

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD
JOSHUA 24:15

January 28, 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Artwork by Chloe, SPC Student

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

Monday - Friday

6:25 am

8:30 am

Saturday

8:30 am (*weekday Mass*)

4:30 pm (*vigil*)

Sunday

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

2nd Sunday @ 10:30 am

Holy Family Chapel

UPCOMING TEEN MASS

Sunday, Feb 18th @ 12:00 pm

Upper Church

CONFESSION

Upper Church

Monday - Friday

8:00 am - 8:15 am

Saturday

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm

closed from 12-1 pm for lunch

Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Saturday (vigil) 4:30 pm
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9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

Holy Family Chapel

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

TEEN MASS (open to the public)

Upper Church

Sunday, Feb 18th at 12:00 pm

CONFESSIONS

in vestibule of Upper Church

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

Baptisms

CONNOR FRANCIS MURPHY

son of Patrick Murphy
and Alison Musur

MICHAEL TOMMASO GRECO

son of Salvatore Greco
and Melissa Tentler



Wedding Banns

III JOSEPH A. GIBBONS
& RACHEL M. KNAPP



Pray for our Sick

names remain for two months

Delaney Bartz

Vince Ferraro

Jaime

Rose

Gerry McDonald

Carole Zachary

In Loving Memory

Please pray for the souls of the faithful
departed in our SPC community.

Kristine Abbott

Robert Cross

Patricia A. McKay

Mary Whitney

About the Cover Artist

We are excited that one of our SPC students designed our bulletin cover as we launch into Catholic Schools Week! Chloe is a fifth grader at SPC.

Her favorite class is art with Ms. Whalen. She loves to paint and is looking forward to learning new techniques in class this year!

Thanks for sharing your talent, Chole!

Happy
Catholic
Schools
Week,
St. Paul
of the
Cross!



Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (January 14th-20th)

Envelopes	\$10,603.00
Loose	\$26,282.75
Electronic Giving	\$10,739.46

Total Weekly Offering \$47,625.21

ADDITIONAL COLLECTION (through January 20th)

Christmas	\$185,174.84
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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (through Jan 19th)(goal: \$142,718)	\$185,584 paid (130%) \$186,524 pledged (131%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through January 20th)	\$1,026,799.60
Sunday Giving FY24 vs. Budget (July 1st through December 31st)	+\$22,355.94

Readings for the Week

SUN, 1/28: Dt 18:15-20 / Ps 95:1-2, 6-7,
7-9 (8) / 1 Cor 7:32-35 / Mk 1:21-28

MON, 1/29: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Ps 3:2-3,
4-5, 6-7 / Mk 5:1-20

TUE, 1/30: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3 /
Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Mk 5:21-43

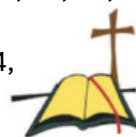
WED, 1/31: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 / Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 /
Mk 6:1-6

THU, 2/1: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 / 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab,
11d-12a, 12bcd / Mk 6:7-13

FRI, 2/2: Mal 3:1-4 / Heb 2:14-18 / Ps 24:7, 8, 9,
10 / Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

SAT, 2/3: 1 Kgs 3:4-13 / Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13,
14 / Mk 6:30-34

SUN, 2/4: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 / Ps 147:1-2, 3-4,
5-6 (see 3a) / 1 Cor 9:16-19,
22-23 / Mk 1:29-39



Letter from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

We hear that people were “astonished” at Jesus’ teaching when he stood up in the synagogue to preach. It wasn’t necessarily the content of Jesus’ message that struck people. It was the fact that he spoke as “one having authority and not as the scribes.”

The scribes in ancient Israel were literally those who copied the Old Testament texts. But they also took it upon themselves to interpret the laws of Israel. These interpretations effectively created new laws and new restrictions. So, the scribes did have some authority. They tied heavy burdens on peoples’ backs and people obeyed them.

