



# ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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

JOSHUA 24:15

*February 5, 2023*  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Photo Credit: Patty Beaudet-Frances - January 26, 2022 Candlelight Rosary*

# February 5, 2023 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus calls his disciples “salt of the world.” No one eats just salt. So, Christians are not meant to replace or do away with the world. They are meant to be agents of preservation and glorification. Notice how often these days the Church seeks to preserve what is threatened: the goodness of marital and family love, the desires of young people for greatness, the value of honest work, healthy economics, and altruistic political engagement, the dignity of the poor and vulnerable. Over and over, we say to a world who wants to throw things out, “It’s worth saving! We’ll preserve it! We’ll show you it’s wonderful.” If we can’t engage the world like that, Jesus says we are the ones who get thrown out, because salt alone is worthless. Jesus only asks us to do for others what he does for us. He is the “salt” of everything in our lives. Is there something in your life starting to rot a bit? Something tasting bland and boring? Let Jesus salt it and see if you like it better.

## Schedule

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

**CONFESSION**  
 Monday through Friday 8-8:15 am  
 Saturday 3-4:00 pm

**FUNERALS**  
 Monday through Saturday Morning

**WEDDINGS**  
 Friday and Saturday

**BAPTISMS**  
 Saturday and Sunday

All services take place in our Upper Church

## Pray for our Sick

names remain for two months

Delaney Bartz  
 Rosalie DiCola  
 Sunny Greinke  
 Michelle Liskovec  
 Michael J. Lucarelli  
 Bette Memmel  
 Carole Zachary  
 Irene Zimmer

## In Loving Memory

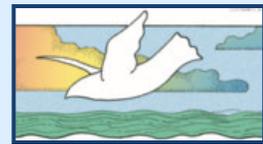
Please pray for the souls of the faithful departed in our SPC community. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Eileen Molloy  
 Evelyn Weiler  
 Casimir Witek

## Baptisms

**AIDEN MATTHEW MALUSA**  
 son of Matthew Malusa  
 and Cristina Peri

**JOSEPH LEE FRIEDMAN**  
 son of Nate Friedman  
 and Ellen Frael



In today’s first reading, the prophet Isaiah speaks of God’s desire for us to not only feed the hungry and take care of the afflicted, but also to rid ourselves of malicious and accusatory speech. Which of these directives might you need to work on this week?

## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY OFFERING (January 22nd – 28th)

Envelopes	\$9,880.00
Loose	\$5,214.83
Electronic Giving	\$10,085.50
<b>Total Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$25,180.33</b>

### ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (thru January 28th)

Church in Latin America	\$2,714.00
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### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

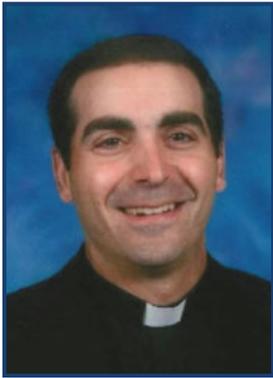
<b>2022 Annual Catholic Appeal</b> (through January 19, 2023)(goal: \$123,960)	\$212,210 paid (171%) \$220,290 pledged (178%)
<b>Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD Total</b> (July 1, 2022 through January 28, 2023)	\$1,053,019.26
<b>Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD vs. Budget</b> (July 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022)	+\$82,023.93

## Readings for the Week

**MON, 2/6:** Gn 1:1-19 / Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c / Mk 6:53-56  
**TUE, 2/7:** Gn 1:20-2:4a / Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mk 7:1-13  
**WED, 2/8:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17 / Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 / Mk 7:14-23  
**THU, 2/9:** Gn 2:18-25 / Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 / Mk 7:24-30  
**FRI, 2/10:** Gn 3:1-8 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 / Mk 7:31-37  
**SAT, 2/11:** Gn 3:9-24 / Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 / Mk 8:1-10  
**SUN, 2/12:** Sir 15:15-20 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b) / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37



## Letter from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

Nothing makes my heart feel better than service. Sometimes I can get too much in my own head: thinking about my needs and my issues and my desires and yadda, yadda, yadda. Because I'm complicated and foggy, too much time in my head makes me feel like I'm in darkness. If I can break

out of myself and go be with someone and, even better, go serve someone, then that darkness vanishes. I stop thinking about myself and stop fretting about what I don't have. I instead look to God and to others. I'm able to be impacted by them and see the beauty of life.

Parents are experts at sensing this in their children. When the boy or girl is spending too much time alone in their room or playing video games, or when they've been complaining a lot, they'll order them to do some chores. It breaks the doldrums.

As I mentioned last week, my priesthood is a gift. It's my salvation. God, as a good Father, knows when I'm getting too selfish. He'll tap me on the shoulder and say, 'James, go visit that individual in the hospital' or 'James, stop moping around and go pay a visit to one of the classrooms' or 'go offer a holy hour for a person you know is struggling' or 'empty the dishwasher.'

The prophet Isaiah says when we do kind deeds, "[our] light shall break forth like the dawn, and [our] wound shall quickly be healed." Our wound of insecurity and our wound of longing is healed by our being with others and serving them. We see it's not about us.

Paul gives us one of the most excellent lines in all of Sacred Scripture this weekend: "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Yes, it is important to know ourselves. We need to be self-aware so we can grow and give our hearts over to God in love. But the journey doesn't end with self-knowledge and personal growth. Knowing Christ is the far better journey. When we serve others, we are seeing Christ and we are, in an indirect way, coming to know him. Christ reveals himself in other people. I've

always said that I learned the most in seminary not from books or from a class, but from being with other people, particularly my friends.

