



# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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

JOSHUA 24:15

September

26

2021



Any who give you a  
cup of water to drink  
because you belong to Christ,  
amen, I say to you,  
will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## 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 Masses on Saturday, 9/25 and 10/2**

### 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 — 7:00 pm (Upper Church)  
Saturday 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm (Upper Church)

**Please note: There will be no confessions on Tuesday mornings throughout September**

### FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

### WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

### BAPTISMS

Sunday



### ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS WELCOMES:

#### Camden Thomas Cirillo

son of Daniel and Amanda Cirillo

#### Vivian Kathryn Rimsky

daughter of Robbie and Jane Rimsky

#### Oliver Bolton Hipchen

son of Brian and Katherine Hipchen

#### Marco Remo Macek

son of Michael and Monika Macek



#### III Robert Miller and Yvonne Papciak

#### II Nicholas LaMonica and Kristin Groh

#### II Michael Sawah and Alana Madden

#### I Anthony Ries and Katherine Kucharski

#### I Nicholas Golob and Kelley McHugh



## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

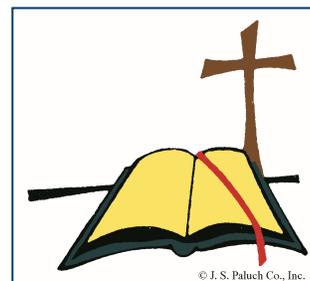
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**

*The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the decree of the Lord is trustworthy,  
giving wisdom to the simple.*

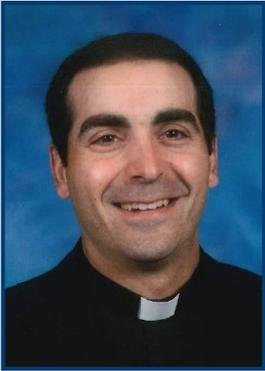
— Psalm 19:8

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday** Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-21, 29, 22-23; Lk 9:46-50  
**Tuesday** Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56  
**Wednesday** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Thursday** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12  
**Friday** Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8-9; Lk 10:13-16  
**Saturday** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Mt 18:1-5, 10  
**Sunday** Gn 2:18-24; Ps 128:1-6; Heb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16 [2-12]



## LETTERS FROM A PASTOR TO HIS PEOPLE



Dear Parishioners,

"It is better for you to enter into life maimed than with two hands to go into Gehenna, into the unquenchable fire" (Mark 9:43).

Gehenna, as you know, is another name for Hell. It was literally a valley outside the walls of the city of Jerusalem, named after the sons of Hinnom. These men were the

pagan conquerors who worshipped false idols. When they were dispelled by the Macabees, their bodies were thrown into this valley. Over time, this valley became a garbage dump. There were trash tunnels that would lead into it from Jerusalem. Fires were often burning, hence the image of Hell and fire.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola, in his *Spiritual Exercises*, has a meditation on Hell. The retreatant is to pray picturing Hell and himself in it. Fun.

But, really, it is kinda neat. When I prayed this meditation on my 30-Day retreat a few summers ago, I saw myself in Hell grasping to the thing that I believed I thought I needed for my salvation. The thing was not God, but something I falsely believed I needed. I could not let go of it. I clung to it fiercely, was turned inward, was unfree, and ultimately miserable. What was the thing I clung to?

Buy me a drink first! That's personal. Maybe I'll tell you individually over dinner one day if you have me over.

In my meditation I was able to see other people in Hell, and the idols to which they clung. People clinging to money, to a job title, to a house, to a body image, to alcohol, to a sport or instrument, to a belief of how the world should go, to books, to food, and on and on.

It made me realize that all these things we think we need, we actually don't. Our good health, our bank account, our golf game won't save us. They won't even truly bring us happiness. Only Christ can. "Your gold and silver have corroded," says Saint James (James 5:3).

That is why Jesus is so extreme when he tells us to cut off hands and feet and eyes. Nothing is worth getting in the way of our relationship to God. We'll be fine without hands and eyes and money and looks.

Picture yourself in Hell. What is the object that is not God to which you cling? Can you release it from your grasp, let

it plunge into Gehenna, and allow Jesus to take your open palms and lift you to Heaven?



