

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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

JOSHUA 24:15

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022



*They opened their treasures
and offered him gifts of
gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

Matthew 2:11

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MASS

Monday through Friday 6:25 am (Upper Church)
8:30 am (Upper Church)
Saturday 8:30 am (Upper Church) - *weekday Mass*
4:30 pm (Upper Church and HFC) - *vigil*
Sunday 7:30 am (Upper Church)
9:00 am (Upper Church)
10:30 am (Upper Church and HFC)
12:00 pm (Upper Church)

**MASKS ARE
REQUIRED FOR
ENTRY TO
THIS FACILITY**



Please note that our Saturday morning Mass has been moved from 8:00 am to 8:30 am beginning January 8th

MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER

(including Adoration, Vespers, confession, Benediction)
Monday evenings from 5:30 — 7:30 pm

CONFESSION

Monday through Friday 8:00 am to 8:15 am (Upper Church)
Monday only 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm (Upper Church)
Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Upper Church)

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Sunday



ROSE CATHERINE DUFFY

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LUCA SALVATORE CAPORALE

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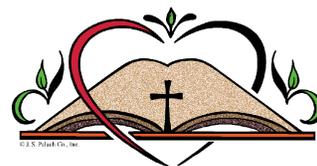
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daughter of Zachary Tigera and Molly Amelse

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

JANUARY 2, 2022

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

— Isaiah 60:1

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

TUESDAY: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

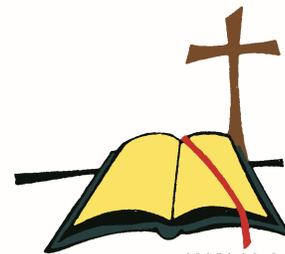
WEDNESDAY: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

THURSDAY: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

FRIDAY: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

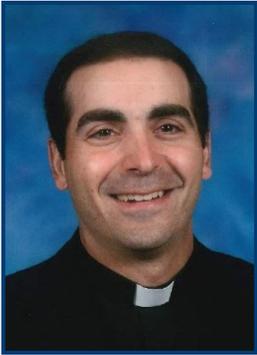
SATURDAY: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

SUNDAY: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



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LETTER FROM A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE



Dear Parishioners,

There are generally two movements that occur in the spiritual life: the interior and exterior movement. The interior movement could be categorized as our personal relationship with God. We are friends, lovers, and companions of Christ. The Holy Spirit unites our hearts to Jesus.

Our personal relationship is alive when we pray individually and when we receive the Eucharist. The relationship can also be touched when we are struck by something naturally beautiful, be it in the environment or in art.

The exterior movement is what God calls us to do outwardly with our lives, as his disciples. We serve others, we evangelize, we teach, and we guide. These are all works that follow from our identity as beloved sons and daughters and spouses of God; from our personal relationship. The exterior flows out from the interior.

In this 'exterior realm' we are all called to be fathers and mothers. Even if you're not called to be a biological parent (like me), you are still called to be a mother or father. "Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses" (Isaiah 60:4).

I wonder if it's hard(er), maybe even weird(er), to be considered spiritual fathers and mothers. Parenting a son or daughter is difficult, make no mistake, but to "parent" someone who is not your progeny can be strange. And particularly strange if that person is not similar to you or is older than you or something else.

But that is what we are called to do: to be spiritual fathers and mothers to one another. Many of you, I would bet, are already doing this. You are a mentor to someone. You are an inspiration, you are an influence, you are a model. You are a mother and father.

Consider for a moment to whom you are a mother or father. It doesn't have to be in a massively dramatic way. It could've been the mailman to whom you offered a drink of water or a listening ear.

That can be your personal epiphany on this feast of the Epiphany: that you are a spiritual mother or father. Know

that your spiritual parentage makes God the Father very proud. It also makes you beautiful. "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow" (Isaiah 60:5).

When I'm acting as a spiritual father, be it in spiritual direction or preaching or visiting the sick and dying, the actual moment is very difficult. I'm trying to be an open vessel for the Lord to do his work; trying not mess up; trying to focus on the person before me and let go of my own needs; and so on. It's hard. But afterwards, I look back on the occasion and see how blessed it was. It is a blessing to be a father; a blessing to love someone, to support them, and to bring them closer to Jesus.