It's pretty dreary these Chicago February days. You might ask God to show you how you can go out and be with someone and serve them. We could use some light.



Today is **Donut and New Parishioner Sign-up Sunday** over in the gym after all the Sunday morning Masses.

The **Pastoral Council** has a meeting this upcoming Tuesday, February 7th and Friday, the CRUX teen group will have **Friday Night Lights** at Mary, Seat of Wisdom at 7pm.

A reminder that the 2023 **Annual Catholic Appeal** is underway. Thank you to those who have already sent in your pledge envelopes and donations. This is a big effort from the Archdiocese and our own parish to raise significant funds to support the ministries throughout the city and suburbs. We have a hefty goal, but we've been so generous in the past in meeting and surpassing this goal. I ask for your help again in accomplishing this work of charity for our local community. God bless you for your sacrifices.

Your servant in Christ,

## Reflections from our Seminararians and Community



When I was a kid, I always got confused by today's gospel reading about being the salt of the earth. We hear that when salt loses its flavor, it becomes useless and is tossed out to be trampled. I'm a good Midwest boy, I know about Chicago winters – cold, lots of snow, and thus a need for road salt. It may not be good for our cars, but salting the roads kept us safe and was quite necessary. So why then is it bad to toss it on the ground? Doesn't it still have use? 8-year-old Kevin believed himself to be far wiser than the Bible; clearly, they were missing some common piece of knowledge.

It wasn't until I was in college and had a roommate who was a chef that I learned about what salt does for food. It's not to make things taste salty, but to enhance flavors. I'll never forget watching him add salt to whipped cream of all things. He had me taste it before and after, and wouldn't you know that the post-salt whipped cream tasted better. There was no hint of salt at all. And yes, I did come to also learn the preserving nature of salt in pre-refrigeration eras.

This is why Jesus uses this analogy for our life as Christians. Salt should never be the main flavor, but something that preserves and enhances flavors. Our place in the world is to lead people to Jesus, who provides the flavor for life, and then to keep that flavor through our ministry and witness. We are called to identify the good flavors of society that point to God and enhance those by our joy and commitment to truth, goodness, and beauty.

Remember, too much salt can ruin the flavor. There is a temptation to make it about us and overwhelm the fragrance of God. It's also not our job to provide the main flavor. We already have a savior that has brought us an abundance of life. Through the sacraments and our communal living, we keep our ability as the salt of the earth, enriching the things Jesus does in the lives we encounter every day.

Deacon Kevin Gregus, *Fourth Year Seminararian*

I am a mother of 5, grandmother of 12 and great grandmother of 3, with another precious one on the way. When my children were younger, I volunteered at their school, St. Nicholas of Tolentine in Chicago. Whether it was library lady, lunch lady, substitute teacher, hot dog day, coaching girls' basketball, etc., I loved being around children of all ages. I moved to Park Ridge about 25 years ago and am happy that God guided me to this parish! I used to work at the rectory for many years after I retired from downtown. It was one of the most rewarding experiences to work with so many wonderful people. It was never dull, always something to do and very rewarding to be able to assist anyone who came to the rectory door, no matter the reason.



I work with the Ministers of Care, a wonderful group of men and women. Covid really hit our ministry hard, and I felt sorry for the those who were confined to their rooms and could not have visitors or receive the sacraments. We are still not up to full speed as we were before Covid because people are still anxious about the virus. However, we do go to nursing homes, retirement homes, hospitals and visit those who are homebound. It is a beautiful and rewarding ministry, and the people are so happy to see our Ministers!

I am a member of the Adoration Chapel Team; it is no longer "Perpetual." It was very sad when we were unable to get enough people to commit to the overnight hours. We want to reopen but we are in desperate need of two adorers for each hour of each day from 11pm to 5am. If you cannot commit, please spread the word to others who might be able to help. *Please pray, pray, and pray some more so we can reopen and be a Perpetual Adoration Chapel again!* It is so wonderful to spend time with our Lord, to feel a sense of comfort and let Him into our hearts.

This Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time is about being a light in the darkness. God is asking us to help those in need, not only monetarily (which is necessary), but with the precious gift of time. Sometimes it just takes listening so the person knows we care. A simple smile can make someone's day brighter. Mother Teresa said, "the world is changed by your example, not your opinion."

We have countless St. Paul of the Cross parishioners who donate their time in many ways. There is always a need for more people to come forward. It would be a true blessing to commit to one hour each week in the Adoration Chapel during the hours when the need is so great. We have to persevere to keep our Catholic faith growing in the hearts of the young and be available in the hearts of the elderly. "Let your light shine before men!" God bless you all!

