

MAY 12, 2024

The Chimes



SEVENTH
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD
JOSHUA 24:15

320 South Washington Street
Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068

Seventh 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

A MOTHER'S DAY PRAYER

Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Pray for our Sick

Names Stay in Bulletin for 2 months

Delaney Bartz
Julie Benedetto-Wilcox
Joe Garvey
Jerry Kenney
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.

Lawrence Valentine
Donald A. Berg

Wedding Banns

III Joseph Grigus
&
Stefanie Anderson
II Dominic Napoli
&
Maeve Derrig
I Joseph DiStasio
&
Jennifer Cichon

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (April 28th - May 4th)

Envelopes	\$9,225.00
Loose	\$5,377.59
Electronic Giving	\$15,912.28
Total Weekly Offering	\$30,514.87

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (through April 19th)(goal: \$145,569)	\$104,388 paid (72%) \$124,139 pledged (85%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through May 4th)	\$1,601,298.23
Sunday Giving FY24 vs Budget (July 1st through March 31st)	\$105,274.044

Readings for the Week

Sunday: Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 (see 30)/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Letters from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

I thought of the Feast of the Ascension, which we celebrate this weekend, when I watched the Kentucky Derby with some parishioners a few weeks ago. To me, the Ascension is like the horses entering the stall before the race. The pop going off and the gate opening to start the race would be

Pentecost. Christ goes to Heaven so he can send us the Holy Spirit, and with the Holy Spirit, received at Pentecost, we run the amazing race of life. So, make the sign of the cross when the Preakness starts this Saturday...not to win your bet, but to praise God for his gift of the Holy Spirit.

We're entering the stall this weekend. We can touch the starting gate. Soon it will drop. But before then, stay in the stall. Stay in your heart this week. Pray for excitement for the Holy Spirit. Pray for clarity on what God is calling you to do at this point in your life. For there is a mission ahead of you. Even if you think you've fulfilled your missions—your children are grown, you've served in some volunteer capacity, you're retired—there is more for you. There is always a new mission to love and serve God, and to love and serve the flock. And if you think you're too young, too insignificant, too poor or uneducated or ugly or damaged to have a mission...nonsense. You are just the person Jesus wants on the front lines of his mission.

Yes, the Ascension is a glorious day. It is a sign that we are called to something great. Pray that the Holy Spirit will show you the mission and give you the grace to go out and accomplish it.

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Happy Mother's Day. Thank you to all the women and mothers of the parish for their love, their care, and their witness to mercy. I have invited a mother after communion at all the Masses this weekend to give a short reflection on what motherhood means to them and how, in particular, they have found God in being a mother. Thank you to Emily Gleason (Saturday 4:30pm), Mary Regina "Reggie" Reither (7:30am), Meredith Santucci (9am), Denise "Dee Dee" Andrin (10:30am), Megan McLaughlin (HFC 10:30am), and Susan Clifford (12pm) for your witness of motherhood and for speaking to us.

This weekend is a special **Catholic Charities**

Mother's Day collection. This collection supports mothers seeking greater food security, pregnant mothers seeking guidance and aid, and wounded mothers seeking safety and refuge from domestic violence. There are special envelopes in the church, if you wish to contribute this way. Thank you for your generosity.

This past Saturday, May 11th, our parish sent a group down to **Our Lady of the Angels** mission on the west side to help serve the poor. Thank you to Leni Duffy and the Faith Hope and Charity Women's Guild for organizing the service event.

The **Parish Pastoral Council** will meet this Monday, May 13th. A special thank you to Patti Nowak, the Chair of the PPC, and all the members for their work and dedication to our parish.

On Wednesday, May 15th **SPC School** will have its May Crowning Mass at 1:30pm. Congratulations to the 8th graders and those selected to crown the Blessed Mother: Lily de Tagyos as the crowner and Tom Zelic as the escort; and the court: Abby Bomely, Chase Fantuzzi, Emmett Foster, Mary Anne Gleason, Maddie Haran, Noah Howski, Abby Seurnyck, and Griffin Teresievich.

The **SPC School Play, Annie Jr.**, is this Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30pm. Good luck, cast and crew, and break a leg.