I can't attest personally, obviously, but I know being a biological father is very fulfilling, though it has its challenges. Many of you know this. But I can attest the same about being a spiritual father. It is challenging but very rewarding. You are all called to be spiritual fathers and mothers, so, please, accept that calling. That is how we will make our world more peaceful and holy.



Our Mass schedule returns to normal next weekend (Saturday 4:30pm HFC & UC; Sunday 7:30am UC, 9am UC, 10:30am HFC & UC, 12pm UC). However, we will be moving the **daily Saturday morning Mass to 8:30am**. The feedback we received was that it was better to keep the daily Mass time consistent with the rest of the week, and that 8:30am, as opposed to 8am, gives folks a little more time in the morning to get ready for Mass.

The **parish book club** will be meeting tomorrow, Monday, January 3rd at 7:30pm to discuss *Hannah Coulter* by Wendell Berry. The next book club discussion will be on Monday, January 24th to discuss *The Picture of Dorian Gray* by Oscar Wilde.

I look forward to celebrating a special **Mass with our 8th grade Catechesis students** this Tuesday at 7:30pm.

My prayers for you all for a blessed 2022. May it be a year of increased love for our Lord.

Yours in Christ,

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SEMINARIANS AND STAFF



Have you ever been so excited about a sign that you don't really care what it leads to? You are so taken up into the

adventure that the pursuit becomes an end in itself. Sometimes that is how I view my vocation and the signs God has given me to undertake this journey as a seminarian and one day as a priest. It is easy to lose sight of what I am actually being led to, but let me tell you: the relationship I've found with Christ is more than I could've imagined when I first started to excitedly follow the star.

I imagine this is what the Magi felt as they followed the star toward Bethlehem. *"When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy."* Little did they know what was truly at the end. A king, certainly, but upon entering, they found God incarnate as a small child. The signs themselves are grace meant to lead to an even greater encounter. Like the Magi, we first must put faith in signs from God. These wise men, while seeking for truth in the stars, noticed something great. This awareness should not be overlooked – to find something that is given, one must first be looking for it. The star was just as available to Herod as it was to the Magi, but he had made himself blind to transcendence.

As Gentiles, the Magi may not have fully grasped the fulfillment of the Scriptures that was before them, but there is something that happens in a face-to-face encounter with Christ that changes everything. God gives us the guidance we need not just for the sake of a journey or lifestyle, but to bring us to where we are meant to be – in complete union with him. Take part in the journey and follow the star whole-heartedly, but don't let that be it. The secular world thrives on us constantly seeking, but never finding. The Magi didn't just let themselves revel in the star, but in the Christ child himself. Follow the graces God gives and join them in falling down in worship of Jesus!

Kevin Gregus, Third Year Seminarian

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself to the St. Paul of the Cross parish community. I'm the Director of Early Childhood at St. Paul of the Cross School and the proud parent of three children (Harriet, age 8, Helene, age 5, and Gwendolyn, age 2). Two of our children currently attend the school, and Gwen will attend next year. My husband, Rob, and I could not be more grateful for the opportunity to be a part of such a loving and caring parish and school. My parents instilled in me the importance of faith and Catholic education. Catholic education was a gift to my siblings and me, but it was a gift that I didn't truly understand until I was an adult.



This Sunday is the Epiphany of the Lord. It marks the day the Magi came to baby Jesus bringing treasures, gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. As a child, I often asked why on earth a baby would receive such unusual gifts?! As an adult, I realize the message is that we all have the opportunity to give the gifts that we have to each other. These gifts do not have to be material, but of the self. It took years for me to truly understand and appreciate that Catholic education and all that it entailed was a gift. It wasn't a material object, such as clothes, toys, or the latest gadget. But its influence is felt every day of my life. During the season of giving, we have a choice, just as the Magi did, to give something of ourselves to others. What do you plan on giving to others? What kind of impact will it have?

May the blessings of Christmas continue through the new year for you and your families!

