARE WELCOME!**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

Table of Plenty 2024

For ALL Incoming PK 4 yr – 5th Graders

Come join us here at St. Paul's for our VBS Program – Table of Plenty! The yummy schedule for this weeklong adventure is to strengthen your child's faith with fun and faith-filled activities. Children will learn that everyone is welcome at God's table! They will sing songs, play games, make crafts and have fun all while discovering the beauty of Jesus' love filled teachings. Sign Up Today!

When: June 17 through June 21 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$65 for one child / \$95 for two children / \$105 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2024-2025

Materials and Snacks ARE INCLUDED in the price!

PLEASE PRINT

CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE in FALL: _____

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CHILD'S NAME: _____

GRADE in FALL: _____

ALLERGIES: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE: _____ EMERGENCY # _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT: Use our online payment site (accepts both credit cards & electronic checks)
<https://www.givecentral.org/customizable-online-giving/133/event/37309>

OR

By check made payable to St. Paul of the Cross & drop off along with Reg Form at Kinane Center

Email the Reg Form to spccatechesis@yahoo.com

Information on groups & other specifics will be emailed in June

We Need High School or College age class leaders – email us!

QUESTIONS?
847-692-2758 OR spccatechesis@yahoo.com



Knights of Columbus Special Olympics

On Sunday, April 13th, the Knights of Columbus shared smiles and applause as they presented the athletes of the Special Olympics Region B Special Spring Games with awards. It was a truly heartwarming moment, celebrating the achievements of such an enthusiastic group. This is one of many events that the Knight of Columbus Maria Council #4836 supports.



Above: Ken Kulas, Robbie Gawronski, Jane Gawronski, Dominic Lombardi, Izzy Peri, Anthony Peri, Tammy Diaz-Peri, James Irwin, Brian Irwin, Gabby Irwin. Not pictured: Brianna Santucci, Will Painter, Gary Taylor



Founded on the principle of charity, unity and fraternity, the Knights of Columbus was established by Father Michael McGivney to unite men in their faith while also providing assistance to the sick, disabled, outcast, disenfranchised and families in need. Maria Council #4836 is comprised of members from St Paul of the Cross, Mary Seat of Wisdom, Our Lady of Hope and Our Lady of Ransom parishes. For more information and to join our organization contact Robert Gawronski at kofcmaria4836@gmail.com.

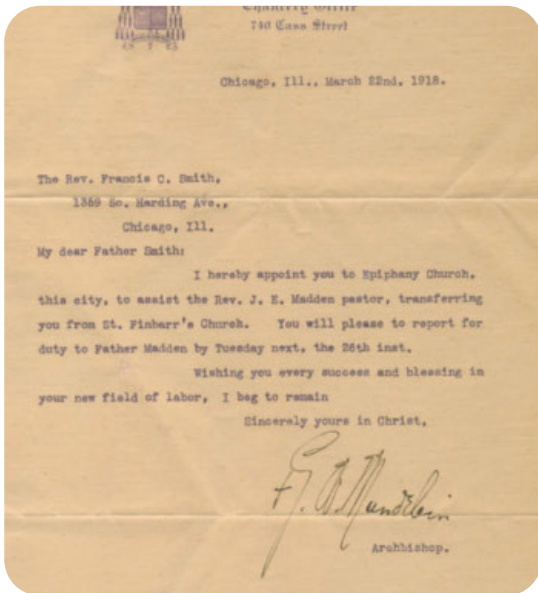
Archive Corner with Mark Miller

Letter from Cardinal Mundelein

One of the oldest items the archive corner has is a letter written by Cardinal Mundelein from 1918. It's a letter of assignment for Father Smith to be an Associate Pastor at Saint Finbar. This must have been his assignment before becoming Saint Paul of the Cross's third Pastor in 1922, serving our Parish for 34 years. The Church has since closed. I did come across a photo from the Archdiocese of early days of the Parish located on the south side of Chicago.



Father Francis Smith



Cardinal Mundelein letter



Photo of Saint Finbar(From the Archdiocese Archives)

Location
1359 S. Harding
Chicago, Illinois
Project Status
Church razed in 1969
Project Date/s
Dedication date: 1930

It's Time To Tend The Garden! Earn Service Hours!



Sponsor A Raised Bed in our Vegetable Garden to Feed the Hungry!

Sponsoring our parish vegetable garden means planting, watering, and harvesting your own 4'x4' raised bed throughout the growing season. We supply the boxes, organic mix, grids, trellises, and plants, plus all the information and support you need to make your garden grow. In keeping with our mission to feed the hungry, the vegetables we grow will be distributed through our food pantry.

OUR PARISH GARDEN IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF SUMMIT AND RIDGE TERRACE
PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attend ORIENTATION MEETING on Monday, May 6 at 7 PM in the parish garden
2. Attend SPRING CLEANUP on Saturday, May 11 at 9 AM in the parish garden
3. Attend PARISH PLANTING DAY on Saturday, May 18 at 9 AM in the parish garden
4. Plant, water, and weed your box regularly May through October
5. Water daily in hot weather
6. Ask another gardener to tend your box if you go out of town
7. Sign up for a HARVEST, DISTRIBUTION, AND DELIVERY DATE (list of dates will be provided to all gardeners)
8. Pay \$30 fee to SPC Social Service Ministry to reserve your box (see below for instructions)
9. Sign and date this form and return it with your payment to the rectory or bring with you to the Orientation Meeting on May 6th.

Please Note: By Signing and Submitting the completed registration form below with your payment, you agree to the Project Requirements as outlined above.

Name (print): _____

Address: _____

Email _____ Phone: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment: CASH/CHECK/ONLINE: Please make your check out to SPC Social Service Ministry and return check or cash payment to the rectory (to the attention of Leni Duffy) or bring it to the Orientation Meeting on Monday, May 6th. You may also pay using the following link: <https://shorturl.at/kHJT6>

Ministry Corner

Centennial Garden



Our centennial garden, located on the corner of Summit and Ridge Terrace, is celebrating its 13th year of existence. Established in 2011 the garden team grows vegetables and herbs that are distributed to our food pantry clients during each month from May to October. Vegetables grown include lettuce, radishes, carrots, onions, tomatoes, peppers, beans, cucumbers and zucchini.

In the Spring, with the supervision of Mike Polley and his garden team, Social Service Ministry puts together a “sponsor a raised bed in our parish vegetable garden” program where parishioners and SPC school kids can participate. Sponsoring means planting, watering, and harvesting your own 4’x4’ raised bed throughout the growing season. This program has been especially popular for the kids as they not only help to feed the hungry, but they earn service hours for their participation. Aside from growing vegetables, the garden is a quiet place where it is easy to pray. A statue of St. Fiacre, patron saint of gardeners, is there to remind us he is making intercessions for us to God our Father, asking Him to bless our garden with His verdant blessings. Amen!

Yours in Christ,

Leni Duffy, SSM

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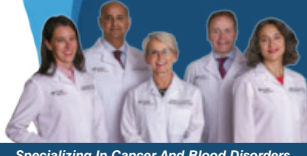
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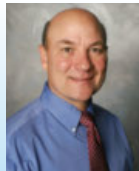
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