The Respect Life Committee will be hosting a **Candlelight Rosary** this Thursday, May 16th at 7:30pm in the Church.

A special congratulations to our **seminarian Lee Noel**, who was ordained a deacon this past Friday, May 10th back in Cheyenne, Wyoming, his diocese. We look forward to having Lee back with us in the fall and assisting as a seminarian-deacon.

Next Saturday, May 18th at 10am at Holy Name Cathedral, **Deacon Martin Nyberg** will be ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. Father Martin will celebrate his first Mass as a priest at his home parish, St. Edward's in Chicago, the next day, on Sunday, May 19th at 11am. We will be fortunate to have Father Martin with us for the next two months until he begins his first assignment on July 1st as the associate pastor at St. Josaphat Parish in Chicago. Congratulations, Father Martin. We are very proud of you and we look forward to your many years of service as a priest of Jesus Christ.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. James Wallace

Catholic Reflections



I only pray out loud when I want my kids to hear what I'm saying.

I know what you're thinking — hypocrites in the synagogue and the street corner; go to your room and shut the door — but I think if Jesus had to raise children he would understand where I'm coming from. I pray out loud not because I want my kids to think I'm holy and not because I want them to admire me but because I want them to know how broken I am, how desperately I rely on the mercy and love of God.

It's also a really effective way to send a message. "God, I'm sorry I've been losing my patience today. Please help me. And send your Holy Spirit to make these kids stop fighting."

Vocal prayer, in front of other people, is an incredibly vulnerable action, so it strikes me whenever Jesus chooses to pray out loud in front of his disciples. Surely, mental prayer was something of a perpetual state for him. I imagine Jesus was ceaselessly in conversation with his Father in heaven throughout even the most ordinary of days. So, when he chooses to make those communications public, my ears perk up.

He wants his kids to hear what he's saying.

In John, chapter 17, we see that he wants us to remember who we are. His disciples are about to see things that will shake the very foundations of their faith. The only way they will make it to the other side is if they remember that truth does not consist only of what we can see with our eyes.

This is the same truth in which we have been consecrated. We belong to this truth in a way the world will never understand or accept. It is the truth we cannot see.

"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world." John 17:14

Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman,
Writer for the LPi Catholic website.

Adoration Chapel

EUCCHARISTIC 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	Red	Red
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	Green	clean	Yellow	clean	Green
7:00 AM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
8:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow
9:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
10:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
11:00 AM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
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2:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow
3:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow
4:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Green	Green
5:00 PM	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
6:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
7:00 PM	Yellow	Green	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
8:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
9:00 PM	Green	Green	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow
10:00 PM	Green	Green	Green	Green	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, 5/13 Our Lady of Fatima	6:25 am UC	Fr. James/MN*			Anne Stuerhoff		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Dominic Morris, Dolores Fortune, Peter Connolly, Donald and Shirley McCormick, Health and Blessings for Father Jim Canova, Healing and Blessings for Deacon Michael Bednarz		
TUE, 5/14 Saint Matthias	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Patricia Lanctot		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			John Reckert, Lorraine Kieser, Kathleen McLaughlin, Healing and Blessings for Deacon Michael Bednarz		
WED, 5/15 Saint Isidore	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Margaret Matz		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James/MN*			Jimmy Hauser, Healing and Blessings for Deacon Michael Bednarz		
THUR, 5/16 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Mary Popowicz		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*			Patty O'Keefe, Jurek Kolodziejski, Blessings for Mary O'Leary, Healing and Blessings for Deacon Michael Bednarz		
FRI, 5/17 Easter Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Holy Souls in Purgatory, Healing and blessings for Martin McCarthy		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Eamon Vaughan, Charlene Widmaier, Estelle Kurtyke, Blessings for Frances McCarthy		
SAT, 5/18 Saint John I	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Michael Lucarelli, Myrtle Reckert, Healing and Blessings for Deacon Michael Bednarz		
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. James			Carol Welton Sean Dolan	Katheen A. McMahon, Gina Caruso, Mary Jack, Vincent Santucci	Diane Jensen, Joe Bontempo, Michael H. Gerambia, Judy Kieser, William R. Mooney, Mari-Danna Ekstrom-Roy, 40th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Greg and Deneen Ruffolo, Healing and Blessings for Baxter Meynen
SUN, 5/19 Pentecost Sunday	7:30 am UC	Fr. James			Kirke Machon Frances Johnson	Missy Machon, Lisa Orzada, Mark Orzada, Reggie Higgins Reither	Caryl Schmidt, Dorothy Fialkowski
	9:00 am UC	Fr. James			Jimmy Johnston, John Tallman	Elly Lamacchia, Donna Donovan, Randy Bull, Nicolette Vallejo	June Kerber, Donald Ellwood, People of the Parish
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Debby Usher, Brianna Santucci	Paula Vallejo, Margaret Teich, Paula Vallejo, Bill Kesler	Joan Marie Cunningham, Luke and Ann O'Donnell, Jean Marie Roche, Lottie Ziemba, Irene Llanes, Liana Pini, Elvira and Carlos DeJesus, Annie Ennis, John Prunty, Lucille and Mary Phillips, Susan Harrison, Healing and Blessings for Mary Forrest Hopkins, Healing for Paddy Morrison, Healing for Mary Jo O'Brien, Deceased members of the Dockery, Cooney and Forrest families
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. Nick			Patti Nowak, Jane Olson	Kevin Wiley, Chris Wiley, David Demsey	Rozalia and Pawel Piatek, Pat, Mary and Bonnie Hughes, Cormac McDonagh, Rosa Vitale, The Alonzi family and Sal

