



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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

JOSHUA 24:15

Jesus asked them,

**“BUT WHO DO YOU
SAY THAT I AM?”**



Peter said to
him in reply,

**“YOU
ARE THE
CHRIST.”**

Mark 8:29

TWENTY-FOURTH
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

September 12, 2021

CURRENT LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MASS

Monday through Friday 6:25 am (Upper Church)
8:30 am (Upper Church)

MASKS ARE REQUIRED FOR ENTRY TO THIS FACILITY



Saturday 8:00 am (Upper Church) - *weekday Mass*
4:30 pm (Upper Church and HFC) - *vigil*

Sunday 7:30 am (Upper Church)
9:00 am (Upper Church and HFC)
10:30 am (Upper Church and HFC)
12:00 pm (Upper Church)

Please note: There will be no 4:30 pm HFC Mass on Saturday, 9/25

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)
Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Upper Church)

Please note: There will be no confessions on Tuesday, 9/14 before the 8:30 am Mass

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Sunday



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS WELCOMES:

Thomas Joseph Brown
son of Christopher and Mary Therese Brown

Jude Edwin Clarke
son of Christian and Maureen Clarke

Evelyn Grace Stinson
daughter of Jim and Nicole Stinson

Andy Jack Chavez
son of Andy and Amanda Chavez

Angelo Jack Chavez
son of Andy and Amanda Chavez

Adrian Ismet Deumic
son of Mehmed and Monica Deumic

Maya Evelyn Racines
daughter of Michael and Amy Racines



III Mark Huegel and Gina Aleman

III Gianni Peri and Christina Grano

I Robert Miller and Yvonne Papciak



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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

The Lord God is my help, therefore I am not disgraced.
— Isaiah 50:7

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

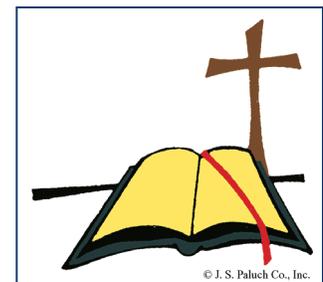
Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

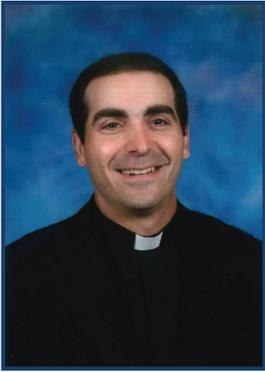
Saturday 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Wis 2:12, 17-20; Ps 54:3-8; Jas 3:16-4:3; Mk 9:30-37



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LETTERS FROM A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE



Dear Parishioners,

Do you have "thick skin"? Are you able to take criticisms, complaints, and setbacks well? Or are you sensitive and bothered when you don't please someone?

I have developed thicker skin since becoming a priest and then pastor, but I will admit it wasn't (and still

isn't) easy. I am somewhat of a pleaser and when I receive a critique it does sting.

Peter received the ultimate barb, and from our Lord himself. "At this [Jesus] turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan'" (Mark 8:33). Peter is called Satan. And in front of all the disciples too. Ouch.

But Peter had thick skin. Or, at least he developed it. He didn't turn around and leave. He continued along with Jesus.

Jesus likewise had thick skin. He was rejected, as he predicted he would be, and he didn't cave. Look at the first reading: "I have set my face like flint, knowing that I shall not be put to shame" (Isaiah 50:7). Jesus didn't try to be a pleaser to the elders, chief priests, and scribes. He focused only on pleasing God the Father.

Having thick skin isn't easy, but it is a virtue. When we do what is true, good, and beautiful, we will always be attacked. The enemy doesn't want Christ to be promoted. We have to stay strong, setting our face like flint, and do the Lord's will, even if it makes us unpopular.

"The Lord GOD is my help, therefore I am not disgraced" (Isaiah 50:7).

You might be disgraced in the eyes of a friend, colleague, acquaintance, parishioner when you do something that is right but unpopular. But you will never be disgraced in the eyes of the Lord, and his sight is all that matters.