The authority that Jesus is exercising here is of a different type. This isn’t about preservation of the strict letter of the law by adding clarifications. This is about understanding who exactly God is and what it means to love and serve God. This is what people wanted. They wanted to know God. They wanted to know how to love God and overcome the personal obstacles that held them back from loving God. This is what Jesus taught them in the synagogue that afternoon.

I think most people enjoy teaching. Even if you’re not a licensed teacher, you all teach in many, informal ways, and there’s something rewarding when you do that. You teach someone when you point out to them a good restaurant or a good item on the menu. You teach someone when you help them with their taxes or show them a good mechanic for their car. You teach someone when you give your opinions about sports or politics or history. Now, whether or not we were asked to teach, and whether we have people to listen, is another matter. But I’ll save that for another day. The fact is, we are a people rooted in teaching. Think of most everything you know and do. It was passed on to you by someone who taught you.

Well, the best teacher is the Holy Spirit. I’ve said this before, but my classroom is the chapel. I learn the most when I pray. And not just about the Bible, but about everything – myself, other people, world affairs, and so forth. God shows me. And he shows me in a gentle and convincing way. This is why, I think, the people were so struck by Jesus’ teaching. It was a

different kind of authority than the scribes.

You are all eager to learn. Spend some time at the feet of the Teacher in prayer. Ask him questions and listen to his response. He will, then, over time, make you into a great teacher like himself.



Today begins **Catholic Schools Week**, a week celebrated throughout the Archdiocese of Chicago (and the nation) to recognize the good work of our Catholic schools. Our parish school has many exciting activities planned throughout the week, including an open house this Sunday and a students-faculty volleyball game (faculty are the reigning champs). And we welcome our students who will be giving a short reflection at the end of each Mass this weekend. God bless our teachers, our students, our families, and all those who have supported SPC school over the years.

On Friday, February 2nd our school will be hosting the **Celebrate the Spirit Gala**. This should be a terrific evening with fellowship, fundraising for our school and even an appearance by the King (Elvis). A special thank you to the co-chairs of the event, Megan Weber, Kelly Bontempo, and Amy DiGregorio.

Our **Young Adult** group will be gathering this Wednesday, January 31st at 7pm at the Harp and Fiddle in Park Ridge for an informal conversation with me and Father Nick. Even if you are beyond the “young adult” category, feel free to stop by.

We are in the midst of the **Annual Catholic Appeal** for the Archdiocese of Chicago. As you recall, the Archdiocese raises funds to allow the Archdiocese to support struggling parish communities and schools, support ministry formation, and fund initiatives for justice, peace, and respect for life. Each parish is assessed 7% of the previous year’s offertory income, and so our goal this year is \$145,569. We’ve been able to surpass our goal every year, so I ask you again to help make that possible. I’m very grateful for your generosity.

Yours in Christ,

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS
MON, 1/29 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Helen Koffee
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Evelyn Mary Weller, Eileen Molloy, Denise Machon, Louis Glunz, Matthew Ogradowski, Michael Casey,
TUE, 1/30 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Marian Sheffert
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Mary May Kurkowski, Healing and Blessings for Andrew Creagh
WED, 1/31 Saint John Bosco	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Nellie and Ernie Ortiz
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Gloria Cantu, Kathy Foley, Mossie Foley, Maisie Foley, Johnny Foley
THU, 2/1 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Larry Ryan
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Joe Sebastian, Chester Gasior
FRI, 2/2 Presentation of the Lord	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Birthday Blessings for Sharon Bass
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Felicia Kurkow-Rich, John Forrest, Jim O'Connor, Jean Marie Nesbitt, Holy Souls in Purgatory, Bart Murphy
SAT, 2/3 Saints Blaise and Ansgar	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Victoria Stewart
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. Nick	Jake Zabratanski, Ursula M Wegrzynowicz	Mary Heinz, Kim Mirabelli, Jim Mirabelli, Neda Naum	Virginia "Virg Pie" Pieczynski, Fatima and Necati Doruk, Martin Augustin, Blessings for the Shanahan Family, Willie Noone, Healing for Joe Lardner
SUN, 2/4 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	7:30 am UC	Fr. James	Frances Johnson, Izabella Stachowicz	Eugene Cooney, Alex Jasinowski, Mike Mc Cue, Shirley Patras	Darlene Hansen, People of the Parish
	9:00 am UC	Fr. Nick	Vincent Santucci, Matthew Steward	Kevin Buggy, Randy Bull, Patricia Thomson, Nicolette Vallejo	Charles Sances, Barbara Helen Pasowicz, Helen and Andrew Beaudet
	10:30 am UC	Fr. James/ MN*	Dan Hogan, Susan Davis	Patty Beaudet-Frances, David Dempsey, Iryna Olyva, Margaret Teich	Cecilia Jara, Frank and Jean Ramljak, Judith Kieser, John Forrest, Peter Holt, Eileen T. Higgins
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. James	Neda Naum, Chris Paoletti	Katie Johnston, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN	Deonisia Barsanti, Beatrice "Bebe" Nicolau

