



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

Sunday, November 24, 2019 , Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good; his love
endures forever.**

–1 Chronicles 16:34



Our Annual Financial Report Inside



St. Paul of the Cross Welcomes...

Liam Stefan Kuchar

Son of David & Marcella Kuchar

Daniel Nicholas Trawicki

Son of Lukasz & Alina Trawicki

Vivian Taylor Maniatis

Daughter of Michael & Lauren Maniatis

Rebecca Autumn Englert

Daughter of Matthew & Mary Englert



Wedding Banns

II Brian Grice & Elizabeth Cozzi



The Rectory office will close at 2pm on Wednesday, 27th .

November 28 & 29 the office will be closed in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Looking Toward Advent....



Come, Lord Jesus!

What do Catholics believe about Mary?
Wednesday, December 4th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Session I
Preparing the Way
Wednesday, December 11th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Session II
The Birth of the Messiah
Wednesday, December 18th
9:15 am & 7:30 pm
Kinane Center

Advent Reconciliation Service
Monday, December 16th
7:30 pm - Upper Church

Thanksgiving Day ~ Thursday, November 28th

Mass time: 10:00 am

(There will be no 6:25 am or 8:30 am Mass, and no Confessions)

Friday, November 29th

8:30am Mass only



Dear St Paul of the Cross Parishioners,

Just a few days ago we celebrated the dedication of St John Lateran Basilica which is the cathedral of our Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome. If you have been there you know that the beauty of that church lies especially in its ornate floor. When I walked into that basilica for the first time I was awed by the intricacy and colorful details of the artwork on the pavement. Then a thought occurred to me. Many men and women artisans and artists spent their entire lifetime decorating one piece of that huge floor. No one knows their names and no one will ever celebrate their memory. Yet they gave their all so that millions could enjoy the fruit of their labors for centuries to come.

These unknown individuals stand for so many others who plant trees whose fruits they will never enjoy. They contribute to society and Church without counting the cost and without expecting any personal gain. Most of them remain anonymous. Yet, thanks to their selfless generosity many lives are constantly enriched. In our own community we have numerous individuals and families that give of their time, talent and treasure to build up God's Kingdom here in Park Ridge and beyond. I think of our many, many volunteers who keep our ministries running – our priests and deacons, our wonderful Catholic school teachers, our generous catechists, liturgical ministers, choir members, bereavement ministers, ministers of care, those who serve in the food pantry, our gardeners who provide fresh produce for our guests, our parish companions in our RCIA program, our sacristans... The list goes on and on. I thank each and every one of you because you make our parish what it is. You are our true treasure.

In this bulletin, we are providing highlights of our ministries as well as our annual finance report. Unlike in previous years, we are abbreviating our report. However, all the important numbers are presented here. You can get a very accurate and reliable picture of where the parish stands. I am proud to say – thanks to your generosity – we are strong, not only fiscally but also faith-wise.

As we approach Thanksgiving I would like to give thanks for each and every one of you, for all that you contribute to our parish – your time, your gifts, your treasure, your presence and your faith. As a parish let us give thanks for this faith community and for the many ways it uplifts and makes us grow. Let us thank God for our families and all the gifts they pour into our lives. Let us thank God for the many parishioners who have gone before us and have raised up an edifice to God made of living stones. In a special way I would like to thank our parish staff for their dedication and their generous ministry. I consider myself fortunate to minister with a team of competent and committed women and men who love what they do and love this parish community.

Have a heart-warming Thanksgiving holiday! Do enjoy your family and friends. May God bless you today and everyday!

Yours warmly,

Fr. Brito

Parish Statistics

Registered Households	5,033	Funerals	109
Baptisms	188	Weddings	43
First Communions	218	School Enrollment	538
Confirmations	212	CCD Enrolment	1,246