At the end of the day, it's about the union of your soul with God. It's not about the particular cause for which you fought and received some rebuke, as good as that cause might have been. Having thick skin will mean you have trust in God; trust that, regardless of the external

circumstance, your soul is precious in God's sight.



September 13th, we begin the **Monday Evening of Prayer**. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament in the church at 5:30pm and proceed to praying Evening Prayer. Copies of *Vespers* are included in the center of our bulletin on pages 10 and 11. I also encourage you to download the iBreviary app, which is free and has all the Liturgy of the Hours on it, along with the Mass readings and prayers. The church will be open for silent prayer until 7:30pm. Confessions will be heard from 6:30-7pm, and I will give a talk on prayer and the spiritual life at 7:15pm. Feel free to stay for all or part of the evening of prayer. It will be good to pray together as a community before our Lord's presence.

GriefShare will meet this Tuesday, September 14th. Please consider partaking of this opportunity to cope with suffering the loss of a loved one. We have a lot of similar ministries at our parish, including a Divorce Support Group and Alcoholics Anonymous, just to name a few. You are not alone in your pain.

The **School Fun Run** is Wednesday evening and the **Men's Club golf outing** is on Friday afternoon. Next weekend we will take up the **Seminary Collection**.

You'll see a new feature in our bulletin beginning this weekend. On the next page will be two columns: one written by one of our seminarians and one written by one of our staff members. I would like as much as possible for our bulletin to be a spiritual document, something that you can reflect on and pray with. I'd also like for you to hear the wisdom from these wonderful individuals, and perhaps come to know even a little better who they are and the ministries they serve in our parish. Each week a different seminarian and a different staff member will write a little article. Kevin Gregus, our senior ranking seminarian, and Deacon Bob will have the first articles this week. Next week we'll hear from Fr. Nick. Eventually I would also like to have some parishioners contribute. Happy reading and praying!

Yours in Christ,

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SEMINARIANS AND STAFF



As the seminarians/Fr. James' bodyguards get started at St. Paul of the Cross, we wanted to introduce ourselves in this weekly column. To begin, my name is Kevin Gregus. I grew up in Crystal Lake as the oldest of four kids. It was in our high school youth group that the Catholic faith took on a more personal aspect and I began to see it as more than something my family did on weekends. I went to the University of Michigan (sorry Notre Dame fans) to study aerospace engineering. One summer, I joined a team for the Totus Tuus program, which is where the beginnings of the call to the priesthood was first placed in my heart.

This call stayed on the backburner while I started my first job in Maryland. I worked on Naval fighter jets, which was a dream job for a kid who grew up loving planes and space. I was professionally very happy, but wasn't living a fulfilling personal or spiritual life. I eventually took a job at a small aerospace company back in Chicago and I joined a group of Catholic men at St. Alphonsus in Lakeview who strove to be disciples of Christ and desired to form intentional fraternity. It was exactly what I needed, and my spiritual life was being properly fed.

We took a weekend to go on a silent retreat together and at the start, I didn't have seminary on my mind. I received some simple but clarifying advice from the retreat director: "Prayer shouldn't be exhausting." I entered our time in adoration just trying to be quiet. It was at that moment that God broke down any barrier I had put up to a priestly call. He showed me all the ways that priesthood already fit with my life – love of the Church, love of brotherhood, love of teaching. I left that weekend with such excitement and peace that I knew I had to do something with this call. I applied seminary shortly after that in 2017 and am currently on-track to be ordained as a priest in May 2023.

Yours in Christ,

Greetings to the Parishioners of St Paul of the Cross! For those who are new to our parish or for those who don't know me yet, my name is Bob Bulger, and I am one of the three Permanent Deacons assigned to St Paul of the Cross. My wife Kathy and I have been parishioners since April 1979. We have two daughters who graduated from St Paul of the Cross school. Both were married at SPC as well. We have four grandchildren, two of whom attend St Paul of the Cross school and two of whom attend St Monica's Academy in Chicago. The roots of Catholic education run deep.