Joanne Stewart

## Mass and Presider Schedule / Mass Intentions

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	MASS INTENTIONS
<b>MONDAY, 2/6</b> Saint Paul Miki and Companions	6:25 am	Fr. James	Robert Garippo, Healing and Blessings for Tomasine Romano
	8:30 am	Fr. Nick	Sean Sullivan, Dorothy DeSmef, Federico Payomo, Don Schmid, Helen and Robert Heilingoetter
<b>TUESDAY, 2/7</b> Weekday	6:25 am	Fr. Nick	Healing and Blessings for Deacon Rick and Carol Moritz
	8:30 am	Fr. James	Mary McNabola Rock, Julie Borucki-Nistler
<b>WEDNESDAY, 2/8</b> Saint Jerome Emiliani, Saint Josephine Bakhita	6:25 am	Fr. James	Mary Popowicz
	8:30 am	Fr. James	Frank Tomasiewicz, Eleanor Maschek, Mary Kelly, Healing for Kevin
<b>THURSDAY, 2/9</b> Weekday	6:25 am	Fr. Nick	Holy Souls in Purgatory
	8:30 am	Fr. Nick	Marie Odishoo, Margaret Schmidt, Albert L. Frigo II
<b>FRIDAY, 2/10</b> Saint Scholastica	6:25 am	Fr. James	George Reiling
	8:30 am	Fr. Nick	James Farrell, Schmid Family, Repose of the Soul of Henryka Klapinska
<b>SATURDAY, 2/11</b> Our Lady of Lourdes, Blessed Virgin Mary	8:30 am	Fr. Nick	Genevieve Sanfillippo
	4:30 pm	Fr. James	Charles Cernock, Karolina Wiech, Helen and Andrew Benko, Healing and Blessings for Brian Benko
<b>SUNDAY, 2/12</b> Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am	Fr. Nick	Martin Augustin, People of the Parish
	9:00 am	Fr. James	Margareta Serritella, Marcela Cabrera, Schelhammer Family
	10:30 am	Fr. Nick	George Roppel, Janeen Muench, Marilyn McGuire
	12:00 pm	Fr. James	Tony Borkowski

## Liturgical Ministers Schedule (please email [schedule@spc-church.org](mailto:schedule@spc-church.org) with any questions)

MASS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
<b>SATURDAY, 2/11</b> 4:30 pm	Joanne Cichon-Feeney, Gail Wilkening	Pat Lawlor, Patti Nowak, Mary Ryan Smith, Carol Welton	Andrew Steinfels, Josette Steinfels, Madelyn Grapenthien
<b>SUNDAY, 2/12</b> 7:30 am	Frances Johnson, Kirke Machon	Eugene Cooney, Alex Jasinowski, Mark Orzada, Lisa Orzada	Julia Valasek, Lukas Stachowicz, Arod Pourzorgot
<b>SUNDAY, 2/12</b> 9:00 am	Anne Scialabba, Brianna Santucci	Margie Alicea, Linda Swoboda, Thomas Swoboda, Geri Weissmann	Caroline Murphey, Gerald Murphey, Will Armour
<b>SUNDAY, 2/12</b> 10:30 am	Dan Hogan, David Dempsey	Ruth Klepitsch, Mary Nicolau, Iryna Olyva, Kim Soifer	Chester Rzany, Lily Zwierczyk, Tommy Fuller
<b>SUNDAY, 2/12</b> 12:00 pm	Neda Naum, Joni Haley	Kevin Buggy (sub requested), OPEN, OPEN, OPEN	Emmett Yonka, Abby Seurync, Andre DeRosa

## Upcoming Events

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Friday, February 3rd	6:25 and 8:30 am Masses	Upper Church	Blessing of Throats on Feast of Saint Blase
Weekend of February 4th/5th	During all Masses	Upper Church	2023 Annual Catholic Appeal Kick-Off
Weekend of February 4th/5th	After all Masses	Upper Church	Uncle Pete's Meal Collection — Distribution Day
Sunday, February 5th	8:30 am—12:00 pm	Parish Life Center	New Parishioner Registration and Donut Sunday
Sunday, February 5th	8:30 pm	PLC Gym	Men's Pick-Up Basketball
Tuesday, February 7th	-	-	Pastoral Council — <i>please provide input to <a href="mailto:pattinowak56@gmail.com">pattinowak56@gmail.com</a></i>
Wednesday, February 8th	6:30 pm	Holy Family Chapel	Faith & Film: Ida
Thursday, February 9th	7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Weekend of February 11th/12th	After all Masses	Upper Church	Girl Scout Cookie Sale
Sunday, February 12th	Before all Masses	Upper Church	Uncle Pete's Meal Collection — Collection Day

# Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

## UNCLE PETE'S MEAL COLLECTION

### *Distribution Day*

WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 4th/5th  
After all Masses



The Apostolate of Women's Service Pillar, chaired by Jennifer Brooks, is

organizing a meal collection for those less fortunate. Lunch bags and lists of items needed will be handed out after the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, February 4th and after all Masses on Sunday, February 5th. For a list of items needed, or to register to volunteer, please visit our website at [www.spc-church.org](http://www.spc-church.org)

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**APOSTOLATE**  
of **WOMEN**

## NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION and DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center



What could be better than greeting new parishioners while enjoying a cup of coffee and donut treat? Our **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY** will be available on February 5th from 8:30 until noon to register new parishioners, answer any questions, and distribute welcome packets. Join us after all Sunday Masses to visit with our priests and enjoy a donut!

*We hope to see you there!*

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th



### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL INVITES YOUR INPUT!

The Parish Pastoral Council is scheduled to meet on February 7th. Your input and suggestions are welcome to enhance the vitality and vibrancy of our parish faith family. Kindly submit your comments to Patti Nowak at: [pattinowak56@gmail.com](mailto:pattinowak56@gmail.com)

847-471-2745

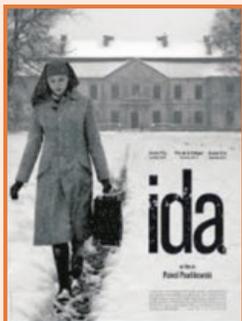


## IDA

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8th

6:30 pm

Holy Family Chapel



Join us for this beautiful and compelling academy award winning movie about a young Polish novitiate who discovers a shocking family secret.