Ordinary Income/Expenses

	Prior Year 6/30/2018	Current Year 6/30/2019	Difference - / +
CHURCH INCOME			
Collections	\$1,852,670	\$1,932,274	\$79,604
Tuition and Fees	253,092	225,291	(27,801)
Auxiliary Groups Net Results	33,220	65,273	32,053
Miscellaneous Income	413,907	159,985	(253,922)
Total Church Income	2,552,889	2,382,824	(170,065)
CHURCH EXPENSES			
Salaries	1,228,419	1,214,868	(13,551)
Assessments	296,868	318,804	21,936
Miscellaneous Expense	295,658	217,514	(78,144)
Maintenance & Building Repairs	152,497	156,319	3,822
Utilities	113,109	122,759	9,650
Administrative	74,986	67,403	(7,583)
Insurance	51,194	51,885	691
Books & Supplies	37,724	51,080	13,356
Altar & Liturgical	24,121	34,727	10,606
Food and Transportation	48,748	33,217	(15,531)
Total Church Expense	2,323,324	2,268,577	(54,747)
Net Church Income/ Expense	229,565	114,247	(115,318)
SCHOOL INCOME			
Tuition & Fees	3,025,237	2,886,068	(139,169)
Miscellaneous Income	273,280	307,572	34,292
Total Income	3,298,517	3,193,640	(104,877)
SCHOOL EXPENSES			
Salaries & Benefits	2,635,510	2,643,539	8,029
Maintenance & Building Repairs	198,907	178,730	(20,177)
Books & Supplies	107,607	113,237	5,630
Utilities	86,652	90,224	3,572
Administrative	62,895	80,839	17,944
Insurance	66,336	66,887	551
Furnishings & Equipment	44,637	49,670	5,033
Miscellaneous Expense	31,665	30,793	(872)
Archdiocesan Assessment	16,119	15,660	(459)
Total Expense	3,250,328	3,269,579	19,251
Net School Income/Expense	\$48,189	\$(75,939)	\$(124,128)

Ordinary Income/Expenses

St. Paul of the Cross launched, "A Call for an Increase in Giving" in the fall of 2018 with an emphasis on online giving. With this campaign, online giving increased 41% over last year. In pew giving decreased by only 2%. Total Sunday giving came to \$1,592,400 or \$30,623 per week, making budget for the year. Collections include Sunday Collections, Holy Days, Easter, Christmas and the Facilities Collection.

Auxiliary Group Financial Activity represents combined net operating results for Athletics, Apostolate of Women, Home & School Association, Men's Club, and Social Service Ministry. Auxiliary results are included in parish reporting to the Archdiocese but the individual groups use their net earnings to fund their activities for the new fiscal year.

Miscellaneous Income includes Stole Fees, Parish Programs, as well as interest and investment income. Interest and Investment Income was \$174,720 lower than last year. The majority of Miscellaneous Income for the school is comprised of the parish subsidy of \$140,000 as well as money from the Athletics program.

Salaries and benefits increase each year with a 3% cost of living increase that is mandated by the Archdiocese of Chicago. The employer paid portion for health insurance also increases each year.

Maintenance & Building Repairs are split between the church and school throughout the year. Routine repairs that are specifically for the school buildings are covered by the school. The parish covers all capital repairs that exceed \$10,000.

Miscellaneous Expenses include parish programs, hospitality, ministry formation as well as the subsidy to the school and Religious Education.

School End of Year Deficit: the decision was made by the school and parish not to fund the final \$70,000 budgeted parish subsidy to school operations but to utilize past accumulated school operating surplus funds. As a result the school ended with year with a \$75,939 deficit.

**school enrollment in 2018 was 588 students, in 2019 538 students.*

Parish Reserves

	2018	2019	-/+
Savings	\$1,474,774	\$1,676,777	\$202,023
Investments	577,534	577,950	416
Endowment	2,175,826	2,043,254	(132,571)
TTWCI	910,848	1,121,684	210,836
Total Parish Reserves	\$5,138,982	\$5,419,665	\$280,704

Parish Giving

Shave for the Brave

St. Paul of the Cross students and teachers participated in St. Baldrick's Shave for the Brave. They raised a record \$34,992 for Childhood Cancer Research!



Youth Group Summer Mission Trip

Our youth spent three days working at the Mission of Our Lady of the Angels. They worked on preparing the pantry, serving the people in the pantry, cleaning OLA, serving seniors, playing with the after school care children, praying, and having fun. The trip was put together by our Director of Religious Education, Anna Mae Parkhill.



Archdiocesan Second Collections

Church in Latin America	\$7,487
Seminarian Education	\$11,104
Church in Eastern Europe	\$8,792
Catholic Charities	\$13,601
Peter's Pence	\$11,068
Propagation of Faith	\$10,577
Human Development	\$9,683
Retired Religious	\$22,591
Summer Mission	\$21,400
Retired Priest	\$7,236

Total Archdiocesan Collections \$124,663

Other Second Collections

St. Benedict the African	\$44,169
Baby Bottle Drive	\$19,052
St. Cecilia Fund	\$1,100
Food Pantry	\$4,094
Lenten Alms	\$90,000
Good Friday	\$7,952
CSW Collection	\$7,076
Scholarship Collection	\$4,542
Natural Disaster Collections	\$350
Total Other Collections	\$116,114



Lenten Alms from Little Rock to Puerto Rico

For the past two years St. Paul of the Cross has been working with Catholic Extension for our Lenten Almsgiving. In 2019 St. Paul of the Cross Parishioners donated \$90,000 for St. Luke's Parish in Little Rock Arkansas to renovate a former farmers' co-op into a worship space, with classrooms and office spaces.