*LEGEND: /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching

2024 Mothers Day Appeal



Show single moms they are not alone!

Being a mom today can be hard, especially when struggling to make ends meet. At Catholic Charities, we help mothers across Cook and Lake counties overcome challenges and find stability all year round-so they and their children can thrive. We accompany anyone in need, serving nearly 375,000 individuals and families annually.

Gail's Story:

- Family Self-Sufficiency is one of Catholic Charities most effective and beloved programs. Gail* is a 2019 graduate from the program. She shared, "When I first started, my exact thoughts were, 'This is a program for people trying to keep it together'. It challenges the participant to set goals and make game plans to achieve them while creating a custom work plan that caters to the specific life circumstances." She goes on to say, "To date, I have accomplished every goal that my case worker and I set." Since leaving the program, Gail continues to work toward goals based on the near- and long-term needs for her children and herself.
- *Name changed to protect privacy

Please support the Second Collection on Mother's Day, May 12th or anytime at <https://www.catholiccharities.net/give/fy24sp/> or use the QR code below.



The Potter's Flask: Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary

Week of May 5th



Mother with Child, Pablo Picasso, 1901, Chicago

“Perhaps another question needs first to be asked: If God loves us equally when we are bad and when we are good, then why be good? This is an interesting question, though not a deep one. Love, understood properly, is never a reward for being good. Goodness, rather, is always a consequence of having been loved. We are not loved because we are good, but hopefully we become good as we experience love.”

–Ronald Rolheiser

At a certain point in time a person asks himself, Am I loved? Am I desired? Am I good? Perhaps the question comes when he or she is a teenager. Perhaps the question is asked later in life. Everything rides on the answer to this question. To answer in the negative is to set oneself on the course of slavery. No, I am not loved; no, I am not desired; no, I am not good means either my life is over or that I have to work to earn the love, desire, and respect. We will thenceforth be driven. We will be overachievers at best, never satisfied with our standing, and always on shifting ground. Any failure will drive home our deepest fear, plunging us into darkness. Any success will only be a mirage, interpreted as a condescending and deceitful offering from a pitying mate.

To answer in the positive, however, will set us on a rainbow, so to speak. Life will be free, lovely, lighthearted, and joyful. Yes, I am loved; yes, I am desired; yes, I am good means we can be at peace. Someone has brought us into this world intentionally. They have done the good work in us. We can live in confidence and trust.

There is one correct answer to these questions. Only the presence of a mother can assure we answer in the positive. For a mother always sees and says to the child the goodness in him or her. The Blessed Mother confirms the truth within us, that we are good and wanted.