*All are welcome!*

RESPECT **LIFE** COMMITTEE

## UNCLE PETE'S MEAL COLLECTION

### *Collection Day*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12th

Before all Masses



Collection of sack lunch/dinners will be before all Masses on Sunday, February 12th only. We will have volunteers at all entrances prior to each Mass to collect. For more information, or to register to volunteer, please visit our website at [www.spc-church.org](http://www.spc-church.org)

*Thank you for your support and generosity!*

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## SPC BLOOD DRIVE



SUNDAY, APRIL 2nd

8:00 am — 2:00 pm

**vitalant.**  
Blood Donation

The Holy Family Guild will be coordinating the parish's Blood Drive on Palm Sunday with Vitalant (formerly LifeSource). The date is **Sunday, April 2, 2023 from 8 am until 2 pm**, so mark your calendars! We are getting the word out now so you can plan ahead since **donors must wait a minimum of 8 weeks** between whole blood donations.

Watch the bulletin for more information. If there is a particular appointment time that you prefer, please contact the Blood Drive

Coordinators:

**Christine Perille: 847-494-5150** or  
**Eileen Kaczmarek: 847-533-7952**

# Additional Opportunities

## FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29th**

11:30 am — 1:15 pm

740 Wiley Farm Court  
Schaumburg, IL 60173

The Apostolate of Women's Service Pillar is organizing a service event with Feed My Starving Children, led by Anna Fioravanti. Volunteers are needed to help pack meals that will be delivered to hungry children all over the world. Ages 5 and up can register; all children must be accompanied by an adult.

We have 148 spots available under St. Paul of the Cross. Register for your spot at [www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=X8E4L1](http://www.fmssc.org/join-group?joincode=X8E4L1)



## PRAYING WITH SCRIPTURE

**THURSDAYS EXCEPT HOLY**

**THURSDAY**

**AND THANKSGIVING**

7:30 pm

Kinane Center



The Praying with Scripture group reflects on Sacred Scripture through meditation using the Lectio Divina form of prayer that taps into the "spiritual sense" of scripture. If you would like to join, please email [beshare@hotmail.com](mailto:beshare@hotmail.com) for details.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

**COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!**

*Due to an insufficient number of overnight adorers, we have temporarily closed our Adoration Chapel from 11:00 pm until 5:00 am daily.*

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. The red boxes indicate where there is at most one committed adorer during the overnight hours. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are times throughout the day when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed here to fortify the daytime schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present. If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at **847-825-7605**

or email:

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

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

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE HIGHEST PAYOUT RATES IN OVER A DECADE!

As we walk on the road with Jesus, you can reflect His light and support our sisters and brothers who make this life journey with us by considering a gift to the Church that pays you back – a charitable gift annuity. When you establish a charitable gift annuity with the archdiocese, not only will you receive fixed payments for life, but you can designate our parish, school or a ministry – such as the Annual Catholic Appeal – as the remainder beneficiary.

### HOW IT WORKS:

1. Make a gift of \$10,000 or more to the Archdiocese of Chicago. Fund your gift annuity with cash or securities.
2. Receive fixed payments for life – for yourself or a loved one age 60 or older. Payment rates are based upon the age of the annuitant at the time you establish the gift annuity.
3. Enjoy immediate and future tax benefits, including a federal income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, if you itemize. You can schedule payments according to your financial needs, and a portion of each annuity payment will be tax-free (through life expectancy).
4. The funds remaining after your lifetime will support our parish or school, as designated by you.

For more information, please visit [giving.archchicago.org/cga](http://giving.archchicago.org/cga). To receive a free, no-obligation personalized illustration of how you could benefit from a Charitable Gift Annuity, contact **Krystina M. Campbell**, Planned Giving Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago: **312-534-5404** / [campbell@archchicago.org](mailto:campbell@archchicago.org)

# 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal

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WALKING  
ON THE ROAD  
WITH JESUS

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal



This year's theme for the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is *Walking on the road with Jesus*. It draws on the gospel invitation to move and walk with Jesus into his kingdom. It also draws from the invitation of Pope Francis for all Catholics to embrace synodality, that is, a way for all of us to be the Church of God, to be together, *syn-hodos*, on the road with each other. Supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal unites us as a faith community in demonstrating love of neighbor through the good works we are able to provide together. The Appeal drives the holy mission of our archdiocese to teach, to serve and to sanctify, allowing us to carry out the work of Christ.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection: It is a pledged commitment to make a gift over time. Your pledge can be made payable in installments. Each pledge makes a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services. We encourage giving at all levels to support this initiative. In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish by returning any proceeds above our goal to us. As we contemplate God's many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude. When we financially support the work of our parish, our archdiocese and the Catholic Church throughout the world, we experience a feeling of deep gratitude, especially when we contemplate God's many gifts to us personally. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal.

## WAYS TO MAKE ACA GIFTS

One-time gifts, pledges, sustaining recurring gifts, as well as gifts made through stock, Donor Advised Funds and IRA distributions can be made by cash, check, or credit card through the following methods:

### ONLINE

There is a dedicated annual appeal giving form accessible online at [annualcatholicappeal.com](http://annualcatholicappeal.com).