Update from Puerto Rico!

In 2018, St. Paul of the Cross raised over \$85,000 for Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico that had been devastated by Hurricane Maria. This past May, Adrienne Timm, Social Service Ministry Director and Erika Mickelburgh, principal of St. Paul of the Cross School, visited the restored church.

Capital Projects & Extraordinary Items

	2019	
Extraordinary Income		Unpredictable and thus unbudgeted income and expense are reported to the
Bequests and Memorials	133,137	Archdiocese outside of parish operations as Extraordinary Income/Expense.
Capital Collections	53,374	Capital Collections include a substantial end of year donation that was used to
Annual Appeal Rebate	86,137	fund the new Baptismal Font in the Upper Church. Income for the Endowment
Endowment	123,219	includes donations and fundraising activity for The Endowment as well as the
Miscellaneous	62,847	operating grant that is paid to the school.
	458,714	
Extraordinary Expense		Capital Expenses include the church water main replacement, new security
Capital Expenses	139,835	cameras for the school and repairs that were made in the church boiler room
Endowment	105,399	As well as sidewalk repairs in front of the church.
Miscellaneous	44,585	
	289,819	
	168,895	

New Baptismal Font

St. Paul of the Cross received a generous 2018 end-of-year gift from a parish family. Over the past four years the Upper Church has been completely renovated. Replacing the baptismal font allowed us to put the final touch on the Upper Church Renovations.



To Teach Who Christ Is Projects

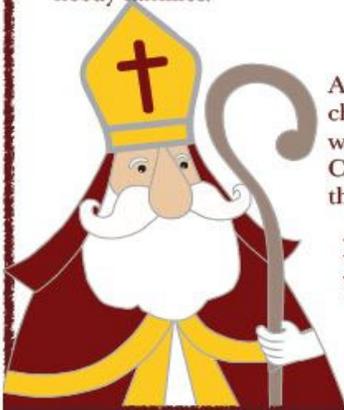


Our campaign began in the spring of 2015, and will conclude this spring. To date over \$3.3 million worth of pledges have been completed. Over the course of the past four years the majority of our projects are now behind us. We will end the campaign with the completion of The Adoration Chapel Elevator Installation and the renovation of the Holy Family Chapel Bathrooms that will include the creation of a much-needed Bride's Room in the church.

Parish Finance Council

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| <p>Fr. Britto M. Berchmans, Pastor
 Robert Armour
 Doug Evanoff
 Heather Harlan
 Jim Marino</p> | <p>Gregory Rusk
 Kathy Scherer
 Anne Scialabba
 Steve Skolozynski</p> |
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This party is all about **giving!** Give Santa an **unwrapped** gift for a child aged pre-school through eighth grade, approximately \$10 in value. Santa will gather the gifts and they will be sent to local charities for distribution to needy families.



And, Santa's Workshop will be filled with **gifts** for children to buy for family and friends. They can be wrapped at the party, so the gift will be a surprise on Christmas morning! Most of the gifts cost less than \$5.00

Please don't forget your camera to capture your child's visit with Santa.

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APOSTOLATE
of **WOMEN**
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Calling All Bakers!

Your help is needed to make our Bake Sale a success! Favorite items include cookies of all kinds, brownies, fruit pies, cakes, lemon squares, breads, candy, fudge, jams and jellies. Please bring a list of the ingredients - just the ingredients, not the amounts (Park Ridge Health Regulations). If baked from a mix, bring the ingredient panel from the box. We hope these small inconveniences won't deter you from baking.

Use disposable containers or plastic or paper plates and wrap in plastic wrap (use bows if desired). Put the name of the item only on the label. We will price the items so leave room for the price on the label.

Baked goods can be delivered to the Morello Parish Life Center on Saturday, December 7th, between 2 and 4:30 p.m. or on the morning of the sale, before 10 a.m.

WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!