Wanted by whom? Jesus, of course. But also the Church. We are wanted by the Church. So many of us doubt our role and our standing in the Church. Well, Mary, the Mother of the Church, speaks to us that the Church too finds us good, lovable, and desirable. Listen to Mary say to you, “the Church needs you.”

Pablo Picasso painted many versions of Madonna and Child during his “blue period.” This was a difficult time in his life, a period of darkness and depression. He had lost a loved one, was struggling with his career, and found God and the Church very distant. Catholicism in Southern Spain in the early 20th Century was, to use one writer’s characterization, “exasperated.” It was a spirituality that emphasized negative responses to those fundamental questions. It was a Church too entwined with the state. Picasso and others were bent over and burdened by this demanding and critical view of God, of Catholicism.

The mother in the above image is similarly bent over. She feels the weight of the critical attitude around her. She is in poverty, as the bare room indicates, but she shows tender affection for her child. She grasps his head with one hand and holds the child’s hand with the other, while soothingly kissing the head. The child pines for this affirmation. It gives him strength and nourishment. The child stands upright and is ensconced in white.

The world around us tells us we are never enough. Earn more money. Lose more weight. Buy nicer clothes. Have more popular friends. We can feel the Church saying the same. Pray better. Go to church more. Evangelize.

Mary frees us from this suffocating way of living. She takes us out of the blue and assures us the world and church are made for us, not us for them.

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
APOSTOLATE
of **WOMEN**

SPC Women's Golf Outing

Sponsored by the Faith, Hope & Charity guild
 and the Apostolate of Women (AOW), the women's group of
 St. Paul of the Cross church



Sunday, September 15, 2024

All women of the parish are invited to our second annual golf outing, with proceeds benefiting the parish Social Services Ministry. Create your own foursome or we will pair you with some new friends. Don't miss out on the fun!

Sponsor a Hole!

We are looking for hole sponsors. The cost is \$250 and will include advertising signage.

To pay for your sponsorship, please scan the Paypal QR code below.

Thank you for your generosity!

Sponsorship



Date + Time

Sunday, September 15
 at 3:30 p.m.

- 9 holes—shotgun start
- Cocktails and mixed grill buffet at 6:00 p.m.
- Full cash bar

Number of Spots + Cost

Open to 72 players or 18 foursomes—
 if spots fill, we will add you to a waiting list

- Golf only: \$75
- Buffet dinner only: \$50
- Golf and buffet: \$120
- All golfers will receive gift bags

Location

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course
 6700 W. Howard Street
 Niles, Illinois

Win Prizes!

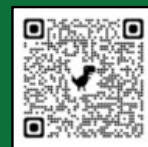
- Best Ball—foursome
- Longest drive past the Pastor
- Longest drive past the Principal
- Closest to the pin on a Par 3
- Strings for putts, mulligans and sand balls available for purchase
- Raffle prizes and more

Register and Pay by August 15

To complete your registration and pay, please scan the QR code below.

Or, if you prefer to pay by check, drop off a check payable to "AOW" at the SPC rectory. Please write "AOW Women's Golf Outing" on the envelope.

Registration



Questions? Contact Maggie Burke at (312) 771-0555 or FHCgolfouting@gmail.com

Announcements at St. Paul of the Cross

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



VOCATIONS EVENTS

On **May 18, 2024** at **10 a.m.**, four men will be ordained to the priesthood by Cardinal Cupich at Holy Name Cathedral. Please pray for the newly ordained as well as all of our priests.

We invite all parishioners to join us in this joyous event via livestream. The livestream link is on the vocations website at vocations.archchicago.org/events/priesthood-ordination.

OTHER EVENTS THIS WEEK

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE (LECTIO DIVINA)

Thursday, May 16th
7:30 pm - Kinane Center

PICK UP BASKETBALL

Thursday, May 16th
8:00 pm - Morello Parish Life Center Gym

PLANNED GIVING

LEAVE A LEGACY TO BRING HOPE TO THE WORLD

Do you have a life insurance policy you no longer need? A gift of life insurance is a powerful and simple way to provide future support for our parish. Here are two ways to give a gift of life insurance to St. Paul of the Cross:

- Name our parish as a beneficiary of the policy. Simply update your beneficiary designation form with your policy holder and list the primary or contingent beneficiary as: St. Paul of the Cross, The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, a Corporation Sole”
- Make an outright gift of an existing policy. You can irrevocably name our parish as owner and beneficiary of a policy with accumulated cash value that you and your family no longer need. You qualify for a federal income tax charitable deduction when you itemize on your taxes. Also, if you continue to pay premiums on the policy, each payment is tax deductible as a charitable gift, if you itemize.