Kathy and I went through four years of preparation in the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program, and I was blessed to be ordained on May 26, 2002. My entire diaconate ministry has been right here at St Paul of the Cross, and for that I am most grateful and humbled. The four-year path to ordination was very stressful and chaotic for Kathy and I as we tried to balance our family life and work life along with our spiritual development and the academic demands of the program. One of the passages in the Gospels which always inspired and guided me was Jesus calming the storm at sea (Mt 8: 23-27). I was always comforted by the image of Jesus standing in the boat, in the midst of the stormy sea, stretching out his hands and simply saying "Be Calm!" and, as the Scripture notes, "there was great calm." (v 26)

I believe that Jesus is standing with each one of us, every day, as we navigate the stresses, conflicts, and other "storms" in our own lives. He is reaching out his hands to us and saying "Be calm." And Scripture shows us the way to be CALM:

Celebrate God's goodness in your life. Philippians 4: 4-5

Ask God for help. Mt 7:7

Leave your concerns with God. Phil 4:6-7

Meditate on the good things. Psalm 118:24

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' last words on earth were: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt 28:20). In spite of the storms in our lives, Jesus is with us, never abandons us and invites us to "be calm."

May God bless you abundantly,
Deacon Bob

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND ANNUAL SECOND COLLECTION

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

The archdiocesan collection for the education and formation of our future priests.

On the weekend of September 18/19th, we will be taking up our Seminary Education Fund second collection to raise funds to support the educational formation of our archdiocesan seminarians.

You may give online at www.givecentral.org/location/133/event/3665 or mail a check to the rectory at 320 S. Washington, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Be sure to note "Seminary Education" in the memo line.

Thank you for your generosity!

DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

Help and Healing for Those who are Divorced

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7-9 pm
September 15 — December 15, 2021



Divorce is heartbreaking. Come join us to experience hope and healing simply by listening, and sharing experiences and insights with others. We will be using the Divorce and Beyond book and videos from the DivorceCare program.

The Divorce Support Group meetings will be held on Wednesday evenings and will run from September 15 through December 15, 2021 from 7 to 9 pm. We will be meeting in the Kinane Center at St Paul of the Cross. Through our church community, may the Lord guide us through this healing process together. Registration and a small fee of \$25 is required for the book and materials.

For more information and to register www.spc-church.org/ministries/pastoral-care/485-divorce-ministry and fill out the registration form or contact: Karen Benson / (915) 204-4426 / karenb54@hotmail.com.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

ADORATION NECESSARY IN THE EUCHARIST AND IN PERSONAL VISITS



Pope Benedict XVI, in his book God is Near Us: The Eucharist, The Heart of Life states, “the Eucharist itself is an assembly in which the Lord acts upon us and brings us together. But in the meantime, the idea of assembly has been flattened and separated from sacrifice and

had shrunk to a mere sign of brotherly fellowship. The Eucharist itself was shrinking to a brief half-hour and could no longer breathe life into the building or be the pulse of time. It was becoming a tiny island of time on the edge of the day which as a whole was given over to the profane and hectic business of our worldly activity.”

In a strong statement, he continued, “only within the breathing space of adoration can the eucharistic celebration indeed be alive; only if the church and thus the whole congregation is imbued with the waiting presence of the Lord and with our silent readiness to respond, can the invitation to come together bring us into the hospitality of the Lord and the Church.” Pope Benedict then quoted the writing of St. Pope John Paul II, “Let us be generous with our time in going to meet him in adoration and let our adoration never cease.”

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION SCHEDULE

We are still in need of adorers before we can reopen our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. Red time slots are those where no adorers are present; yellow slots indicate we have one adorer signed up; green slots indicate two or more adorers present. If you would like to sign up for a time slot, please email adorationchapel@spc-church.org. Thank you!