*LEGEND: /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching



"A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints."

- Pope Francis



Events this Week

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, January 28th	Annual Second Collection for the Church in Latin America	
Sunday, January 28th - Friday, February 2nd	Catholic Schools Week	
Sunday, January 28th @ 8:30 pm	Parish Life Center Gym	Men's Pick-up Basketball
Wednesday, January 31st @ 9:00 am	Holy Family Chapel	Scripture Seminar
Wednesday, January 31st @ 9:45 am	Kinane Center	Fun, Faith & Music
Wednesday, January 31st @ 7:00 pm	Harp & Fiddle - 110 Main St, Park Ridge	Young Adult Gathering
Thursday, February 1st @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Sunday, February 4th from 8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Parish Life Center	New Parishioner Welcome
Sunday, February 4th after 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses	Parish Life Center	Donut Sunday

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

Together
at the table

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



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For our parishes, schools, ministries and communities throughout Cook and Lake counties.

The Archdiocese of Chicago proclaims the gospel of Jesus Christ and carries on his mission through our parishes, schools and ministries. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports low-income parishes and their schools, religious education classes and other outreach programs, Catholic Relief Services and the development of our priests, among other worthy programs and initiatives.

Moved by Christ's call to live as disciples, we come together at the table through the Annual Catholic Appeal to care for our Church and each other. As parishes meet their ACA goal, proceeds return to the parish to carry out the healing mission in their own local community.

With Heartfelt Gratitude

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We have faced many challenges in our world—from diseases and social upheavals to climate disasters and economic uncertainty. Still, we hope, because the Lord has walked with us, and we have walked with each other. The Lord's table has sustained us. This year's Annual Catholic Appeal echoes these experiences.



This year, our theme is *Together at the table*. It evokes the Last Supper and the story of the two disciples on the way to Emmaus who are together at the table with the Lord. In these images, we know ourselves as gathered together, as fed by the Eucharist, and as missionary disciples sent into the world. Closely connected to this is Pope Francis' call for a synodal Church, that is, a Church "on the road together." When we are *together at the table*, the altar of the Lord's sacrifice, we find the true means that sustain us on our shared journey homeward.

Please consider joining me to support this year's Appeal, so that together we can be instruments of God's grace. Your generous contribution—I can assure you—will be a source of blessing for many people and for you yourself and your loved ones. Thank you.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Cardinal Angelo Scola
Archbishop of Chicago

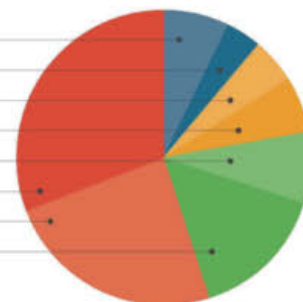
2024 Annual Catholic Appeal

HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE USED

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.