Catherine Hart
Director of Early Childhood at St. Paul of the Cross School

Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross



MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER UPPER CHURCH

5:30 pm — 7:30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration
Evening Prayer (*Vespers*)

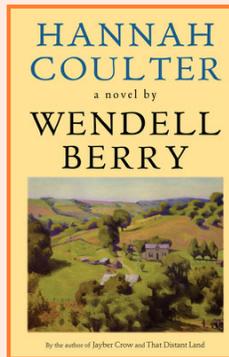
6:30 pm — 7:00 pm
Confessions

7:10 pm
Talk on Prayer

7:30 pm
Benediction

BOOK CLUB

JANUARY 3, 2022 at 7:30 pm
PARISH LIFE CENTER



We will discuss Hannah Coulter, by Wendell Berry at our next meeting on Monday, January 3, 2022.

For those wanting to get a jump start on our book for the January 24th meeting, we will discuss The Picture of Dorian Gray, by Oscar Wilde.

January MORNING COFFEE CUP CORNERS

JANUARY 4th AND 18th



Fr. James and Fr. Nick invite you to join them for a cup of coffee, sweet treat, and conversation on the first and third Tuesday of each month after our 8:30 am Mass until 10:00 am in Duffin Hall.

Whether you attend Mass, pray the rosary, or just want to stop in to say hello, **all are welcome!**

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

THURSDAYS at 7:30 pm
KINANE CENTER (1st floor)

Come join Praying with Scripture as we let the Holy Spirit guide us through meditation and reflection on the Sacred Scripture. If you would like to join, please email beshare@hotmail.com.

**Please note: we will not meet on
December 23rd and 30th**



**No experience necessary.
All are welcome!**



Here's how to sign up online:

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5. Click SIGN UP

**Don't have a computer or have
questions?**

Contact our front office at
847-825-7605

PICK-UP BASKETBALL

Come join St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club members 21+ as we play pick-up basketball. We will meet in the Morello Parish Life Center Gym on **Sunday, January 2nd** at **8:30 pm**



For more information, contact Jerry at geraldbrett@gmail.com or Doug at dmahone1@gmail.com.

Additional Opportunities

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER AND LECTOR TRAINING

Fr. Nick is inviting you to consider joining the Eucharistic Minister and Lector ministries. The training sessions for both new and experienced parishioners will be held in the Upper Church as follows:

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January 11, 2022 @ 7pm

LECTORS

January 13, 2022 @ 7pm

All confirmed parishioners are invited to join either or both ministries. This is a great way to deepen your faith in the New Year!

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

JANUARY 9, 2022

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center



Members of the New Parishioner Welcome Ministry

will be available on

January 9th from 8:30 until noon to register new parishioners, answer any questions, and distribute welcome packets.

We hope to see you there!

COLLARED COMMENTARY



Seminarians and priests put on their collars to explore the Catholic faith through movies, television, and more!

To access this series, go to our website at www.spc-church.org and click on the **PODCASTS** button

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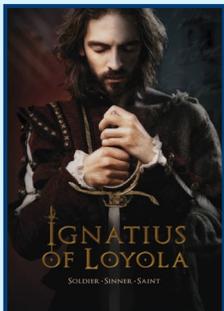


IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12th

7:00 pm

Holy Family Chapel



Please join us as we watch the powerful biography of a self-obsessed sinner who became a loyal knight for heaven.

All are welcome!

2022 SPC ROUNDBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, JAN. 16th through MONDAY, JAN. 24th



The SPC Roundball Tournament is open to all students of good academic and behavioral standing in sixth through eighth grades. To learn more about the tournament, visit: www.spc-school.net/students/extracurricular/roundball-students



WAYS TO GIVE TO ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

- Sign up for online giving at www.givecentral.org/location/133/allevnts



- Sign up for ACH payments through your bank account
- Mail your gift to the parish office: 320 S. Washington, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Contact Sandy Labouvie with any questions:

847-825-7605, x2249

sandylabouvie@spc-church.org

And Yet More Opportunities

MARCH FOR LIFE CHICAGO

SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022

Federal Plaza



Join us as we come together with people from across the Midwest to defend, protect and celebrate life at the March for Life Chicago 2022.

March for Life Chicago is an annual gathering of people from diverse religious, ethnic, and social backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life. We march in an effort to build a nation and culture that protects life at every stage, especially the most innocent and vulnerable children in the womb.