### DIRECT MAIL LETTERS

Letters from the cardinal will be mailed by the Annual Catholic Appeal and contain a pre-addressed return envelope to mail in cash, check, or credit card gifts.

### IN-PEW ENVELOPES

In-pew envelopes, already addressed to the Annual Catholic Appeal Gift Processing Center, will be distributed on Commitment Weekend at all Masses (February 11–12, 2023).

### TELEPHONE

312-534-7959

### MAIL

Annual Catholic Appeal  
835 North Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60611-2030

### CHARITABLE GIFT FUNDS

Legal Name: The Catholic Bishop of Chicago,  
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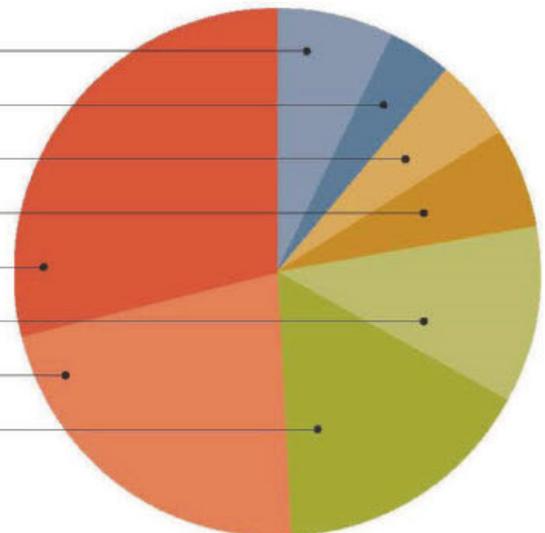
## WHAT THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL FUNDS

These projections are based on anticipated needs and are subject to change. The list below is meant to summarize the far-reaching impact of the Appeal, and so is not a comprehensive list of all the archdiocese's ministries.

<b>Low-income parishes and schools</b>	<b>29%</b>	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
<b>Parish-based incentives</b>	<b>22%</b>	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
<b>Archdiocesan ministries</b>	<b>16%</b>	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
<b>Spiritual renewal efforts</b>	<b>11%</b>	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
<b>Priest formation</b>	<b>6%</b>	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
<b>Scholarships</b>	<b>5%</b>	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school families
<b>Catholic Relief Services</b>	<b>4%</b>	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
<b>Cost of the Appeal</b>	<b>7%</b>	Printing, postage, processing costs for the Appeal

## How Your Gift Will Be Used

- Cost of the Appeal **7%**
- Catholic Relief Services **4%**
- Scholarships **5%**
- Priest formation **6%**
- Low-income parishes and schools **29%**
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## Girl Scout Cookie Sale

### GIRL SCOUT COOKIE SALE AT SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS

February 11th and 12th



Girl Scouts are again offering you the once a year opportunity to buy your favorite cookie treats — and just in time for Valentine's Day! St. Paul Girl Scouts from Kindergarten through Grade 6 will be available on Saturday and Sunday, February 11th and 12th to offer you the choice of Thin Mints, Adventurefuls, Trefoils, Do-Si-Dos, Samoas, S'mores, Lemon-ups, and Tagalongs for only \$5 a box. This year's new cookie, Raspberry Rally, will be available later in February. Cookie booths will be set up before and after Masses in front of church and near the parking lot entrance.

A portion of the sales will stay with the troops for their activities — camping, badge work, service projects, etc. A portion also goes to our Girl Scout Council for leader training, property maintenance, and girl activities. If you wish to help our local troops and council, but don't wish to buy cookies for yourself, you may donate to the Gift of Care Program, which offers cookies at no charge to women and men in the military, essential workers, and community-based organizations.

The Girl Scout Cookie Program also helps Girl Scouts develop essential life skills, such as goal setting (*how much do I need for that museum trip?*), people skills (*how to approach potential customers — with a smile and please/thank you*), money management (*don't let the dollars blow away — keep them safe!*), decision making (*for what service project can we best use our profits?*), and business ethics (*be on time for the sale and dressed in uniform, give correct change*).

Please help our Girl Scouts earn money for their activities, help them learn these important skills, and extend appreciation to those who keep our communities safe and healthy.



*Thank you for your support of the Girl Scouts of SPC*



## About our Cover Artist



Our beautiful cover photo was taken by Patty Beudet-Frances at our most recent Candlelight Rosary on January 26th. Patty and her husband Gérard have been parishioners at St. Paul of the Cross since June 1997. Patty is a Eucharistic Minister and also a lector at the 10:30 am Mass. Patty's husband Gérard plays bass at the 9:00 am Mass with The Contemporary Ensemble and at the Candlelight Rosary services. Patty's roots at St. Paul go even deeper as her father was the lead electrician when Msgr. Masterson was Pastor. Patty feels pride every time she enters the church and is reminded of her father's work on the lighting. Patty feels privileged and truly honored to be a part of the St. Paul of the Cross community all these years.

# The Women's Centers Thanks You!



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January 17, 2023

Rev. James Wallace  
Pastor  
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Dear Father Wallace,

We would like to express our gratitude to you, the families and staff of St. Paul of the Cross for participating in the 2022 Baby Bottle Project for The Women's Center. The total collected in this year's campaign from the entire parish came to **\$26,125.36**. This is a fantastic effort and we are truly grateful for everyone's generosity.