This weekend at the Masses a member from the Saint Paul of the Cross Respect Life Team will speak after communion about the **baby bottle campaign to support the Women's Center**. The Women's Center helps women in crisis pregnancies. Please take a bottle as you leave Mass. Bottles will be collected on October 16-17th. Thank you Cecilia Klein and her team for organizing this effort.

As I mentioned over the summer, we've been blessed with five **seminarians** assigned to our parish: Kevin Gregus, Martin Nyberg, Lee Noel, Pepe Sandoval, and John Rahimi. You've read some of their bulletin letters and probably seen them around serving at Mass and teaching CCD on Sunday mornings.

The **book club** will meet this Monday, September 27th, at 7:30pm in the Morello Life Center to discuss *Keys of the Kingdom*. **That Man is You** men's spiritual group will also meet at that time in the Kinane Center. On Tuesday evening the **Pastoral Council** and **School Board** will meet.

We're getting closer to opening the **perpetual adoration chapel**. In the meantime, please consider coming to our **Monday Evening of Prayer**, which includes Eucharistic Adoration in the main church from 5:30-7:30pm.

Tuesday I will attend a **School Board** meeting, followed by a 1st grade parent meeting for Catechesis on Zoom.

You may have noticed the **priest and deacon chair** in the upper church have moved locations. Instead of being in the center behind the altar, they are now down to the side by the lectern. This is a trial run Fr. Nick, the deacons and I want to conduct. There are several reasons for this. First, we simply cannot hear anything from behind the altar! Second, we aren't the main show — our Lord is! We'd rather you be looking ahead at Jesus and our beautiful crucifix than our ugly mugs (I'm speaking for myself). Third, and this is for me personally, I love to be able to gaze upon, while I'm sitting, the tabernacle, crucifix, and beautiful statues to our Lady. Let us know what you think.

Yours in Christ,

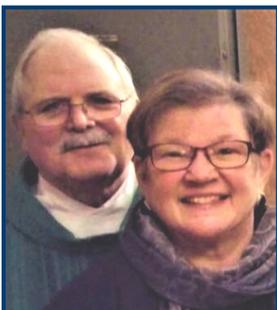
## REFLECTIONS FROM OUR SEMINARIANS AND STAFF



My name is Lee Noel, and I am in my third year of school at Mundelein Seminary while discerning the priesthood for the Diocese of Cheyenne in Wyoming. My mom grew up in Rockford and my dad was raised in Deerfield, so it's pretty special to be back around some family roots. My parents gave my brothers Drew, Louis, and me a

sturdy Catholic home and enrolled us in Catholic schools while growing up in Sioux City, Iowa, but I was more concerned with playing baseball, hockey, or watching the Iowa Hawkeyes than developing a relationship with God. That all changed after I moved to Wyoming in 2014 to attend graduate school and study entomology. Our local Catholic church hosted a student retreat that fall, and when I went to Reconciliation there, I felt a surge of warmth, like a merciful golden wave of joy rush through me. It was a pretty emotional moment, to say the least! I didn't hear a call to the priesthood, but I knew from that moment on that I wanted to get more serious about our Faith and try to do more listening in prayer. After graduating in 2016 I worked for two years in Colorado where I lived with great buddies from our church, dated an awesome gal for a few months, and explored the mountains on the weekends... but I still felt like something was missing. The priests of Cheyenne inspired me to be open to discerning the priesthood, and I am very grateful for the privilege to spend time in prayer, fraternity, and studying at Mundelein in order to follow wherever the Holy Spirit leads me.