The afternoon begins with several speakers at a rally in Federal Plaza and concludes with a peaceful one-mile march through downtown Chicago. It is an inspiring afternoon that provides the opportunity to take an active role, in the company of thousands of others, to stand up for the most fundamental right of all — the right to life.

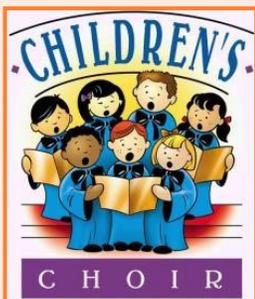
St. Paul of the Cross will sponsor a bus to take parishioners from area churches to and from the march. The bus will leave from the main parking lot of St. Paul of the Cross at noon. The speakers will begin at 1:00 pm, followed by the march. The bus will leave Federal Plaza at 3:00 pm and return to the church parking lot. The cost is \$10 per person.

Please contact Cecilia Klein at cmklein817@gmail.com to reserve your seat.

Reservations are on a first-come basis and the deadline is Tuesday, January 4th

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS CHILDREN'S CHOIR

COME AND SING!



Children's choir rehearsals begin
MONDAY, JANUARY 10th!

Rehearsals are every Monday,
from 4:30-5:30 pm
in Duffin Hall
(located in the
rectory basement)

The children's choir sings at selected
Saturday 4:30 pm Masses.
It's a GREAT way to enhance your child's
participation in the liturgy.

To register, please visit www.spc-church.org.
For more information, e-mail Ed Eicker at
edwardeicker@spc-church.org

Pastor Al®



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HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY

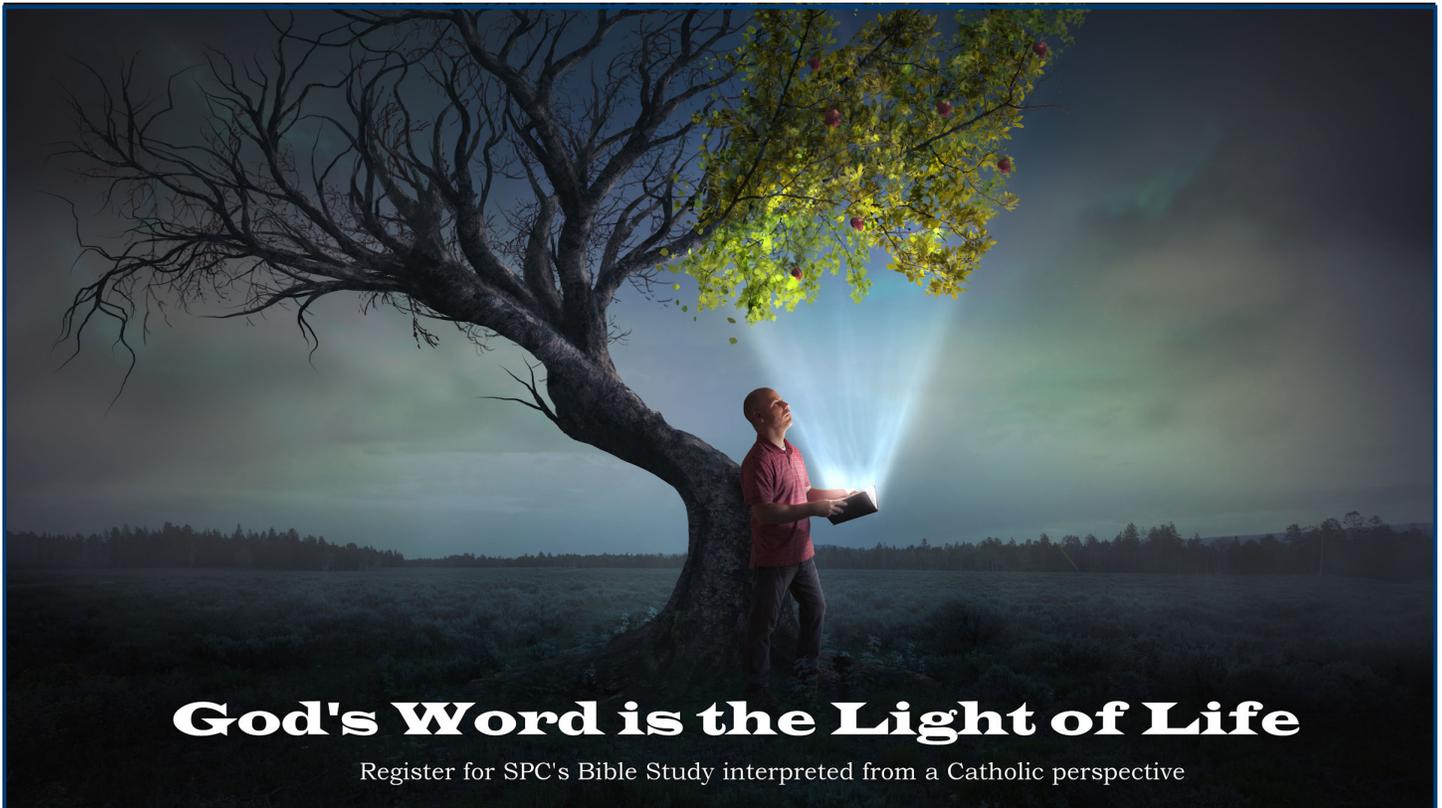
Eight week study begins

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th at 7:00 pm

or

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20th at 9:30 am

St. Paul of the Cross Duffin Hall



In this study, Catholics will be able to see, appreciate, and take hold of the riches God has given them in the New Covenant. Highlighting the critical distinctions between the Old and New Covenants, Hebrews will help Catholics get to know the generosity of the Father's heart in a deeper way than ever before.

Weekly Study Sequence: Wednesday evenings and Thursday mornings home preparation - Read the Bible and answer the homework questions in the Study Set, which are a way to learn from within the heart of the Church.

Small Group Discussion: Small group discussion begins each class session. Participants share what they have learned and glean from others' insights to get a fuller understanding of the passages they have read, followed with answers provided to the Study Set questions as an aid.

Video Lecture: Follows discussion and presents a Catholic perspective of the readings.

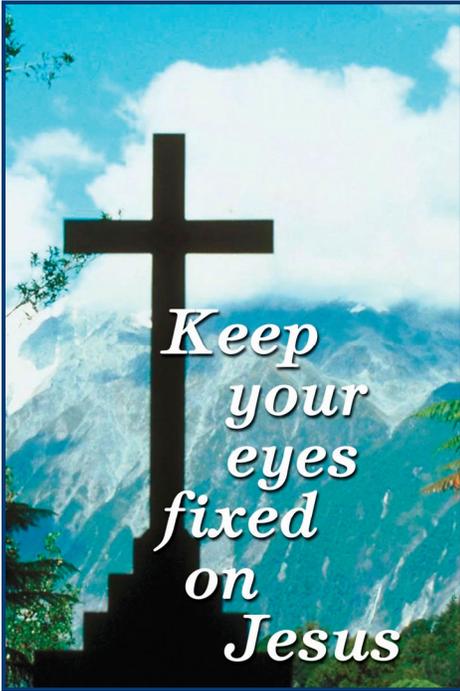
REGISTRATION AND FEES

Student workbooks are \$35 and registration is required. To register, please visit our website at www.spc-church.org/biblestudy. You may either pay online at our GiveCentral page at www.givecentral.org/location/133/event/18729 or by sending a check to our rectory. Checks should be made out to **St. Paul of the Cross Church** and include **Hebrews Bible Study** in the memo line.

For more information contact George Kirkland at: (847) 692-3251 or geokirk@georgesue.com.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

BUILDING A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS



One thing that we all should remember is that when we are born, we are automatically in a relationship with Jesus. Being alive, locks us into this relationship. If one does not take time for or respect Jesus' message, this relationship will be poor. If this continues, salvation is threatened and it does not bode well to enable one

Son of God (love and salvation).

ACCEPT AND NURSE THE RESULTS

Take steps to solidify spiritual accomplishments. Personally keep prayer level high and attend the spiritual exercises of the parish. Visit the Adoration Chapel and before the Blessed Sacrament, pray in spiritual intimacy with Jesus and receive His gift of love and peace.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

Our Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration Chapel is now open, 24/7. It is not too late to sign up for a timeslot, however. Please see our schedule below. Yellow indicates one adorer is signed up for that timeslot; green indicates two or more adorers are present. If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please email adorationchapel@spc-church.org. *Thank you!*

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

to enjoy a beautiful afterlife with God.