The Baby Bottle Project is our primary fundraiser. Because of your continued support we are able to provide women with counseling, material goods assistance, pregnancy testing, ultrasounds and more. For nearly four decades, all of our services have been *free of charge!*

To date, The Women's Center has saved over 41,000 babies and this has been made possible because we have been blessed with the support of so many wonderful souls like you and everyone involved from St. Paul of the Cross. Thanks to you, we will continue in our efforts to promote a culture of life.

Hopefully, with your prayers and assistance, we will see an end to abortion in our lifetime!

God bless you.

Sincerely,

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Project Manager

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## Letter from our Assistant Principal on Catholic Schools Week



Catholic Schools Week ended yesterday after a fun-filled week of activities. Students spent the week not only being able to dress down to various themes, but it also gave them a chance to reflect and give thanks to so many people. We started the week with an Open House. Future, current, and alumni families had an opportunity to

see all the wonderful projects and activities happening at SPC. Monday was about community. We began a sock drive where students collected hundreds of pairs of warm socks to donate to Catholic Charities to help those in need during these frigid February days. Our 8<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders also made Valentine cards for local nursing homes. Tuesday was all about the incredible students we have at SPC. They really are the best! On Wednesday we honored our nation with a flag ceremony led by some of our Boy Scouts. Students then made thank you cards for our Veterans and first responders. On Thursday we celebrated vocations. Fr. James led us in prayer to start the day and students dressed in what they want to be when they grow up. Friday was for the awesome staff and faculty we have at St. Paul. We are blessed to have such a hardworking and dedicated group. We finished the week by celebrating our families. Parents deserve their day of thanks for all they do. This was a phone free night where families had a chance to talk and play games and have some fun.

It certainly was a crazy and busy week, but one I look forward to every year. It is our time to shine; a great way for us to showcase who we are. I hope you enjoy reading the essays the students wrote. We are always grateful for the parish and community support we receive which help to provide the happiness and success we see in our students. SPC is truly the place to be!

Mary Therese Iacopelli,  
St. Paul of the Cross School Assistant Principal

## Eighth Grade Student Essays

### WHAT MY CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION MEANS TO ME

#### Mary Fran

I have received Catholic education since I was in preschool. My Catholic schooling is very important to me. I have gone to St. Andrew in Chicago from preschool to kindergarten, and SPC since first grade.

The benefits of a Catholic education include learning about religion in school, going to Mass every week, exploring different service opportunities, receiving Sacraments at the school I go to, and being able to explore Catholic high schools. I like learning about religion at school because I don't need to spend three to four hours learning about it after school. Between school, homework, student council, family, and other responsibilities, it would be hard to get everything done. If I had to be a part of CCD or another Catholic education program. I also enjoy being able to talk about religion and prayer during school. Our school makes time to celebrate Advent, which is important.

I enjoy going to Mass twice a week. I like being able to receive Communion both at school and at Sunday Mass with my family. I am glad that SPC makes going to church a priority. SPC also allows students to sing during Mass. That is really nice because we learn church songs and can sing them with our families at Mass.

To graduate from SPC and be confirmed, students need 30 service hours. To help with the requirement, SPC provides many opportunities for students to earn service hours. For example, I helped out after school at EDP, our after school care program. I learned that I enjoyed helping with the younger kids. I got half of my hours just from that. Teachers are always telling us about ways to earn service hours. It has been really helpful to know about these opportunities. I can learn what I enjoy doing and if I need more service hours, I can ask teachers.

Another benefit is being able to receive Sacraments at the school and church I go to. I have received my First Communion and Reconciliation at SPC, and I will be receiving my Confirmation here as well. I remember feeling proud to be at Mass on the day of my First Communion. I was excited to receive this important Sacrament at school. When it was time for Communion,

## SPC 8th Grade Student Essays (continued)

### Mary Fran (continued)

I was nervous to receive the Body of Christ, but I knew Fr. Britto from going to school Masses. It was helpful for me to know the church and the priest from going to school at SPC.

Another benefit is being able to explore Catholic high schools. I will not be attending a Catholic high school next year, but it is interesting to learn about what they have to offer. I attended running camp at Resurrection College Prep last summer. I enjoyed it a lot and I learned some important running tips because of it. I was also able to look around their campus a little more than I had because we ran in the hallways when it rained or was too hot. Because we don't have a track at SPC, our track practices take place at Resurrection. If I hadn't done SPC track, I probably wouldn't have known about the running camp and been able to have that experience. I'm glad that SPC helps us explore the option of continuing our Catholic education.

One of my favorite memories at SPC was going to Springfield last year. I remember thinking the trip would be so boring and I was not looking forward to it. Once we got there, I realized I was completely wrong. We went to Lincoln's tomb first. I learned a lot of interesting facts about Abraham Lincoln, including that his body was moved several times. I also took a lot of great pictures. The highlight of the trip was that when we went to Lincoln's house, I was really tired. I enjoyed the tour of Lincoln's house a lot. I learned that his wife, Mary, was killed by her green dress, which was made of arsenic. Then, after, we had extra time and we got to stop at Cold Stone! None of the other groups got to do that and it made me a lot less tired.