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

MINISTERS OF CARE TRAINING

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7-9 pm / September 29 — October 27, 2021

The five week training for New Ministry of Care will take place at St. Benedict Village, Nursing and Rehabilitation, in Niles beginning Wednesday, September 29th, and continuing through Wednesday, October 27th, from 7 to 9 pm. Chaplain Rick Nash and retired priests who live at St. Benedict will be facilitating these classes.

COVID-19 VACCINATION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR ALL ATTENDEES

Registration forms may be picked up at the rectory.
Email joannestewart@spc-church.org with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

NEW FOOD PANTRY OPENS AT ST. PAUL

To feed the hungry is the first corporal work of mercy. It was given by Jesus when he spoke to his disciples about the Judgement of the Nations, (Mathew 25: 31-46) and it still stands at the top of his list.



Our new food pantry was finally opened on August 28th, 2021! It was a bustling place as we welcomed and served 120 families in person. It was a long time in coming, but our patience and persistence paid off.

Lisa Muench, and her team of volunteers, welcomed our visitors with big smiles, directed them to our new pantry, and helped carry groceries to their cars. It was wonderful to see our old friends and meet some new ones.

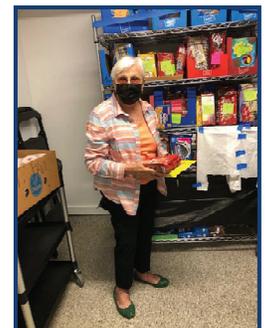
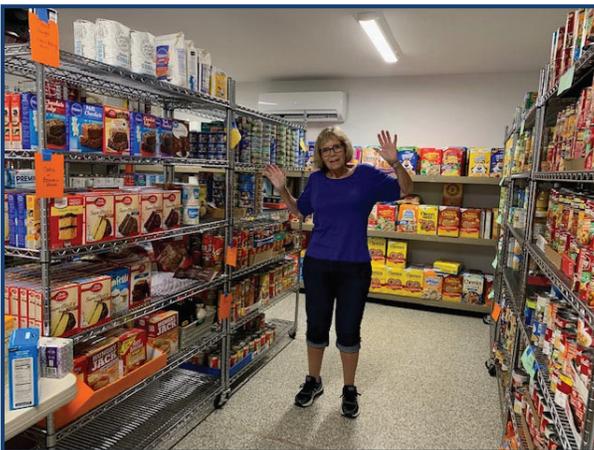
Volunteers from the Mother Teresa Guild assisted families through the new pantry, checking them in, offering varieties of soup, canned vegetables, fruit, pancake mix and syrup, baking supplies, tuna, salmon, chicken, canned meals, cold cereal, paper goods, pasta and sauce, side dishes, peanut butter and jelly, cookies, crackers, beverages, personal items, and a pound of ground beef which they donate to the pantry each month.

This feeding ministry would not be possible without all of you who faithfully donate food and funds to our pantry. Thank you for your generous support. Your hearts for the poor makes it possible for us to assist the less fortunate of our brothers and sisters who are food insecure and need our help. I am exceedingly blessed to work and live among people as you, who put your faith into action.

When Jesus comes in his glory with all of his angels, and sits on his throne, we will be there when he separates the sheep from the goats. The sheep will be put on his right and inherit the kingdom. How great is that?

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."

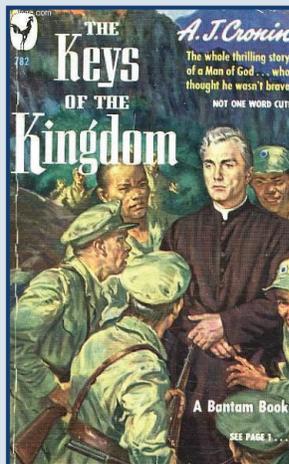
Adrienne Timm
Director of Social Service Ministry



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS
FOOD PANTRY
FEEDING THE HUNGRY ONE BAG AT A TIME

BOOK CLUB

SEPTEMBER 27th
7:30 pm



The St. Paul of the Cross Book Group will meet Monday, September 27, at 7:30 pm in the Morello Center Meeting Room. We will be discussing the book The Keys of the Kingdom, by A.J. Cronin.