For more information on making a gift of life insurance to our parish, we recommend you consult with your financial planner, attorney or insurance representative. Please contact Marguerite Q. Zappa, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.848.3068 or mzappa@archchicago.org with any additional questions.

PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

- White rice (1-3 lb pkgs)
 - Pasta sauce
 - Toothpaste
 - Chunky Soup

“The loveliest masterpiece of the heart of God is the heart of a mother.”

- St. Thérèse of Lisieux

Announcements (continued)

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Nick and Mike Marrese will be conducting Altar Server Training on Monday, May 13, 2024, 3:30-5:00pm, in the SPC Upper Church. This training is for new altar servers and for students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. If your son or daughter is interested please email Mike Marrese at mjmarrese@gmail.com

SPC SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The SPC School Board is holding an election to fill three (3) vacancies for terms that will run from May 2024 through May 2027. We are fortunate to have eight (8) candidates interested in serving on the Board:

Mike Brasie
Patrick Bryant
Ethan Cross
Michael DeSantis
Mary Elizabeth Hare
Andrew Knox
Kathy Manny
Megan Weber

Online Voting will be open from Thursday, May 2nd through Monday, May 13th.

School parents & registered parishioners are eligible to vote.

To review the candidates' personal statements then cast your online vote, please use this link: <https://forms.gle/6J6MBFcD8dJQh8929>

or scan this QR code:



If you have any questions, feel free to contact SPC School Board President, Siobhán Haugh, at siobhan.haugh3@gmail.com or 773.791.0570.

SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with* FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
9:00 am
Holy Family Chapel

Please join Fr. James at the next SCRIPTURE SEMINAR on Wednesday, MAY 15th 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.

CANDLELIGHT ROSARY THURSDAY, MAY 16TH 7:30 p.m. Upper Church

Please join us for cake & coffee immediately following the service

During the month of May, we honor Mary, the Mother of Jesus. One of the most beautiful ways to honor Mary is by praying the Rosary. Whether you've never learned the Rosary and would like to be introduced to this peaceful form of prayer, or you pray the Rosary regularly, please come and be inspired.

May is also the month in which we honor all mothers. In order to respond to the needs of pregnant and parenting moms in our community, we will be accepting free will donations to support Aid for Women, a local organization that helps women dealing with unexpected pregnancies. You can make a donation at the Rosary on May 16th, drop it off at the rectory or visit Aid for Women's website at www.helpaidforwomen.org/donatenow. Please be sure to include "St. Paul of the Cross-Park Ridge" as your parish affiliation. Thank you for your generous support of this life-saving organization!

Announcements (continued)

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Council will hold its final meeting prior to summer break on Monday, May 13th at 6:30p.m. in the Kinane Center. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND THE OPEN SESSION. Your input is invaluable to the strength, vibrancy and vitality of our parish! If you are unable to attend and wish to share your ideas for enhancing the strength of our faith family, please contact: Patti Nowak, pattinowak56@gmail.com, 847-471-2745.

SPC SCHOOL KIDS' 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.

MONDAY, JUNE 3RD
7:30 p.m.
Parish Kinane Center A/B Room
BOOK CLUB



Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss Demon Copperhead by Barbara Kingsolver.

All are welcome!