St. Nicholas Party
Sunday, December 8
10:00 a.m. to 12:30
Morello Parish Life Center

Service Opportunity - St Nicholas Party - 6th Grade and older

Looking for student volunteers to help with the St. Nicholas Party. Set up is Saturday, December 7th and the actual event and clean up is Sunday, December 8 in the Morello Parish Life Center - Gym.

We will need volunteers for:
Set up - Saturday December 7 - 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Event - Sunday, December 8 - 9:30 am - 12:30 pm
Clean up -
Sunday, December 8 - 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Volunteers should sign up for a shift via SignUp.com
1. Click this link to go to our invitation page on SignUp.com <https://signup.com/go/neUqKfH>
2. Enter your email address (you will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

Senior Singles Moving On

The Senior Singles Meeting will meet today, at 3:00PM in the AB Room, in the Parish Life Center. Senior Singles will be meeting in the Parish Life Center until further notice. There will be a business meeting followed by a planning session regarding our Christmas project this year.

Immediately following the meeting, we will have dinner at the Edelweiss Restaurant, 7650 W. Irving Park Rd., Norridge.

Make your reservations for dinner by November 20th, with Loretta Fleischmann, 847-696-3061, lfeischmann@sbcglobal.net or Helen Roppel, 847-823-2998, hmroppel@gmail.com

Senior Singles meet on the fourth Sunday of every month, from 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM.

The location may vary during the next few months.
For information contact Loretta Fleischmann, 847-696-3061, lfeischmann@sbcglobal.net or Helen Roppel, 847-823-2998, hmroppel@gmail.com.



Meal Scheduling Recipes Send

TREAT OUR PRIESTS TUESDAYS

The parishioners of SPC want to show our priests how much this community loves and appreciates all that they do and the good shepherds that they are to our parish family. Sign up now to provide a delicious, home-cooked meal and dessert as a treat for our priests on any Tuesday.

Find

Find a friend's meal schedule by searching below.

RECIPIENT LAST NAME

PASSWORD

Need Help? [Click Here!](#)

Visit www.takethemameal.com

Find St. Paul using this search and password

If you would like more information before you sign up, visit our parish website: www.spc-church.org and select Treat Our Priest Tuesdays from the right hand column.



PARISH NURSE NOTES.....

A Blessed, Safe and Happy Thanksgiving to all !

As we look forward to, and plan for the holiday weekend ahead, let's chat about food, inflammation and maybe some other stuff! After the Thanksgiving festivities, walking, or catching a Frisbee with family, or even prepping the garden for winter, (which has made its debut a tad early this year), may be a fun and healthy way to burn some of the calories consumed hopefully avoiding any feelings of guilt we may have (black Friday shopping qualifies as well!)

Preparing food can be a creative experience or a way of showing concern and caring for others, ourselves, or another form of mild exercise keeping us on our feet--or all of the above. If we are preparing meals, whether celebrating or just every day, using food that helps lower our risk for chronic inflammation may be prudent.

We know that chronic inflammation can pave the way toward having a higher risk of chronic disease like diabetes, cardiovascular problems, cancer, etc.. Many of us will enjoy some pumpkin pie for dessert during the holiday, but pumpkin is a good source of vitamin A, and C and antioxidants and can be enjoyed year round in stews, soups, casseroles, or as pumpkin bread, etc.. Beans are rich in protein, fiber, minerals, vitamins and heart protective polyphenols. They, (like pumpkin, squash, cabbage, spinach, etc) can be used in various ways as nutritious food choices.

We know that nuts are a healthy source of fat, protein, and fiber and can be a snack out of hand, or added to a salad or other veggie side dishes to raise the crunch, the flavor factor, or as a garnish on soup just to name a few ways to enjoy them.

Seeds can be a healthful addition to our meals and snacks as well. Chia seeds can be used in a bread dough or over a salad to boost the antioxidant, fiber and omega-3 fatty acid content. Poppy seeds, usually seen on rolls or bread, can add a nutritious crunch when topping salmon. Fennel seeds have a unique, aniseed flavor and can help to clean our airway due to its anti-inflammatory effect during a cold. Sunflower, pumpkin, sesame, caraway seeds and pine kernels can all boost the nutrition value of our snacking or our meals. Speaking of snacks....dark chocolate comes to mind. We know that it's a heart healthy treat and scientists may have discovered how dark chocolate is beneficial. When dark chocolate is in our intestinal tract bacteria there "eat" the cocoa contained in the dark chocolate which happily causes its "anti-inflammatory properties to multiply". Substances released by this action help to keep our hearts healthy. So do enjoy a bit of dark chocolate several times during the week, (an ounce or two is the recommended portion).