Low-income parishes and schools	31%	Support for parishes and schools serving financially challenged communities
Parish-based incentives	24%	After a parish reaches goal, donated funds return to the parish for local use
Archdiocesan ministries	15%	Outreach initiatives for young adults, families, children and others
Spiritual renewal efforts	8%	Transforming parishes to share our faith in new and creative ways
Priest formation	6%	Education and development for seminarians and priests in the Archdiocese of Chicago
Scholarships	5%	Tuition assistance for disadvantaged Catholic school families
Catholic Relief Services	4%	Support for those suffering from natural disasters around the world
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To make a gift to the 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal and for information on how Appeal funds are spent, visit annualcatholicappeal.com or scan QR code.

Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA

JANUARY 27th/28th

Annual Second Collection



The Collection for the Church in Latin America is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Latin America and the Caribbean. You may give via check or online at givecentral.org/location/133/event/18858. *Thank you!*

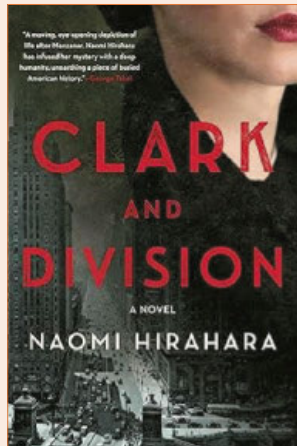
BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JANUARY 29th

7:30 pm

Parish Life Center AB Room

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss **CLARK AND DIVISION** by Naomi Hirahara



All are welcome!

SCRIPTURE SEMINAR *with* FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st

9:00 am

Holy Family Chapel

Please join Fr. James at the next **SCRIPTURE SEMINAR** on Wednesday, January 31st at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

SCRIPTURE  **STUDY**

YOUNG ADULT GATHERING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31st

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Harp & Fiddle

110 Main Street, Park Ridge

(bar area by fireplace is reserved)



All young adults in their 20s & 30s...
LAST CALL - HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

A gathering just for you, hang out with other young adults from Chicago and Milwaukee along with Fr. James and some of his fellow priests.

Free appetizers all evening!

Questions?

beshare@hotmail.com

NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME *and* DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center

Welcome new parishioners!



Our **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY** will be available on February 4th from 8:30 am until noon to register new parishioners, answer questions, and distribute welcome packets. **DONUTS** will be served after the 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses.

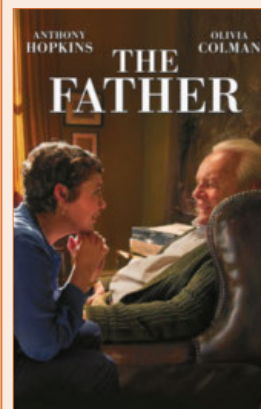


THE FATHER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

6:30 pm

Holy Family Chapel



Please join us for a screening of the Academy Award-winning movie **THE FATHER**

All are welcome!

RESPECT **LIFE** COMMITTEE

Additional Opportunities

FAMILY MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11th

10:30 am

Holy Family Chapel



Our next Family Mass will be held February 11th. Children will assist with the readings and ushering at this Mass. Everyone of all ages, of course, is welcome to attend the HFC Mass. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Jennifer Waters at jenwaters13@gmail.com

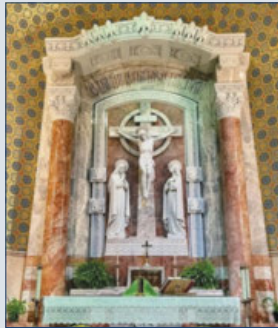
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Hannah Jaconetti for photo*

TEEN MASS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18th

12:00 pm

Upper Church



Please join Fr. James for our next **TEEN MASS** on February 18th.

While the Mass will be simple and catered to teenagers, we have opened this Mass to the general public.

We hope to see you there!