ST. PAUL WOMEN'S GROUP MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADE FEMALE STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2024

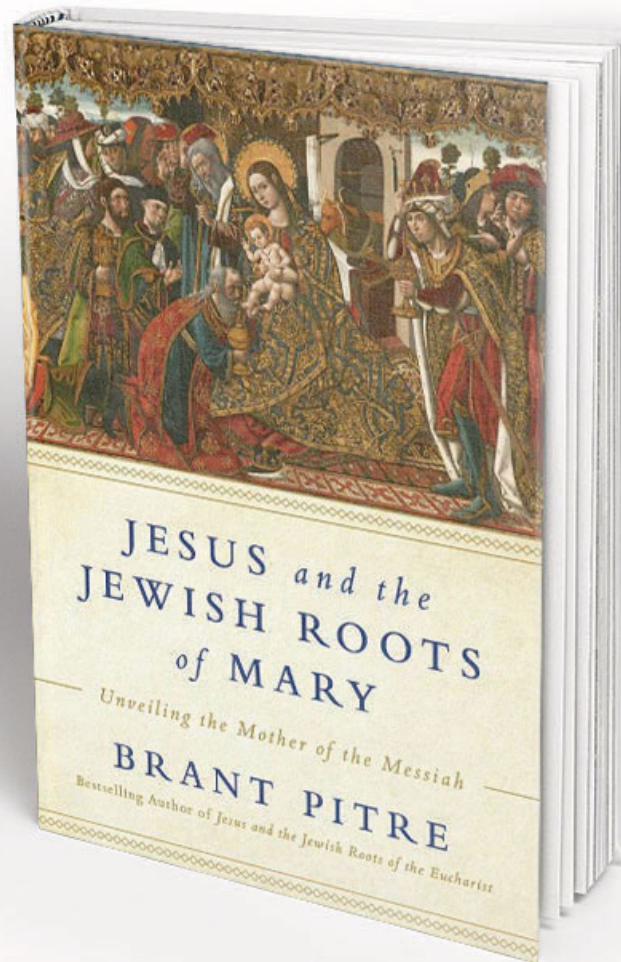
DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

St. Paul of the Cross Women's Group, the Apostolate of Women (AOW), is accepting applications for its annual Catholic Education Scholarship award. This scholarship is open to young women of the parish who are currently in 8th grade and will be attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. Two winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition at any Catholic High School in the Chicagoland area. This is an achievement/merit-based scholarship and is not based on financial need. To be considered, please submit:

- A 300 word typed essay addressing the question: How has your Catholic education influenced your life?
- Please also provide:
- Name, address, and telephone number
- Name of Catholic High School you plan to attend (Examples: Loyola Academy, St. Ignatius, Regina, Resurrection, and Saint Viator)
- List of all extracurricular activities (both in and outside of school), volunteer and service-related activities, and current cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Applications should be emailed to aow.spc@gmail.com with the subject line "AOW Scholarship" or dropped off at the parish rectory in an envelope marked "AOW Scholarship" on or before Monday, May 13, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact: Jean Rausch at (847) 318-1559, Liz Vaughan at (847) 971-8816, or email aow.spc@gmail.com. Scholarship winners will be notified by phone on or before May 24, 2024.

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Archive Corner with Mark Miller

First Communions

This week, we conclude our retrospective on the Sacrament of First Communion celebrated at Saint Paul of the Cross over the past 113 years.



1962 First Communion with Monsignor Duffin



First Communion 1963



Photo of a boy at First Communion



First Communicant (year unknown)



Outdoor First Communion event Polaroid photo (year unknown)



Smiling Girls at 2009 First Communion

Kid's Corner



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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



7th Sunday of Easter • John 17:11b-19

Ministry Corner

Incense Burner



The ritual of the incense burner is a solemn call to prayer. The burner is also known as a censer or thurible.

Preparation of the burner takes place in the sacristy where altar servers place a small charcoal disc in the holder and ignite it. Once ignited, the priest adds incense, most commonly a mixture of frankincense and myrrh. The smoke of burning incense is interpreted as a symbol of the prayer of the faithful rising to heaven.

The incense burner can be used at benedictions, processions and at key moments during Mass: at the beginning; before the Gospel, during the Offertory; and the consecration. During a funeral, the priest spreads the smoke from the thurible on the coffin to bless and purify it.

The preparation and use of the incense burner is one of the many responsibilities of our altar servers. Thank you to our SPC volunteers from our school and Religious Education Program!

Yours in Christ,

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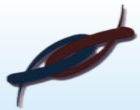
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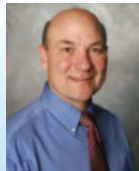
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