All are welcome!

PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

WE MEET VIRTUALLY
THURSDAYS AT 7:30 pm

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, and you will receive a link to the virtual meeting.

*No experience necessary.
All are welcome!*



THE DAILY

with Fr. James

Join Fr. James in his daily podcast which provides reflections on the daily Mass readings.



You may access the podcast by going to our website (www.spc-church.org) and clicking the blue button on the home page entitled **FR. JAMES' PODCASTS**

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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

THE JOURNEY TO BECOME A FULLY INITIATED CATHOLIC

Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in exploring the Catholic faith? Or are you an adult Catholic who has not yet completed receiving the Sacraments?

We invite you to consider joining the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program, which is currently forming, to help you prepare to receive the Sacraments and learn about Catholicism in an open and welcoming environment.

The RCIA sessions provide opportunities for you to ask the questions you many have about God, the Faith and the Catholic church. You will be able to learn what the Catholic church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The journey to becoming Catholic

For more information, you can email RCIA@spc-church.org.
You can also call the St. Paul of the Cross parish office at (847) 825-7605 and ask about RCIA.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS



Low gluten hosts are available. If you require one, please make sure to take Communion from the presiding priest, letting him know before receiving. If you have any questions, please check with one of our ushers before Mass.



MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER UPPER CHURCH

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

6:30 pm — 7:00 pm
Confessions

7:15 pm
Talk on Prayer

7:30 pm
Benediction

SUNDAY NIGHT SUPPERS RETURN SEPTEMBER 12th!

Hosted by The First Presbyterian Church, this is an ecumenical effort to feed the hungry who look to our churches for assistance.



Help distribute suppers to the hungry in our area. It is easy to sign up on the Sunday Night Suppers website. These positions are in hot demand and fill quickly so don't wait!

sundaysupperspr.org

CRUX TEEN MINISTRY

St. Paul of the Cross invites you to participate in the CRUX program offered by Mary, Seat of Wisdom parish.

If interested, please contact Helen Megally, Director of Youth Ministry, at hmegally@mswparish.org.

You can find out more information about CRUX on our website at www.spc-church.org, including a complete 2021-2022 calendar of events.



Here's how to sign up online:

1. Go to www.takethameal.com
2. Under *Find*, enter **rectory** and password **4949**
3. Click on the word TAKE for the date you'd like
4. Enter your name, email address, phone number, and what you will be making for dinner
5. Click SIGN UP

Don't have a computer or have questions?

Contact Patricia O'Brien
patriciaobrien@spc-church.org
847-825-7605

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT OLA

USE YOUR MANY GIFTS AND
TALENTS TO BUILD THE
KINGDOM OF GOD!

The Mission of Our Lady of the Angels, in West Humboldt Park, has a variety of tasks which need to be done on Saturdays. Please see the information on their website (missionola.com) and sign up for the specific time you are available.



Email olamission@gmail.com
with any questions.

MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

VESPERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

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.

PSALMODY

Ant.1 P: Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end. (Psalm 136)

Mary Side of Church (M): O give thanks to the Lord for he is good, * for his love endures for ever. Give thanks to the God of gods * for his love endures for ever. Give thanks to the Lord of lords, * for his love endures for ever;

Joseph Side of Church (J): who alone has wrought marvelous works, * for his love endures for ever; whose wisdom it was made the skies, * for his love endures for ever; who fixed the earth firmly on the seas, * for his love endures for ever.

M: It was he who made the great lights, * for his love endures for ever, the sun to rule in the day, * for his love endures for ever, the moon and the stars in the night, * for his love endures for ever.

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: Give thanks to the Lord, for his great love is without end.

Ant. 2 P: Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

M: The first-born of the Egyptians he smote, * for his love endures for ever. He brought Israel out from their midst, * for his love endures for ever; arm outstretched, with power in his hand, * for his love endures for ever.