And then there's consistent exercise. In the fight against chronic inflammation, exercise can be a mighty helper. When we exercise, substances are produced and released, helping to fight the cold virus, as well as Salmonella bacteria! Circulation is improved, bringing nourishment to our cells while removing the bad stuff.

Till next week let's count our blessings with gratitude and remember that, "the cheerful heart has a continual feast".

Happy Thanksgiving! Fondly, Linda Burk

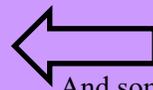
ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CATECHESIS

A Faith Journey that Lasts a Lifetime

Anna Mac Parkhill, Director of Catechesis



Our 1st Graders put their artistic abilities to work as they created a project about the ways "I Love God!" And here's a picture of some of our 4th & 5th Graders looking happy after going to Reconciliation!



And some of our middle school students joined 7500 other attendees to Chicago 2019 Holy Fire – a one day faith experience that promotes a continuous encounter with Jesus Christ.

"I know God is working so I smile!"



PARISH-WIDE PARTICIPATION SOUGHT FOR SAINT BENEDICT THE AFRICAN GIFT CERTIFICATE GIVING TREES



St. Benedict the African is very close in our thoughts and prayers during the Church year. At Christmas time, in particular, we try to reach out to our sister parish in a significant way. Sister Joanne Delehanty from St. Benedict the African (East) has asked our parish to participate in helping parishioners through gift certificates. She explains it this way:

Being church is about living the challenging values the Gospel holds up constantly before us, justice & charity certainly being among them. The reality of being Church in our world isn't easy. Perhaps a concentrated focus on gifts at Christmas misses some larger issues of what separates us, what our image of our self as an inner city parish is.

Gift certificates would allow us, at our discretion, to meet more needs over a broader range of time than just the Christmas holiday. It would allow people the great gift of their own purchase. People who have no cooking facilities welcome an occasional certificate to a local fast-food Restaurant. McDonald's & Kentucky Fried Chicken are nearby. Also welcome are certificates from Kmart, Target, Walgreens, Jewel & Walmart which are a source for diapers and formula as well as toys. Also, gas cards, such as Marathon or Mobil would be greatly appreciated.

Giving Trees will be located at all entrances of the upper & lower church. Please take a **green** envelope hanging from the branches & either: **1)** purchase a certificate at one or more of the businesses listed above, **or 2)** enclose cash for us to purchase certificates in your name.

Please deposit green envelopes in the rectory mail drop or the Offertory collection basket during December.

If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Harris of St. Jude Guild, 708-738-0077, debbie@tripilates.com.



SOCIAL SERVICE
MINISTRIES

ADRIENNE TIMM, DIRECTOR
(847) 692-6767 adriennetimm@spc-church.org

Adopt a family wish lists are now available

Family wish lists are available for our needy families in the area. Wish lists include coats, boots, casual clothing, household items, books, toys, etc.

Families come in all sizes from individuals to families of 6. We ask that you spend **\$50 per family member** to help make Christmas wishes come true.

Drop off for gifts will take place on **Friday, December 20**
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
3 p.m.—6 p.m.

Unfortunately, we cannot accommodate early drop offs. Storage is not available. Wrap all gifts individually and put nametags on them. Include gift receipts, especially for clothes. Put the wrapped gifts in a big bag (s), tie with a bow, and tape the family number on the outside. If you would like to anonymously adopt a needy family or individual for Christmas, please contact Adrienne Timm, at Social Service Ministry, 847-692-6767 - adriennetimm@spc-church.org



*A great way for a family
to earn service hours!*

grateful
thankful
blessed

The Park Ridge Ministerial Association
invites all to attend

An Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26, 2019
7:30 pm

Featuring:
Rev. Amanda Joria, Preacher
Combined Community Choir
Offering to support Sunday Night Suppers
Followed by Desserts, Coffee & Fellowship

Those wishing to participate in the
Community Choir are invited to arrive at 6:30 pm for Rehearsal.

Hosted at Park Ridge Community Church
100 Courtland Ave. Park Ridge, IL 60068



**BOY SCOUT TROOP
24 WREATH SALE
THIS WEEKEND!**

SATURDAY (AFTER THE 4:30 PM MASS)
SUNDAY, (AFTER ALL THE MASSES)

The Boy Scouts of St. Paul of the Cross Troop 24 are
selling wreaths. Size are available in 22" and 30".