This truth may sound simplistic, but it serves as a caution or warning that our salvation is in our own hands. Jesus died for us and opened up the door to heaven; we must decide if we want to enter or not. Thus, it behooves us to not offend Jesus but to work constantly to develop our relationship with Him, to maximize the love and peace He offers to us. The following are simple steps to capture this relationship.

RECOGNIZE OUR DEPENDENCE UPON GOD

Necessity of understanding this prevents one from developing an illusion of our importance in the relationship. Our position of need, if not accepted by us, will prevent the basics of the relationship foundation from being established. Our lives are affected by our successes in life and we are not adverse to becoming the greatest fan of ourself. We need God.

OFFER LOVE AND FAITH

The offer of love and faith to anyone may be harder than one thinks. We have just positioned ourselves in a relationship whereby we have admitted that we are not the most important. And yet, we read in scripture what is expected of us — people seeking healing from Jesus — (need and faith). He heals them and says, *“Thy faith has saved you”* and love is suddenly extended to Jesus the

MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

VESPERS FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 3rd

Presider (P): God, + come to my assistance.

All Respond (A): Lord, make haste to help me.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

A: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN & PSALMODY

Ant.1 P: Yours is more than mortal beauty, every word you speak is full of grace (Psalm 45).

Mary Side of Church (M): My heart overflows with noble words. † To the king I must speak the song I have made; * my tongue as nimble as the pen of a scribe.

Joseph Side of Church (J): You are the fairest of the children of men † and graciousness is poured upon your lips: * because God has blessed you for evermore.

M: O mighty one, gird your sword upon your thigh; † in splendor and state, ride on in triumph * for the cause of truth and goodness and right.

J: Take aim with your bow in your dread right hand. † Your arrows are sharp: peoples fall beneath you. * The foes of the king fall down and lose heart.

M: Your throne, O God, shall endure for ever. † A scepter of justice is the scepter of your kingdom. * Your love is for justice; your hatred for evil.

J: Therefore God, your God, has anointed you † with the oil of gladness above other kings: * your robes are fragrant with aloes and myrrh.

M: From the ivory palace you are greeted with music. † The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. * On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

J: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

M: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

A: Yours is more than mortal beauty, every word you speak is full of grace.

Ant. 2 P: The Bridegroom is here, go out to welcome him.

M: Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: * forget your own people and your father's house. So will the king desire your beauty: * he is your lord, pay homage to him.

J: And the people of Tyre shall come with gifts, * the richest of the people shall seek your favor. The daughter of the king is clothed with splendor, * her robes embroidered with pearls set in gold.

M: She is led to the king with her maiden companions. † They are escorted amid gladness and joy; * they pass within the palace of the king.

J: Sons shall be yours in place of your fathers: * you will make them princes over all the earth. May this song make your name for ever remembered. * May the peoples praise you from age to age.

M: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

J: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

A: The Bridegroom is here, go out to welcome him.

Ant. 3 P: God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ (Ephesians 1:3-10).

M: Praised be the God and Father * of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has bestowed on us in Christ * every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

J: God chose us in him * before the world began to be holy * and blameless in his sight.

M: He predestined us * to be his adopted sons through Jesus Christ, such was his will and pleasure, † that all might praise the glorious favor * he has bestowed on us in his beloved.

J: In him and through his blood, we have been redeemed, * and our sins forgiven, so immeasurably generous * is God's favor to us.

MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

M: God has given us the wisdom * to understand fully the mystery, the plan he was pleased * to decree in Christ.

J: A plan to be carried out * in Christ, in the fullness of time, to bring all things into one in him, * in the heavens and on earth.

M: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit:

J: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

A: God planned in the fullness of time to restore all things in Christ.

READING: 1 John 1:5-7

God is light, in him there is no darkness. If we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin.

RESPONSORY

P: The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

A: The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

P: He lived among us,

A: alleluia, alleluia.

P: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

A: The Word was made man, alleluia, alleluia.