J: He divided the Red Sea in two, * for his love endures for ever; he made Israel pass through the midst, * for his love

endures for ever; he flung Pharaoh and his force in the sea, * for his love endures for ever.

M: Through the desert his people he led, * for his love endures for ever. Nations in their greatness he struck, * for his love endures for ever. Kings in their splendor he slew, * for his love endures for ever.

J: Sihon, king of the Amorites, * for his love endures for ever; and Og, the king of Bashan, * for his love endures for ever.

M: He let Israel inherit their land, * for his love endures for ever. On his servant their land he bestowed, * for his love endures for ever. He remembered us in our distress, * for his love endures for ever.

J: And he snatched us away from our foes, * for his love endures for ever. He gives food to all living things, * for his love endures for ever. To the God of heaven give thanks, * for his love endures for ever.

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: Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.

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.

MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

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

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

Wisdom from above is first of all innocent. It is also peaceable, lenient, docile, rich in sympathy and the kindly deeds that are its fruits, impartial and sincere. The harvest of justice is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace. (James 3:17-18)

RESPONSORY

P: In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

A: In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

P: The Lord filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding.

A: He spoke with eloquence.

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

A: In the midst of the Church he spoke with eloquence.

GOSPEL CANTICLE: LUKE 1:46-55

Ant.: **P:** O blessed doctor, Saint John, light of holy Church and lover of God's law, pray to the Son of God for us.

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: O blessed doctor, Saint John, light of holy Church and lover of God's law, pray to the Son of God for us.

INTERCESSIONS

P: Jesus Christ is worthy of all praise, for he was appointed high priest among men and their representative before God. We honor him and in our weakness we pray:

A: Bring salvation to your people, Lord.

P: You marvelously illuminated your Church through distinguished leaders and holy men and women,

A: let Christians rejoice always in such splendor.

P: You forgave the sins of your people when their holy leaders like Moses sought your compassion,

A: through their intercession continue to purify and sanctify your holy people.

P: In the midst of their brothers and sisters you anointed your holy ones and filled them with the Holy Spirit,

A: fill all the leaders of your people with the same Spirit.

P: You yourself are the only visible possession of our holy pastors,

A: let none of them, won at the price of your blood, remain far from you.

P: The shepherds of your Church keep your flock from being snatched out of your hand. Through them you give your flock eternal life,

A: save those who have died, those for whom you gave up your life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

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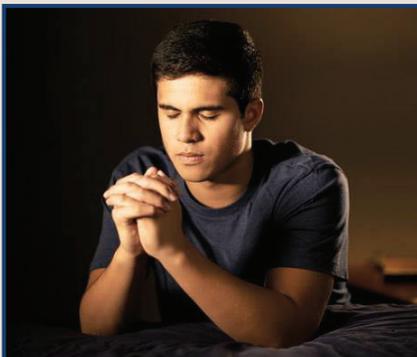
St. Juliana Parish would like to welcome our neighboring parishes to join our long standing Cancer Support Group. We meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 pm in our Parish center at 7200 N. Osceola Ave, the Northwest corner of Touhy and Osceola. This month we will meet on September 14th. We are happy for all to come join us. This is a very informal group of men and women.

Some members are in remission, some in stage four, some are or were caregivers to those with debilitating illness. It's an eclectic group of all ages. We may have 5 guests or 20. It all depends on everyone's circumstances that week. We try to stagger our monthly meetings. with an informational meeting one month and a get together for sharing and fun the next. In the past, we have had ear acupuncture, Reiki massage, chair yoga, art therapy, music therapy, financial information, workers rights during illness, nutritionists, strength training, and so on. We ask for a small stipend for the speakers who volunteer as they freely give their time and knowledge. This is usually \$5.00. The other months, we bring in refreshments and just relax and talk. Sometimes, as you can imagine, those meetings end up the most profound. There is no pressure to share or comment, just a relaxing evening. We have plenty of food and wine, and a great group of people who are there for you when you don't want to worry your family or feel you are imposing upon them.