Great for the Holidays!

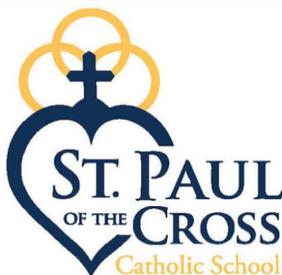


We invite you to join us for our upcoming
tour and admissions event.

Come for a visit and experience
why SPC is the Place to Be!

Wednesday, December 4, 2019

9:00 – 10:30 am Presentation & Tour



Preschool through Eighth Grade
Before & After Care (7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
Full and Half Day Preschool, Prekindergarten, and Kindergarten

St. Paul of the Cross School has so much to offer for your child.
Get to know all about us through our website
and give us a call to schedule your visit!

www.spc-school.net | 847-825-6366



Become a Part of St. Paul of the Cross School!

St. Paul of the Cross School is pleased to announce upcoming important dates if you are considering enrolling your child in our Early Childhood program or in Grades 1-8 for the 2020-2021 school year.

November 1, 2019 through January 24, 2020 – Applications are being accepted in the first round of open enrollment for Preschool – Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. Priority will be given to completed applications submitted prior to January 24, 2020. Parent/Guardians will be notified of their application and acceptance status on January 31, 2020.

There is limited availability for transfer students for some of our 1st- 8th grades.

December 4, 2019 – Monthly tour of the school and campus, and Early Childhood Open House. During your visit you will observe classes in session and have an opportunity to discover SPC in action - **9:00-10:30 am**.

St. Paul of the Cross School always welcomes applications. Please keep in mind, however, only those applicants whose applications are complete and received by January 24, 2020 will be considered for acceptance in the first round of open enrollment. Completed applications may be turned in to the school office between 7:30am-3:30 pm on days school is in session.

Please visit our website at spc-school.net and click on the *Discover Us* and the *Admissions* tabs for more details. For further information, please call the school office at 847-825-6366. We look forward to hearing from you!



Ancient Civilizations 5th Grade Social Studies

"Man must learn to increase his sense of responsibility and of the fact that everything he does will have its consequences." - Ancient Egyptian Proverb

Fifth grade explored the Field Museum's *Inside Ancient Egypt*, taking an up close look at the daily lives of ancient Egyptians. Students took a tour of a three-story replica Egyptian tomb where they saw two authentic chamber rooms from the burial site of the Egyptian Pharaoh Uni's son, Unis-Ankh.

We walked through a recreation of an ancient marketplace depicting scenes, goods, and people found in the marketplace during Ancient Egyptian times. Through this experience students were able to see what we have in common with the Ancient Egyptians.



44th Annual STUFF THE TRUCK event to benefit St. Benedict the African Parish



This year's "Stuff the truck" Clothing drive was a great success!

A very special thank you to all those who participated in the annual clothing drive. We were successful in once again "stuffing the truck" with donations for our sister parish, St. Benedict the African in Chicago. Thank you, God, for blessing us with a break in the cold and otherwise inclement weather for the whole weekend, thank you to the men's club who helped by making sure we had people to receive and load the truck, thank you to the teens and students who volunteered during the two days.



Thank you to all those who participated in supporting the drive" in the background with boxes, parish staff who accepted donations during the weeks prior to the drive, and the maintenance staff who assured that we had the setup and equipment for the drive.



Most especially, thank you to all our faith community at St Paul of the Cross who responded to this call for assistance most generously and freely share with those who are less fortunate and in need of our help.

May god bless all of you!



PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

SAY THANK YOU WITH MEANING



The Minequass Native American Tribe has an adage about thanksgiving--**“If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself.”**

On this holiday of Thanksgiving, our nation promotes the actions of the Pilgrims after they safely established a settlement in the New World. Surviving much hardship and benefitting from the guidance of friendly Native Americans, they offered thanks to God for their new home.

Any human being can see the blessings Our Father gave to all of us—the beauty of His creation, our relatives and friends, the dignity of our being and so much more. We would never have all the time to thank Him for each item individually. However, there is a prayer of thanksgiving that we can offer every day at Mass, that can bundle all our thank yous, so nicely.

At the elevation of the Sacred Host at the Consecration:

“My Lord and my God. Thank You for all the graces, benefits, blessings and hardships that You have bestowed upon us.”

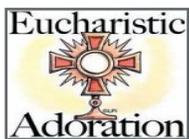
At the elevation of the Cup at the Consecration:

“My Jesus Mercy. Thank You for all the courage and strength You give us to be able to carry it.”