Ant.: **P:** Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth, alleluia.

A: My + soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, † my spirit rejoices in God my Savior * for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: † the Almighty has done great things for me, * and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him * in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, * he has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, * and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with

good things, * and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel * for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, * to Abraham and his children for ever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, * and will be for ever. Amen.

A: Let us dance with delight in the Lord and let our hearts be filled with rejoicing, for eternal salvation has appeared on the earth, alleluia.

INTERCESSIONS

P: At the coming of Christ, God's holy people were made sharers in new life. With joy and gratitude let us say to our Savior:

A: May your birth bring joy to the world.

Christ, our life, you came to be the head of your Church, – grant your body growth rooted in charity.

Fully human, fully divine, you deserve our adoration, – mold our humanity in your divine image.

You became our mediator through your incarnation, – unite your servants in the Church more closely to your work through the holiness of their lives.

When you came you inaugurated a new era, – lead all nations to your salvation.

By your birth you destroyed the chains of death, – free the dead from all their chains.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Cast your kindly light upon your faithful, Lord, we pray, and with the splendor of your glory set their hearts ever aflame, that they may never cease to acknowledge their Savior and may truly hold fast to him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.



School Corner

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

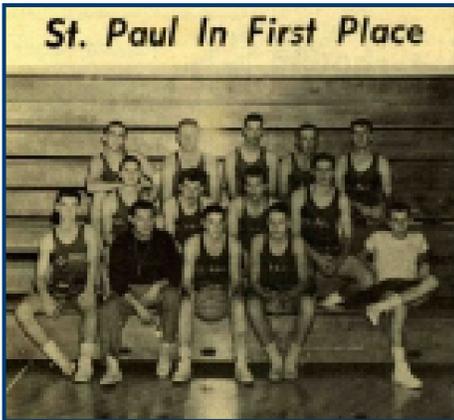
Fifth graders have been exploring Ancient Civilizations this year, recently focusing on Ancient Egypt. Students used the knowledge gained in class and through independent research to create a variety of projects. Projects ranged from slideshows to posters to 3D models to plays to full on movies. Students covered topics such as daily life in Ancient Egypt, King Tutankhamun, Queen Hatshepsut, and sacred animals.



Archive Corner with Mark Miller

SPC BASKETBALL

I came across a newspaper article I believe is from the 1960s showing the Saint Paul of the Cross championship basketball team. Our parish did not have a gym for them to play in until the turn of this century. The capital campaign of the late 1950s had plans for a gym, but unfortunately, not the funds. The team played its home games at Lincoln Jr. High located at the west end of Park Ridge.



Above left: 1st place team
Above right: Lincoln Jr. High
Below left: Basketball team from early 1970s
Below right: Artist concept of a gym that was never built



Above: SPC cheerleaders through the years. From left to right, 1960s/70s, 1980, and 2000

Kids Corner



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

The magi set out. And behold, the star that they had seen preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place ...

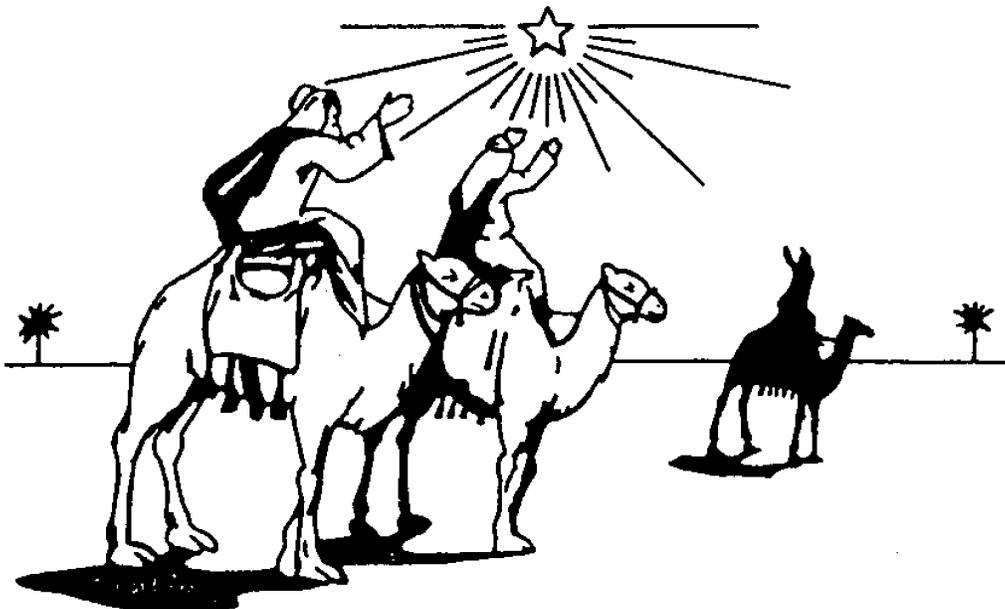
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Answer: where the child was