We have a pizza Christmas party, where we play LEFT, RIGHT, CENTER. We have done a few field trips to have dinner out or see an entertainer or a comedy club. We also have a summer meeting in my yard in Edison Park. We would love to expand the group, hear some new ideas, and make new friends. Please consider joining us this month or reach out to anyone you think may be interested. If you wish more information, please feel free to contact Tina Pusateri at 773-972-8664. We hope you'll join us!

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At times we will gather as a group to share a meal, pray, faith-share, and offer witness to our devotion. This dedicated devotion is life-transforming. If you are interested, please email anastasia.jakubow@gmail.com by September 15, 2021.



ARCHIVE CORNER

with **Mark Miller**

Please contact me in person or at 773-908-5730 if you have pictures or information you'd like to share with me for our archives. Thank you! - Mark



FALL FESTIVALS

Once again, I would like to take a look back on how this parish faith community has always come together to have fun. This time we look at the fall festivals. The earliest festival I have come across was a fundraising event the 1930s. A fall event was started by Father Kinane in the late 70's. It started off as a picnic where people brought their own food, grills, chairs, and tables. It developed into September Fest, an event that was held under a large tent running the length of the parking lot. We would invite parishioners from our sister parish, St. Benedict the African, to join us. This event continued through Father Carl's tenure. Father Britto continued the tradition with an annual outdoor Mass/picnic event that included food, fun, and entertainment. We look forward to the return of such events once the pandemic is behind us.

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November 23rd, 1931.

MY DEAR PARISHIONER:

The Annual Autumn Festival will take place this year on Friday and Saturday Evenings, Dec. 4th and 5th in the School Hall. Children's Day will be Friday afternoon, Dec. 4th from 1 to 4 o'clock. The purpose of the Festival is to liquidate some of the parish indebtedness.

I am sending each family one or more of the enclosed books. There are fifty drawings in each book making the value of the book Five Dollars. I expect each family to dispose of at least one book. Your relatives, friends and the business people you patronize might aid you in this matter. We cannot possibly meet success unless each family takes the part assigned. Should you have any article or be able to solicit such articles for raffle in the hall the evenings of the Bazaar we would be very grateful for this assistance. Kindly make this known to the Pastor as soon as possible.

Cash returns for these books should be made to me personally. No returns are to be made through the mails unless the full value of the book (\$5.00) is enclosed. Additional books will be cheerfully delivered on request.

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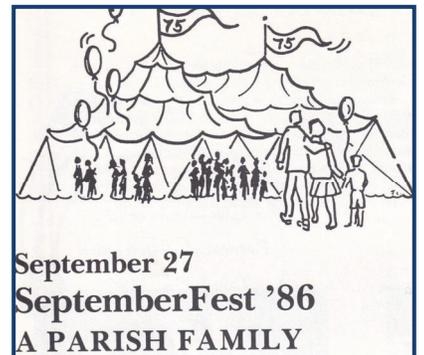


Above: Late 70s informal picnic — bring your own everything!

Left: Autumn Festival fundraiser, 1931

Right: 75th anniversary September Fest, 1986 (drew over 2,500 parishioners)

Below right (black and whites): September Fest



Above: Father Matthew entertaining the parishioners at the 2016 picnic

Right: picnic Mass, 2013



KIDS CORNER

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

In today's second reading (James 2: 14-18), James reminds us that if we say to someone in need, "Go in peace, keep warm, and eat well," but don't follow it up with our good works, like giving them warm clothes and a meal, they will still be cold and hungry.

The Church names seven good works, called the **corporal works of mercy**, that we are all encouraged to perform to help others. "Corporal" means "relating to the body."

Look through this list with an adult in your family. If you have already performed or are now performing a particular work of mercy, check the box and describe what you do.

If you are not performing one of these works, write how you can begin to do it. You might have to think about different ways to look at the last two works.