Another one of my favorite SPC memories is running for Student Council president. I was the only person running for a little while. Then my class convinced Jude, who was in my homeroom, to run against me. I worked so hard on my campaign. My grandma helped me make my posters. I remember on the day of the results, I was so mad because I thought they were going to announce the results during morning homeroom. Instead, they decided to wait *until the end of the day* to announce who one. I was so nervous. The announcement came on during last period. I had a really chaotic class at that time. Everyone was talking and I was *so mad* because I had waited all day. I had to actually stand right next to the loudspeaker to hear the results. "*The Student Council President is...*" Right

before the announcement, I was convinced I would lose. Then I heard them say it was a tie. I was so surprised and happy and relieved as I walked to Mrs. Donahue's room. Mrs. Donahue said it was the first time anyone had tied. I was so excited to be president!

SPC has given me several resources that another school wouldn't be able to provide. First, I have an amazing religion teacher, Mrs. Donahue. She always challenges us on assignments and pushes us to figure things out on our own. She is also the Mass coordinator and runs Student Council. She is a busy person but she always seems to have everything together. I think she is a great teacher and I am glad I had her for my middle school religion career.

At SPC, our principal and vice principals actually talk to and do fun things for us students. Dr. M, the principal, always does a crazy challenge if we raise \$100,000 for our annual Fun Run fundraiser. She's been covered in slime by my fourth grade homeroom, spent a whole day on the roof of our school, kissed a pig, and dressed up as a chicken for a day. Ms. Iacopelli, the vice principal, also was taped to a wall one time as part of our Fun Run fundraiser. Dr. M and Ms. Iacopelli always seem genuinely happy to see students and I think that has added to my school experience at SPC. I feel like at most schools, the principal and vice principal seem far away and don't usually interact with students. SPC is different from other schools in that way.

Finally, we have a lot of great social-emotional learning resources for students. SEL became a big part of our school after we hired Mrs. Quinn, our amazing counselor. She is always around to talk to students. Her office feels warm and welcoming and she always says hi to us in the hallways. I recently participated in an SEL group to help with anxiety. It was with a person who is training to become a therapist. I enjoyed being a part of that group because I felt that I learned a lot and got to know the other girls in that group better. I hope future SPC students will benefit from groups like that in some of the same ways I did.

In conclusion, my Catholic education has been a big part of my life for a long time. I really appreciated looking back and thinking about how my Catholic faith and education have contributed to my life. I enjoyed being a student at SPC and I hope the younger students here will feel the same way when the time comes for them to graduate.

## SPC 8th Grade Student Essays (continued)

### Eleanor

Education is a very important part of any person's childhood, and what better place to do it than an amazing, supportive, fun Catholic school? This is what St. Paul of the Cross is to me and more! Once I graduate from St. Paul of the Cross, I will have many fond memories, knowledge, and friends from this time in my life. In total, elementary school, middle school, and junior high add up to eleven years, ten of which I spent at St. Paul of the Cross. These years were filled with knowledge and fun! There are many amazing parts about St. Paul of the Cross, but this essay will be about the benefits of Catholic education, my favorite memories at St. Paul of the Cross, and how St. Paul of the Cross has provided me with many unique experiences and opportunities.

There are many benefits of Catholic education. One significant component is learning to follow God always. We can do this by following the example of people in the Bible and using this to follow Jesus. In addition, the best way to learn is to learn by example, and there are some amazing people at St. Paul of the Cross who set good, holy examples. This has played a major part in my life and Catholic education. I think that I will be better off in the future because of the amazing knowledge of our faith that I have acquired at St. Paul of the Cross.

Given that St. Paul of the Cross has been a big part of my life for eleven years, I have made many fun-filled memories. One of the best happened very recently, when we took a field trip to Lake Geneva. It was a great bonding experience and an exhilarating zip-lining and high-ropes course. It made me extremely thankful for my classmates and friends. Another activity that I will remember for a long time to come is Roundball. Even though I wasn't on an actual team, I went to some games with my friends and cheered everyone on. It was filled with St. Paul of the Cross spirit, and I can remember sitting on the stage, cheering and eating popcorn. That was one of the most memorable times at this school. One last thing that will stay in my mind at this school was all of the field trips throughout the years. The Museum of Science and Industry, Holy Fire, Gobbert's, and Blackberry Farm were just a few of the best. Many memories were made throughout these years, and I hope future students have the same experiences.

St. Paul of the Cross is a unique school in many aspects. This school has some amazing teachers that I could not find anywhere else! In addition, all of my friends have

made the environment very enjoyable. These people are what makes this school above all others, and really gives us the tiger spirit. In addition to the wonderful people, our school, in my opinion, has so many opportunities to bond with other grades. From St. Paul of the Cross Olympics to Roundball teams to prayer buddies, one of the reasons our school has such a good spirit is the friendship between grades. I know I have made many friends that I wouldn't have otherwise, and I think the younger kids that I work with look up to me. Lastly, another part of St. Paul of the Cross that makes it unique from some other schools is its Student Council and NJHS. It helps the student body feel a little more connected to the administration and like the student body has a say in what goes on in the school. All of these things and more make St. Paul of the Cross a unique and amazing school to attend.

All in all, St. Paul of the Cross is a great school to attend filled with friends, knowledge, and fun! It has given me something extraordinary, and I will treasure my experiences here forever. These memories and knowledge will probably carry with me for the rest of my life. I think the things I have learned and the people I have met will prepare me for high school and college. We have benefits from a Catholic education, many amazing memories, and a unique grade school experience. St. Paul of the Cross really IS the place to be!