*Lee Will Noel*



A number of years ago, I was paged at the hospital while I worked. I picked up the message that I needed to go to my parents' house because of an emergency. When I got there, there was an ambulance in the driveway and a fire truck on the street. Thinking my mother had a

problem due to her health, I ran through the snow to the front door. My mother was standing there crying "What

will I do?" I hugged her, and as I walked around the corner, the paramedics were removing the wires and monitors from my dad sitting in his favorite chair. One of them turned to me, shook his head, and asked if my dad had a heart problem. He did, but not anything that serious. Wow - how can this be?? He's gone! I couldn't think about it because I had to do things right away. Call the pastor, a good friend of my dad's (already on the way because my mother called the church not knowing where to turn when she found my dad), talk with the police, call my brother living in Belgium and other siblings, and figure out arrangements. Things went on from there during the days and weeks that followed. This was my first close-up experience with grieving and bereavement - the shock, the fog, the lack of order in things, the periodic ambush of emotions at the most inopportune times. I have since learned that these are all normal responses. I've experienced other losses of family and friends which led me into the grief ministry that I engage in today. The stories are familiar, the pain is quite real, and through prayer, scripture, and sharing, the healing begins. I did not realize quite so fully as I stood over my dad, that God was so present in that moment. Dad, as a man of great faith, taught us to expect God to support and comfort us in those moments. I find myself reassuring people who have recently experienced the loss of a loved one that the person is not "gone" but has begun a new journey to their God. That same God remains with us as we remember and recall our loved one in our hearts.

In peace,

*Deacon Andy*

Deacon Andy and his wife Dagmar live in Park Ridge and have been members of St. Paul of the Cross since 1985. They have three children — Brendan, Eric, and Mara — and two grandchildren — Charlie and Clare. Deacon Andy was ordained in 2013 and has served at St. Paul of the Cross for eight years. Beside the sacramental aspects of bereavement ministry — communion, wake services, funerals, and committals — he is currently working with a group of volunteers offering the Griefshare Program. The Griefshare Program affords the opportunity for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to better understand the effects of such a loss. Through videos, discussion groups, workbooks, prayer, and the support of others who have similar experiences in their lives, they can begin to heal. The group meets every Tuesday morning at the Kinane Center at 9:30. Registration is encouraged.



## SEPTEMBER 26th

"The power of the priest, is the power of the divine person;  
for the transubstantiation of the bread requires as much power as the creation of the world."  
- Saint Bernadine of Siena

### WHAT IS PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY?

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International. The men who answer the call to priesthood are special indeed, and they are working harder than ever before.

Let us take a moment to thank our clergy who follow in Christ's footsteps. Pray. Say a decade of the rosary for a particular priest or the priesthood as a whole. Drop a note of thanks at the rectory. Find your own meaningful way to encourage these men for their commitment to bringing Jesus to us in so many ways, including the very Eucharist itself.



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## MONDAY EVENINGS OF PRAYER

### UPPER CHURCH

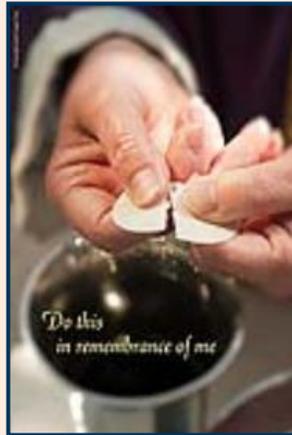
**5:30 pm — 7:30 pm**  
Eucharistic Adoration  
Evening Prayer (*Vespers*)

**6:30 pm — 7:00 pm**  
Confessions

**7:15 pm**  
Talk on Prayer

**7:30 pm**  
Benediction

## 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.



## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

*The journey to becoming 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 join the RCIA program, which is currently forming, to help you prepare to receive the Sacraments and learn about Catholicism in an open and welcoming environment.

Email [RCIA@spc-church.org](mailto:RCIA@spc-church.org)  
for more information

## CRUX TEEN MINISTRY

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

If interested, please contact Helen Megally, Director of Youth Ministry, at [hmegally@mswparish.org](mailto:hmegally@mswparish.org).

You can find out more information about CRUX on our website at [www.spc-church.org](http://www.spc-church.org), including a complete 2021-2022 calendar of events.



Here's how to sign up online:

1. Go to [www.takethemameal.com](http://www.takethemameal.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](mailto: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](http://missionola.com)) and sign up for the specific time you are available.



Email [olamission@gmail.com](mailto:olamission@gmail.com)  
with any questions.

## DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

*A ministry for healing and recovery from divorce*

**WEDNESDAY, 9/29: 7 – 9 pm**

**Kinane Center**



The Divorce Support Group will have their third session on stress. Divorce is often recognized as one of the most stressful things a person can go through. Learn ways to handle that stress and to grow from it. All experiencing separation and divorce are welcome to join us. Any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Benson at:

**(915) 204-4426**

**karenb54@hotmail.com**



**TUESDAYS, 9/14 – 12/7, 2021**

**9:30 – 11:30 am**

**Kinane Center**

This program features biblical, Christ-centered teaching that focuses on grief topics associated with the death of a loved one. You will learn how to recognize the symptoms of being stuck in grief and how to move through the process.

Please contact Adrienne Timm with questions or to register.

**847-692-6767**

**adriennetimm@spc-church.org**

You may also go to **www.griefshare.org** for more information and to register online.

## 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:**

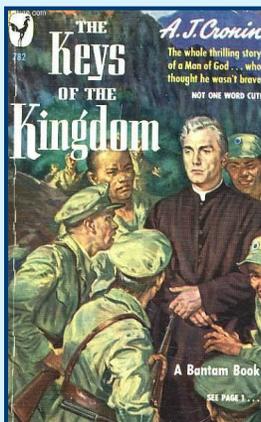
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## BOOK CLUB

**SEPTEMBER 27th**

**7:30 pm**



The Book Club will meet Monday, September 27th, at 7:30 pm in the Morello Center. 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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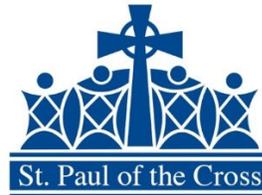
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### The mission at CatholicVote:

To inspire every Catholic in America to live out the truths of our faith in public life.



CatholicVote is also launching a new program this month, September 21st, called Edify. Edify will share the truths about the Catholic faith and the foundational values of America. Edify will help Catholics understand current topics like critical race theory, gun control, climate change, minimum wage, and transgender rights. To receive this free content, sign up at: [www.edify.us](http://www.edify.us). When signing up, you'll be asked to nominate your favorite parish. Please nominate **St. Paul of the Cross**. The parish with the most votes will win a \$10,000 cash prize. Note that you'll need to include our SPC website, [www.spc-church.org](http://www.spc-church.org), when signing up.



## PARISH EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND



Save the Date!

Friday, November 5, 2021

7:00 PM

**Q.** Who's ready for a fun night of games, fellowship, and prizes?

**A.** YOU ARE!

Join the company of your friends and family and share your knowledge of everything from pop culture to Catholic theology in our very own SPC Trivia Contest! Pick a theme, decorate your table, and dress accordingly!

Stay tuned for more information from the Endowment committee in the coming weeks.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 28th. If you have any questions, comments, concerns, and especially ideas for our parish and how best to keep us energetic and vibrant as a faith family, please contact Patti Nowak at:

[pattinowak56@gmail.com](mailto:pattinowak56@gmail.com)

847-471-2745

*Thank you in advance for your prayerful input!*

## REFLECT WEEKEND RETREAT

NOVEMBER 12-14, 2021

**Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s):** Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing **REFLECT** weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL on Nov 12-14th. Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room. Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), e-mail [reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com), or call (630) 222-8303 for details.

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## PET BLESSING

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 4th

4:00 pm

On the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, who bonded with animals in a special way, we will have a blessing of pets in the main parking lot on Monday, October 4th, at 4:00 pm.



## SEEKING ALTAR SERVERS



We would like to invite all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade SPC and CCD students to participate in our Altar Server program. If you are interested in participating in this beautiful ministry, please reach out to Mike Marrese at [mjmarrese1@comcast.net](mailto:mjmarrese1@comcast.net) who can send you an application. All current altar servers need to complete an application as all participants will be (re)trained.

*Thank you!*

## FAITH & FILM



Join us in watching "The Keys of the Kingdom", the next movie in the parish Faith & Film Series, sponsored by the Respect Life Committee.

Starring Gregory Peck and based on the best-selling novel by A.J. Cronin, this Academy award-nominated movie tells the endearing story of Fr. Francis Chisholm, an unconventional Scottish priest who struggles to establish a mission in China.

### THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM

Wednesday,  
**OCTOBER 13th**

7:00 pm

*Holy Family Chapel*

We issue a special invitation to all SPC Book Club members who are presently reading The Keys of the Kingdom.

RESPECT **Li**LIFE COMMITTEE

## MONDAY EVENING OF PRAYER

### VESPERS FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 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:** 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:** The Lord looks tenderly on those who are poor.

**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.

**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

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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

To the elders among you, I, a fellow elder, a witness of Christ's sufferings and sharer in the glory that is to be revealed, make this appeal. God's flock is in your midst; give it a shepherd's care. Watch over it willingly, as God would have you do, not under constraint, and not for shameful profit, either, but generously. Be examples to the flock, not lording it over those assigned to you, so that when the chief Shepherd appears, you will win for yourselves the unfading crown of glory. (1 Peter 5: 1-4)

### RESPONSORY

**P:** This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

**A:** This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

**P:** He spent himself in their service,

**A:** and ever prayed for them.

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

**A:** This is a man who loved his brethren and ever prayed for them.

### GOSPEL CANTICLE: LUKE 1:46-55

**Ant.:** **P:** Whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me.

**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:** Whatever you do for the least of my brothers you do for me.

### INTERCESSIONS

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

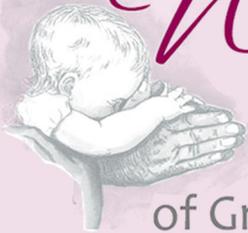
### CONCLUDING PRAYER

God our Father, you gave Saint Vincent de Paul the courage and holiness of an apostle for the well-being of the poor and the formation of the clergy. Help us to be zealous in continuing his work. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

# Baby Bottle Project for

# The Women's Centers

of Greater Chicagoland



You can make a difference in the lives of women and children in our community by participating in the annual St. Paul of the Cross Baby Bottle Project to assist the Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland. The Women's Center is a non-profit organization that directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies. Their free counseling services include emotional, financial, and spiritual support, as well as medical care, material assistance, and other aid. The Women's Centers have saved and helped the lives of over 40,000 mothers and babies since 1984; your spare change will help them to continue their good work! Empty baby bottles will be distributed after all Masses this weekend.



Please fill the empty baby bottle with spare change and return it on the weekend of October 16th/17th

If you would prefer to donate online, please go to [www.gotwc.org/baby-bottle-project](http://www.gotwc.org/baby-bottle-project). Simply click on the **Virtual Baby Bottle** button, then select the designation for **St. Paul of the Cross Park Ridge**.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

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## FIRST ANNUAL WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT MINGLE



On Friday, September 10th, SPC hosted our first Back to School Parent Mingle in the Safe Zone. It was a beautiful evening for the 350 attending parents, faculty, and priests, and a welcome opportunity to visit with old friends and meet new friends!

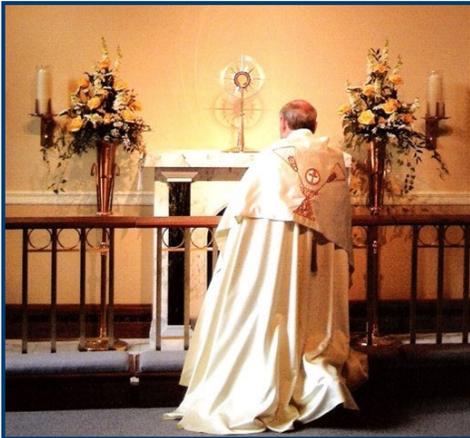
### A VERY BIG THANK YOU...

- ⇒ Mrs. Meghan Waldeck, for organizing this special event!
- ⇒ The parent and faculty volunteers who made the evening run smoothly!
- ⇒ Bob McNamara and the Chancey Brothers for the wonderful live entertainment!
- ⇒ All of the attendees whose presence made this event so special!



# PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

## VISIT JESUS IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT



As we work to reopen our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel by filling the one-hour slots of our adorers' schedule, we do encounter obstacles. The major one of which is filling the marine early

morning hours, those hours of darkness from **midnight to 6:00 am** each day.