Are jails the only kind of prison? People can feel as though

they are "in prison" in many ways. People who are isolated and forgotten need visiting, too. How do you assist in burying the dead? You may already be doing these works in ways you don't expect.

In addition to the good works you do, always remember to say a prayer for all people in need.



Work of Mercy	We do this.	We are going to do this.
<input type="checkbox"/> Feed the Hungry	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Give Drink to the Thirsty	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Clothe the Naked	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Shelter the Homeless	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit the Sick	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Visit Those in Prison	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bury the Dead	_____	_____

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE, PRESIDER, AND INTENTIONS

Day	Feast	Time	Presider	Mass Intentions
Monday, 9/13	Saint John Chrysostom	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Genevieve Sanfillippo
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Alice Kucharski, Alberta Ciebien, Bill Eddy, Kathy Marrese, John Newell
Tuesday, 9/14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Jeanette Schroeder
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	John Reckert, Marie Hinz, Larry Tracy, Healing and Blessings for John O'Malley
Wednesday, 9/15	Our Lady of Sorrows	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Carl Drammis
		8:30 am UP	Fr. James	Paul Utesch, Ray Novak, John Barry, Vivian Goeb
Thursday, 9/16	Saints Cornelius and Cyprian	6:25 am UP	Fr. Nick	Holy Souls in Purgatory
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Frank Dopek, Antony Dziaba, Helen Wojtas, Domingo Nunez, Healing for Suzanne Mulvey
Friday, 9/17	Saint Robert Bellarmine	6:25 am UP	Fr. James	Charles and Isabelle Veil
		8:30 am UP	Fr. Nick	Maria Quell and family, Ray Novak, Simon O'Donnell, Prayers of Thanksgiving
Saturday, 9/18	Weekday, Blessed Virgin Mary	8:00 am UP	Fr. Nick	Myrtle Reckert
		4:30 PM UP	Fr. Nick	Marcella Nowak, Patrick Mullan, Betty Siciliano, Healing and Blessings for John King, Blessings for Michael King
		4:30 PM HFC	Fr. James	Jim Welton, Virginia Kaczynski
Sunday, 9/19	Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am UP	Fr. James	Armanda Russo Zanichelli
		9:00 am UP	Fr. Nick	Simon O'Donnell
		9:00 am HFC	Fr. James	People of the Parish
		10:30 am UP	Fr. James	Josef Gerngross, Dominick Sharkey, Mary Charlene Svanascini, Dick Lahart, Gabby Galvan, Rocco DiBartolo
		10:30 am HFC	Fr. Nick	Harold Shelfdore
		12:00 pm UP	Fr. Britto	Christopher, Jennifer and Ervin Palacz, Healing and Blessings for Jose Tan

From the Eucharist comes strength to live the Christian life and zeal to share that life with others.

- Saint Pope John Paul II

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Time	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18			
4:30 pm UP	Walter Cwik, Gail Wilkening	Patti Nowak, Dave Sullivan, Carol Welton	N/A
4:30 pm HFC	Debby Usher, Charles Korcz	Ileene-Marie Mooney (sub requested), Kathy Ramirez	N/A
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19			
7:30 am UP	Armand Andreoni, Marcella Dickerhofe	Michael Angelini, Eugene Cooney, Jim Mirabelli	N/A
9:00 am UP	Frances Johnson, OPEN	Randy Bull, Linda Swoboda, Thomas Swoboda	N/A
9:00 am HFC	Joseph King, David Dempsey	Erin Grapenthien (sub requested), Ruth Klepitsch	N/A
10:30 am UP	Brigid Madden, Dan Hogan	Mary Nicolau, Adam Smith, Kim Soifer	N/A
10:30 am HFC	William Gohl, Jimmy Johnston	Theresa Csuk, Sharon Sernel	N/A
12:00 pm UP	Neda Naum, Pam Dobrowski	Connie DePaul, Josephine Gullo, Vincent Santucci	N/A

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Elizabeth Peters
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9:00 am (UC and HFC)
10:30 am (UC and HFC)
12:00 pm (UC)

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