At the beginning of your Thanksgiving Dinner, instead of saying the Grace Before Meals that asks for God’s Blessing, say the Grace After Meals which thanks Him for His Blessings and remembers those relatives and friends that have passed on.

“We give Thee thanks for all Thy benefits, Almighty God, who lives and reigns world without end. AMEN. May the souls of the faithful departed through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace Amen.”

Remember, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, is in our Adoration Chapel and is pleased when someone stops in and says, “Thank You.”



**HOLY HOUR
AND
BENEDICTION**

Please join us. Featuring prayers of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM** (and the first Saturday of every month).

During this **HOLY HOUR**, we will join our voices in vocal prayer before Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

In addition to the Prayers of Reparation, The Holy Rosary and the Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, will be said aloud.

ALL ARE WELCOME!

ONE COMMITTED ADORER HOURS

Day	Night	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Sun	5 am	8 am*	5 pm	10 pm*
Mon	3 am	10 am*	12 pm	11 pm
Tues	2 am	8 am*	1 pm*	10 pm*
Wed	1 am	7 am*	12 pm	6 pm*
Thur	4 am	9 am*	5 pm*	8 pm*
Fri	3 am	8 am*	5 pm*	11 pm*
Sat	2 am	10 am	3 pm	7 pm

OPEN HOUR – NONE

This hour has 2 Committed Adorers **1 more Adorer is required*

Can You Share One Hour With Our Lord?
Please contact Vince Ross vrrossvr@comcast.net or (847) 692-7565



Christmas Shoebox Project

Sponsored by St. Catherine of Siena Guild



We are pleased to invite you to participate in St. Paul of the Cross's Annual Christmas Shoebox Project for disadvantaged men and women. Your boxes will be given to several of organizations serving the Chicagoland area.

To make your shoebox:

Line it with tissue paper, wrap in Christmas paper with the lid separate.

DO NOT SEAL OR TAPE SHUT as each box must be opened and checked.

Include **2 or More** items from each group below. If you can, put all 4 clothing items.

Add a Christmas card or note signed: *From a member of St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church.*

Mark on the outside "MAN" or "WOMAN." Place a sturdy rubber band around the box.

New Clothing Items

- Knit Hats
- Gloves or Mittens
- Socks
- Scarves

Toiletries

Travel/sample sizes of:

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Shampoo/soap/comb/brush
- Face/hand lotion
- NO MOUTHWASH
- NO HAND SANITIZER

Odds 'N Ends

- Playing cards
- Kleenex (small pkgs.)
- Puzzles or books
- Wet ones
- Pens/pencils/stationery

Edibles

Small packaged snacks, for example:

- Cheese and crackers
- Granola bars
- Cookies
- Candy, etc.

Collection Dates:

Directed Study:	Dec. 3 & 5
Sunday Catechesis:	Dec. 8 & 15
Regular & Family Catechesis & CGS	Dec. 3, 5, 10 & 12
Liturgical Based	Dec. 8 & 15 (leave in back of Holy Family Chapel)
St. Paul Students	week of Dec. 8
All Parishioners (leave at church entrances BEFORE mass)	Dec. 7, 8 & 14, 15

Questions: call Marcy Calkins (847) 542-3486
Thank you for your support...May God bless you!

Attention: 6th, 7th and 8th Graders Looking for Service Hours

You can help us with the shoeboxes on the above days at the following times:
 4-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays
 7-8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays



To sign up contact: **Debbie Russo** at russonet@sbcglobal.net, home: 847-692-2817 or cell: 847-875-2438.
 Volunteers meet in the kitchen off of the Holy Family Chapel (church basement).

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 25— Last week of Ordinary Time

6:25 Barbara Matousek

8:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory, Bronislaw Szuleta, Ruth Glos

Tuesday, November 26 - Weekday

6:25 Helen Utesch & Julie Griffin, David Schaunessay

8:30 Kathleen Duntemann

Wednesday, November 27 –Weekday

6:25 Gladys Bonk, Blessings for Fr. Benedict Bedingfeld

8:30 Catherine N. Cottrell, Elizabeth McGee, Al & Jean Bondi, Stanley Olech, Blessings for Marilyn Ahern