These are hours of great offering as they generally interrupt a person's sleep. A commitment by an adorer for such an hour is a significant special effort to visit Jesus. It not only challenges one's body but it raises the hope for many graces to intensify one's love and relationship with our Savior.

Adorers who commit to one of these hours will enjoy Jesus' presence in the stillness of the night in the Chapel, without the secular buzz that surrounds us in our daily tasks. One cannot help but feel the closeness of Jesus whom we can imagine, recognizes the sacrifice a marine hour adorer lays at His feet.

We urge you to consider signing up for a **marine hour** slot. A number of these hours are available Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday. These hours must be filled before the chapel reopens. We need your help.

### 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 adorers 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](mailto:adorationchapel@spc-church.org).

|          | Sun    | Mon    | Tues   | Wed    | Thur   | Fri    | Sat    |
|----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 12:00 AM | Red    | Red    | Red    | Yellow | Yellow | Red    | Yellow |
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| 2:00 AM  | Yellow | Yellow | Red    | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Red    |
| 3:00 AM  | Red    | Red    | Red    | Yellow | Yellow | Yellow | Red    |
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## 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](mailto:joannestewart@spc-church.org) with any questions.

*Thank you for your consideration.*

# 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



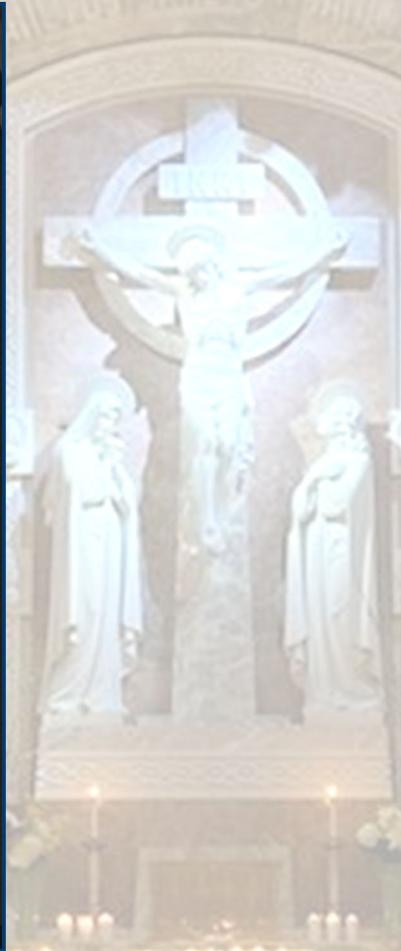
## THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS OF SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS (part 1 of 6)

How many of us have taken the time to truly study and appreciate the beautiful stained glass windows that adorn our church? These works of art are more than just colorful pieces of glass used in our Romanesque architecture; they are actually intricate depictions of our faith, our church history and our lives in Christ. This is the first of a six-part series describing these works of art. We will start in the front on the Blessed Mother's side of the church.



### WINDOW 1: MARY, THE QUEEN OF ANGELS

Notice that each window is comprised of three components. First, there is a large circular area that contains the major theme or scriptural image for that window. Second, below the large circle, is a smaller circular area called a medallion which contains images that represent one of the Twelve Apostles. Saint Peter is represented by crossed keys and the inverted cross. The smaller icons represent symbols of a particular Saint. The miter, staff and shamrock represent St. Patrick of course.



### WINDOW 2: THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The scriptural theme for this artwork is the Baptism of the Lord in the River Jordan by St. John the Baptist. In the smaller medallion circle below the theme circle, you will see three sea shells. These represent the Apostle, St. James (the Greater). Look more closely and find the icons that represent three great German saints: the scroll and pen represent St. Boniface; the banner and cross signify St. Ursula and the suit of armor represent St. Adrian.