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Day	Feast	Time	Presider	Mass Intentions
Monday, 1/3	Holy Name of Jesus	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Totoy Mier
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	John Kennelly
Tuesday, 1/4	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Genevieve Sanfillippo
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Joclyn Wellbank, William Cassin, Don Pasier
Wednesday, 1/5	St. John Neumann	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	People of the Parish
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	James Farrell, Jr, Bill Eddy, John Maigler, Joclyn Wellbank
Thursday, 1/6	St. Andre Bessette	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Robert Hunt
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Florence Royal, Josephine and Robert Benedix
Friday, 1/7	St. Raymond of Penafort	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Rita, Anna and William Parilla
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Mary Schloss, Joseph Ferro, Sophie Osborne, Holy Souls in Purgatory
Saturday, 1/8	Christmas Weekday	8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	John Raimondo, Sylvia Carpenter
		4:30 pm UP	Fr. James	Jeffrey Svaldi, Jerry Kennelly, Thaddeus Nowak, Mary Skinner, Thanksgiving to Mother Cabrini, Healing and Blessings for Samantha Kaczmarek
		4:30 pm HFC	Fr. Nick	Michael Christopher Mullane
Sunday, 1/9	Baptism of the Lord	7:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Thomas Cooney Family and Dockery Family
		9:00 am UP	Fr. Britto	Simon O'Donnell, Jay Fuller
		10:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Nancy Pospisil, Donna Forrest, Dockery Family, Thomas Cooney Family
		10:30 am HFC	Fr. James	Jeannette Schroeder
		12:00 pm UP	Fr. James	Rita Conte, Lina and Aldo Bragagnolo, Nancy Pospisil

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."

- Matthew 2:1-2

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

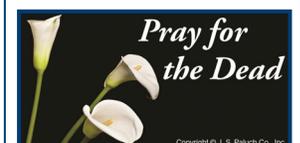
Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8			
4:30 pm UP	Gail Wilkening, Joanne Cichon-Feeney	Charles Korcz, Kathy Ramirez, Carol Welton	Lily de Tagyos, Abby Seurnyck
4:30 PM HFC	Patti Nowak, Mary Ann Tanquary	Lisanne Roth, Heather Rusk, OPEN	Keenan Ekizian, John Romano
SUNDAY, JANUARY 9			
7:30 am UP	Kirke Machon, Eugene Cooney	Michael Angelini, Barb Skadow, Gerda Weitzel	Finn Haugh, Rory Haugh
9:00 am UP	John Tallman, Sally Keenan	Margaret Alicea, Randy Bull, Donna Donovan	Chase Fantuzzi, Mary Anne Gleason
10:30 am UP	Brianna Santucci, P. Solari	Mary Nicolau, Adam Smith, Kim Soifer	Quinn Alvizu, Christian Poindexter
10:30 am HFC	Dan Koziol, William Gohl	Josephine Gullo, Ruth Klepitsch, Sharon Sernel	Nolon Gradoville, Sophia Labuz
12:00 pm UP	Neda Naum, Izabella Stachowicz	Joan Keefe, Vincent Santucci, OPEN	John Meyer, Zachary Schmidt

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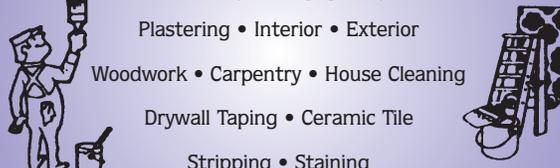
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