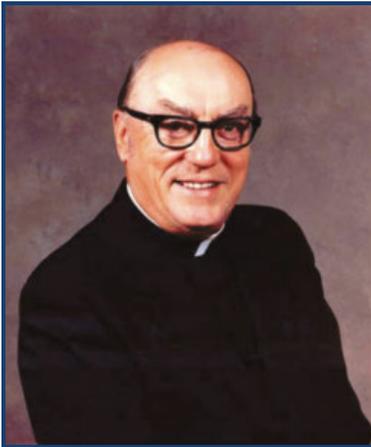
**Kicking off Catholic Schools week with Ties to the Community (wearing tie-dye)**



**8th and 2nd graders collaborating to create Valentine cards for the residents of the Summit of Uptown**

## Archive Corner *with Mark Miller*

### SPC HISTORY 1975-PRESENT (part 1 of 4)



Last year, we presented the *Aranda History of Saint Paul of the Cross, from 1911 to 1975* by Harold Aranda. We now would like to present a 4-part series bringing our great church's history up to the present. Monsignor Masterson continues as our Pastor. He had now been at Saint Paul of the cross for four years. He was known for his gentle ministry to the sick and his consolation to the dying and their families. It was said his sermons were simple, direct, concentrating on the words of the Gospel, and letting the chips fall where they may. Consequently, he inspired, confused, or provoked at one time or another. One could come away from him happy or angry, but never unchanged. Monsignor Masterson had a multifaceted personality, he could both intimidate and charm and appear as gruff as a bear or as gentle as a lamb. His wry sense of humor could often cause him to alarm people with his stern expression, then turning away, he would hide a smile. Rules were important to him and once his mind was made up there was no negotiating. His kindness and generosity to people in need — usually from his own pocket — were his well-kept secret. When preparing young couples for their wedding, he could appear to be stern and inflexible as to how the wedding ceremony in the church would be performed. The result was a flawless, beautiful, by the book of canon law marriage ceremony. At the reception, he would be very personable and would interact graciously with the host and guests.

Few will disagree that Monsignor was at his best when he was with small children. There was a special magic that happened between them, and he spent many happy times visiting the kindergarten or first grade where his little friends greeted him with open arms. It is a fitting tribute that his last project at Saint Paul of the Cross, having Washington Street moved to make the parking lot a safe playground, was to benefit the children.

Even though his health had been good following open heart surgery, his sudden death in September 1983 was a great shock to the parish.

*Special thanks to Dr. Dan Hogan for his input*

#### PHOTO CAPTIONS:

**Above:** Monsignor Masterson, our 5th pastor

**Left:** Msgr. Masterson with kindergarten students

**Right:** Msgr. Masterson modeling a fur coat for the 1977 auction

**Below:** Washington Street prior to its being moved (*thanks to Dave Chare Studios for photo*)

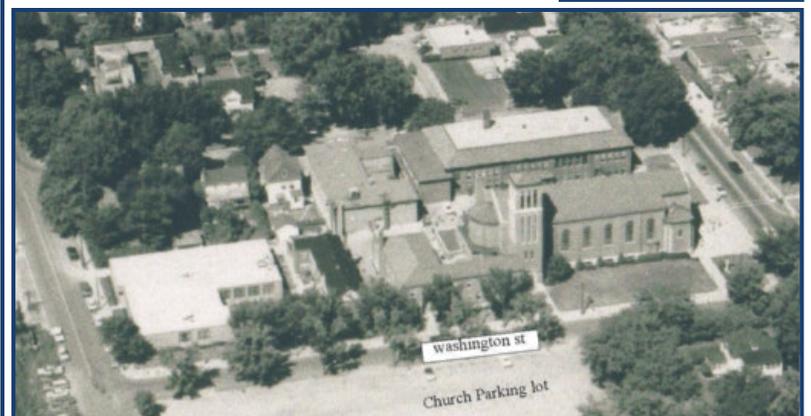


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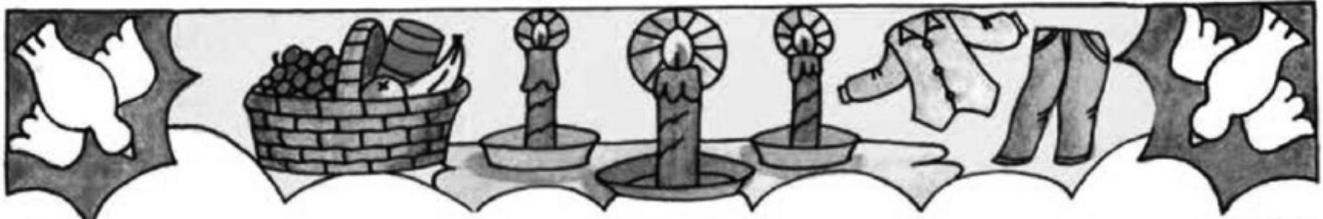


#### *Budding Architects*

Msgr. Masterson is a frequent visitor of the kindergarten class at St. Paul of the Cross School. Above, Bryan Gillespie and Matthew McLaughlin discuss their building project with him.



# Kids' Corner



## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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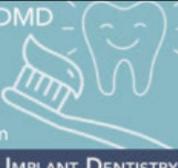
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### MASS

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Monday through Friday 6:25 am  
8:30 am

Saturday 8:30 am - daily Mass  
4:30 pm - vigil

Sunday 7:30 am  
9:00 am  
10:30 am  
12:00 pm

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### FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

### WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

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Saturday and Sunday

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