*Special thanks to Deacon Al and Deacon Bob for providing the information for these articles*

# KIDS CORNER

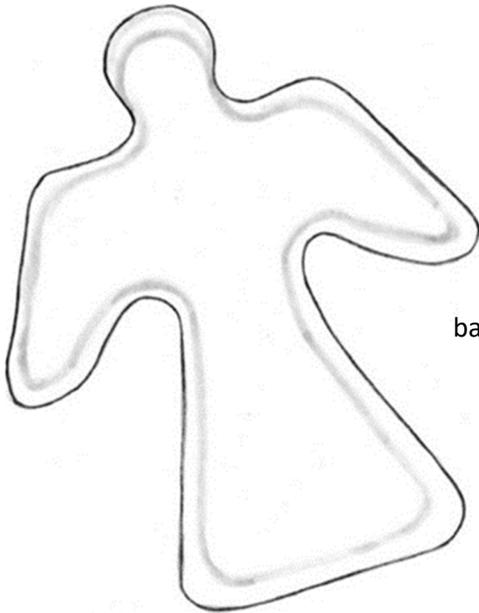
## MESSENGERS OF GOD

**On September 29**, we celebrate the feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels. Angels are "messengers of God." They announce to us that God is with us to give us strength and protection, guidance and health. The "voice of an archangel" is mentioned in 1 Thessalonians 4:16. Michael is one of the archangels. His name means "Who is like God?" Michael, the defender of Christians and of the Church, is mentioned in the Bible in the books of Daniel (10:12-13) and Revelation (12:7-9).

Another archangel is Gabriel. The name Gabriel means "God is my strength." Gabriel is the angel who announced to Mary that she would become the mother of Jesus (Luke 1:26), and told Zechariah about the expected birth of his son, John (Luke 1:8), the future Baptizer who would point the way to Jesus. Eastern Orthodox Catholics remember that announcement to Zechariah today, September 23.

The Archangel Raphael, whose name means "God is my health" is a helper and guide in many stories of the Old and New Testaments (see Tobit 12:3, 15).

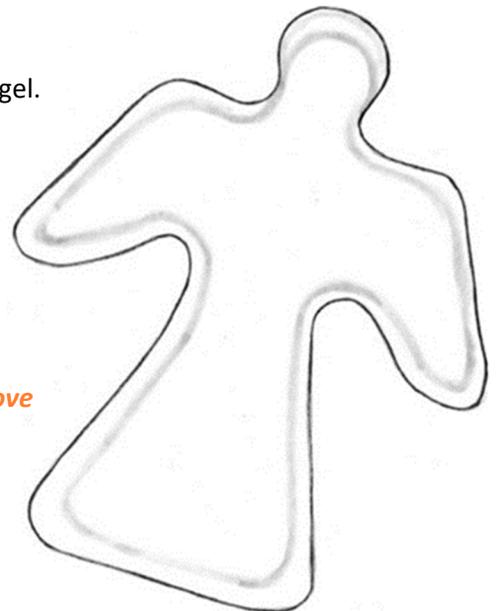
"Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name."  
Mark 9 : 38



On this feast of these archangels, bake some cookies in the shape of an angel. You might have to bring out your Christmas cookie cutters!

Decorate them and give them to friends and family with a message like:

*"May the angels remind you of God's love and bring sweetness to your life."*





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| Day                | Feast   | Time         | Presider       | Mass Intentions  |
|--------------------|---|--------------|----------------|--|
| Monday,<br>9/27    | St Vincent de Paul  | 6:25 am UP   | Fr. James      | Charles and Isabelle Veil  |
|                    |   | 8:30 am UP   | Fr. James      | Peggy Cooney, Kevin and Pamela O'Finn, Rose Koegel, Judith Maness, Stephanie DiCristafano  |
| Tuesday,<br>9/28   | Saints Wenceslaus,<br>Lawrence Ruiz,<br>and Companions  | 6:25 am UP   | Fr. James      | Tom Slebach  |
|                    |   | 8:30 am UP   | Fr. James      | Armanda Russo Zanichelli, Tom and Peggy King, Margaret Cooney  |
| Wednesday,<br>9/29 | Saints Michael,<br>Gabriel & Raphael,<br>Archangels   | 6:25 am UP   | Fr. James      | Holy Souls in Purgatory  |
|                    |   | 8:30 am UP   | Fr. James      | William Foley, Simon O'Donnell, Walter Klusak, Julia and Eugene Walczak  |
| Thursday,<br>9/30  | Saint Jerome  | 6:25 am UP   | Fr. James      | Healing and Blessings for Denise Bertucci  |
|                    |   | 8:30 am UP   | Fr. James      | Margot Greco, Donald McCormick,<br>60th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for John and Kathleen Collins  |
| Friday,<br>10/1    | Saint Therese of<br>the Child Jesus   | 6:25 am UP   | Fr. James      | Healing for Mary Higgins   |
|                    |   | 8:30 am UP   | Fr. James      | Gerry Ryan, Rita, Anna and William Parilla, Dolores Hester, Julia Jakubow, Peggy Cooney,<br>George Roppel, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Birthday Blessings for Nathaniel Tan |
| Saturday,<br>10/2  | The Holy Guardian<br>Angels   | 8:00 am UP   | Fr. James      | Marion Jakubow, Birthday Blessings for Belen Dano, Healing for Mary Higgins  |
|                    |   | 4:30 PM UP   | Fr. James      | Bill and Emma Regner, Armanda Russo Zanichelli, Simon O'Donnell, Virginia Kaczynski,<br>Primet Rotondo, Rosemarie and Dominik Cannella, Margaret Hefferan                |
|                    |   | 4:30 PM HFC  | <b>NO MASS</b> |  |
| Sunday,<br>10/3    | Twenty-Seventh<br>Sunday in Ordinary<br>Time — World<br>Communion and<br>Respect Life<br>Sunday | 7:30 am UP   | Fr. Nick       | Adrian Jaroch, Kathy Marrese, Eve Katherine Fries, Healing for Ralph, Marianne, and Family   |
|                    |   | 9:00 am UP   | Fr. Nick       | Simon O'Donnell, Eufemio Cosico, Jay Fuller  |
|                    |   | 9:00 am HFC  | Fr. Britto     | People of the Parish   |
|                    |   | 10:30 am UP  | Fr. Nick       | Joe and Joey Ligas, 15th Wedding Anniversary Blessings for Mark and Mary Janus   |
|                    |   | 10:30 am HFC | Fr. James      | Lucille Sullivan   |
|                    |   | 12:00 pm UP  | Fr. James      | Modesto Cosimo Patruno   |

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- Saint Pope John Paul II*

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

| Time                       | Lector                                  | Extraordinary Ministers   | Servers |
|----------------------------|---|---|---------|
| <b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2</b> |   |   |         |
| 4:30 pm UP                 | Gail Wilkening, Patricia Izban          | Lisa Bomrad, Mary Garrity, Patti Nowak                          | N/A     |
| 4:30 pm HFC                | <b>NO MASS</b>                          |   | N/A     |
| <b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3</b>   |   |   |         |
| 7:30 am UP                 | Armand Andreoni, Eugene Cooney          | Roger Ginger, Barb Skadow, Gerda Weitzel                        | N/A     |
| 9:00 am UP                 | John Tallman, Anne Scialabba            | Kevin Buggy, Kathy Jarosch, OPEN                                | N/A     |
| 9:00 am HFC                | Jane Olson, Vincent Santucci            | Erin Grapenthien (sub requested), Kalyn Mahoney                 | N/A     |
| 10:30 am UP                | Kim Soifer, Frances Johnson             | Julie Limperis, Iryna Olyva, Gloria Peisker                     | N/A     |
| 10:30 am HFC               | Susan Davis (sub requested), Dan Koziol | Connie DePaul, Sharon Sernel                                    | N/A     |
| 12:00 pm UP                | Neda Naum, David Dempsey                | Margie Alicea (sub requested), Pam Dobrowski,<br>Margaret Teich | N/A     |

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## SCHEDULE

### MASS

UC = Upper Church; HFC = Holy Family Chapel

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

### ADORATION

TBD

### CONFESSION

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

### FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

### WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday  
*Call the parish office at least 6 months in advance*

### BAPTISMS

Sunday

*If this is your first child, baptism prep class is required and provided on the fourth Thursday every month at 7:00 pm. Please contact the parish office at 847-825-7605 to register.*

### NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

TBD

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

TBD

### COMMUNION FOR THE HOMEBOUND

Please call 847-825-7605

### ROSARY

TBD

### PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE

TBD