Thursday, November 28 –Weekday

10:00 Happy Thanksgiving

Friday, November 29 - Weekday

8:30 Mildred Sass, Mary Fowler, Sister Adrian Jaroch SP

Saturday, November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

8:00 Betty O'Neill, John Kelly, Wayne E. Rau

4:30 UP Anna Herrak, Anniversary Blessings for Mary & Lou Lusignan

4:30 DN Leona Denton, Manijen Vakili

Sunday, December 1-First Sunday of Advent

7:30 UP Mary DiPiero

9:00 UP Rita, Anna & William Parilla, Alyce Brunke, Barbara Matousek, Anna Sobkowicz & Jozffa Gunia, Betty O'Neill

9:00 DN Anthony Simone

10:30 UP Betty O'Neill, Orville Grant, Fred Grodecki, Olga, Peter & Mara Pekic, Gus Nicolopoulos

10:30 DN People of the Parish, Diana Chambers

12:00 UP Joan Smith, Miladin Momirovic

5:30 UP Mary Gromley

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule - November 30 & December 1

Day & Time	Presider	Lector	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 4:30 up	Fr. Peter	Cwik Lusignan	Kirkland, Kirkland, Korcz Nowak, Oppedisano, Welton Wilkening	Golucki Poindexter Sheehan
Saturday 4:30 dn	Fr. Matthew	Mordasiewicz Prindiville		Spanos Spanos
Sunday 7:30	Fr. Britto	Machon Patejunas	Angelini, Cooney, Dickerhofe Dickerhofe, Machon, Orzada Orzada	Johnston Johnston Schmidt
Sunday 9:00 up	Fr. Peter	Nowakowski Scialabba	Alicea, Buggy, Bull, Francis Fuller, Hernandez, Kaufman	Alvizu Cruz Russell
Sunday 9:00 dn	Fr. Matthew	Keenan King		Armour Armour
Sunday 10:30 up	Fr. Britto	Madden Hogan	Alpert-Zeunik, Naples, Olyva Peisker, Scheller, Soifer, Vallejo	Cassidy Gawronski Jimenez
Sunday 10:30 dn	Fr. Peter	Haley O'Toole		Brooks Haley
Sunday 12:00	Fr. Britto	Naum Stachowicz	Adlaf, Adlaf, DePaul, Gullo Johnson, Keefe, Teich	Behzad Capitani Skolozynski
Sunday 5:30 up	Fr. Matthew	Dempsey		Bachert Stanton

Please Remember....

Those Who Are Ill:

Vincent Albachiaro, Alice Arndt,
Sue Beaumont, John Brunke,
Michael Campanelli,
Bryan Charnot, Patty Dunlavy,
George Fitzsimons, Jim Gerke,
Maggie Gotski, Paul Hinz,
Sherry Ingram, Therese Kodner,
Mary Kurkowski, Mark Lawrin,
Mark McCoy, Kathy McLaughry,
Marlene Matousek, Jim McMahon,
Pat Mulcrone, Mike O'Donnell,
Rose Parisi,
Baby Zahabelle Pulickal,
Diane Rey, Charlie Selinka,
Edward Scannicchio,
Michael Scannicchio,
Dominick Sharkey, Lois Ann Suter,
Paul Suter, Henry Szapielak,
Patricia Tagliavore,
Maria Rose Talarico.
Dominic A. Vecchio, Amanda Velez,
John Vittalio, Owen Walker,
Kazimiera Wasylw, Peter Wasylw,
Carole Williams, Ava Zacharuk,

In Loving Memory:

Carolina Austriaco

*Our prayers go out to all who serve our country....
God bless our men and women in service.*



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MASSES

Sunday: 7:30 AM
9:00 AM (Up & Down)
10:30 AM (Up & Down)
12:00 PM
5:30 PM

Monday - Friday: 6:25 AM
8:30 AM (confessions 8-8:15 AM)

Saturday: 8:00 AM
4:30 PM Vigil Mass (Up & Down)
(confessions 3:00PM—4:00 PM
Reconciliation Room in vestibule)

BAPTISMS

Every Sunday at 1:15 PM
Baptismal preparation class is required
and provided on The 4th Thursday every
month at 7pm.
(Contact the Parish office to register
for Baptism/Baptismal prep class).

MARRIAGES

Call the Parish Office at least 6 months in advance.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

First Sunday of every month in the
Morello Parish Life Center from 8:30 AM—12:00PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

First Saturday of each month: After the 8:00 AM Mass.

COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call the rectory

ROSARY

Monday - Friday: Prayed after the 8:30 AM Mass.
Saturday: Prayed after the 8:00 AM Mass.

PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE:

Tuesday by Noon to Madeleine McCoy at
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