BLOOD DRIVE

SUNDAY, MARCH 24th

8:00 am - 2:00 pm



The Holy Family Guild will be coordinating the parish's Blood Drive on Palm Sunday with Vitalant. 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**

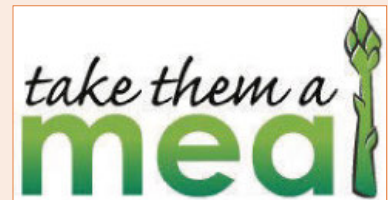
vitalant.

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES ARE COMING

AFTER MASSES FEBRUARY 3rd & 4th

It's that time of year we look forward to again! Girl Scout cookies are on their way! St. Paul Girl Scouts will be outside of church entrances before and after Masses on February 3 and 4 with these annual treats for \$6.00 a box. Think Valentine's Day surprise and an opportunity to stock up for Super Bowl Sunday coming up! Flavors available will be Adventurefuls, Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs, Do-si-dos, Trefoils, gluten-free Toffee-tastics, Girl Scout Scout S'Mores, and Lemon-Ups.

Girl Scout cookies were first home baked by Girl Scouts. In 1917, just 5 years after Juliet Gordon Low founded Girl Scouts in the United States, they started selling them to finance their troop activities. In 2024, we continue the tradition of teaching young girls new skills, such as good business skills. Profits from the cookie sales that stay within the troops are still used for troop activities such as service projects, camping, projects for badges and awards, outings and troop supplies. Won't you please help them again this year to have new experiences and learn new skills? ***Thank you for your support.***



Thank you for helping feed our priests!

Here's how to sign up online:

1. Go to www.takethemameal.com
2. Under Find a Meal Schedule, 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 our front office at
847-825-7605

Letter from our Principal



Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week 2024! According to some of the St Paul of the Cross Tigers "It is the best week of the year!" because each day we have fun activities that highlight our community, volunteers, faculty and priests! We have a tremendous amount to be proud of at St Paul of the Cross

school. Academically our students continually test above national averages, and we are on track to win another Blue Ribbon award when we become eligible to apply again (schools can only apply every 5 years). Our enrollment continues to remain stable at well over 700 students which allows us to strengthen and enhance programs. Recently we completed the addition of another STEM lab and inclusion meeting spaces to assist the expansion of the STEM program and allow for more small group intervention spaces. We also replaced all the classroom furniture in grades 1-8 this summer to allow for more student collaboration and flexible seating.

We are excited to announce that this past year, we partnered with Apple Education to fully implement ipads in all classrooms which allows teachers to strengthen a curriculum of creativity and innovation previously limited by the use of chrome books. Apple education has provided a comprehensive system for professional development for all our teachers which has streamlined our rollout.

St Paul of the Cross school continues to grow and expand programs while maintaining expectations for Catholic excellence. This week, along with Catholic Schools around the nation, we are excited to celebrate Catholic Schools week. Please keep our school in your prayers as we celebrate the St Paul of the Cross community with a variety of fun activities:

SUNDAY: Feel free to stop by our Open House from 10:00am-12:00pm and visit the classrooms! Come and experience firsthand our vibrant school community!

MONDAY: We Celebrate the Community! Students will dress as community helpers and kick start the week long service project led by the SPC Life Team! Students will collect baby essentials for the women's center.

TUESDAY: We Celebrate the Students! Students will be able to wear jeans or jammies and a fun 1st annual

Teacher Swap will happen during the morning where all the teachers will switch classrooms for a class period. We will also celebrate our Catholic Schools Week Mass.

WEDNESDAY: We Celebrate Our Nation! Students dress in red, white and blue and will write thank you cards to our veterans!

THURSDAY: We Celebrate Vocations! Today students will get a treat and be led in prayer in the morning and afternoon by 2 of our previous pastors. Father Britto and Father Carl sent video prayer messages for the students and will share what being at St. Paul meant to them!

FRIDAY: We Celebrate Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers! The yearly Faculty vs. 8th grade Volleyball game happens today! The faculty will defend their CSW volleyball championship title!

CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT (CTS) GALA

This year the proceeds of CTS will go to benefit our amazing teachers. In the past few years amidst a national teacher shortage our teacher retention at SPC has been over 95% which helps to contribute to our strong academic program. Our brilliant and caring teachers are truly committed to the mission, vision, and community of St Paul of the Cross and are the foundation for our excellence. Teaching in a Catholic school is a vocation and one that the faculty and staff embrace each and every day. Sadly, there is a great discrepancy with teacher compensation between Catholic and Public school teachers. The average teacher salary at St Paul of the Cross school is \$45,064 compared with the average of local public schools which ranges between \$58,822 and \$66,317.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the entire St. Paul of the Cross Parish Community for their unwavering support of the school! We are blessed to have a vibrant and successful school because of the long lasting tradition of parish and community involvement! This week we hope you enjoy our student speakers at Sunday Mass and reading some personal accounts in the bulletin. I hope you will stop by our open house to witness first hand our wonderful parish school!

Dr. Erika Mickelburgh, SPC School Principal

What My Catholic School Education Means to Me

Griffin

There are three things that really explain what my catholic school education means to me. First off, I value a catholic school education because I get to learn more about my faith. At other schools, we might be unable to have a religion class every day. We also might not be able to go to church every week. The opportunity to be able to learn more about my faith has allowed me to become a better catholic, and a better person. I also have many great memories here at my catholic school. With our STEAM class, I was able to work with a great group of classmates and a great teacher to win \$500, coming second in my age group in a robotics competition. My education has allowed me to have great academic opportunities. I am actually a captain for the academic team at SPC, and SPC has allowed me to become a more intelligent person. I feel the school community has allowed me to be a brighter and kinder person. Finally, I have valued the resources that this school has provided me. There are so many resources to help me achieve the best of my ability. Counselors and inclusive teachers help you achieve your goals, and a great religion class and church community helped me to become a better catholic. There are many great mentors here at SPC, and they are always willing to help their students. My catholic school education has allowed me to be the best person I can possibly be.

Chris

Going to a Catholic school like SPC really changed how I see things. First off, the way they teach us, it's all about being good and kind. It's like having a compass inside me that helps me make good choices. I've learned to care more about how others feel, not just what's right or wrong.

And the people there? It's like being in a big family. Because the classes aren't huge, the teachers really know us. They help us learn better. But it's not just about school. I've made friends there who feel like brothers and sisters. We've had some amazing times together, from fun projects to helping each other out when things get tough.

But what really sticks with me is how much they talk about helping others at SPC. It's a big deal there. They make us feel like we can change things, make stuff better for people who need it. That's why I'm into doing

volunteer stuff now. It's not just because I have to. I want to help out and make things better. It feels good.

So yeah, SPC has taught me more than just school stuff. It's given me a way to be a better person, a bunch of friends who are like family, and this feeling that I can do something good for the world. The lessons I've learned there about kindness, the support I've got from friends, and the push to make a difference - they're things I'll always carry with me.

Renata

What my Catholic school education means to me. My Catholic school has been a very big part of my life so far. I've been here since kindergarten and it has been helping me since the beginning.

One benefit of a Catholic education is that we get an extra day of church. I have classmates who I know would feel guilty knowing that they cannot attend mass every Sunday due to family circumstances. But with school mass every week, everyone is able to attend mass and feel like a part of the Catholic community. Even students who are able to attend mass every Sunday with their families benefit from it. For example, when I go to mass with my friends, I feel like I am not the only one going through school and I feel like I am a part of a community that is on the same journey as I am.

My favorite memory at St. Paul is volleyball. This is because all our sports feel very connected and the team chemistry part is already there. Volleyball is a sport that relies on teamwork and control. One of the hardest parts of any sport is controlling your body to help you compete with your surroundings. Every game, you have to adjust to different gyms, balls, nets, and more. As if that isn't challenging enough, you have to do all of this as a team with constant communication. Since we have smaller classes and have been with each other for such a long time, we know each other pretty well. The social aspect of the game just isn't really a problem when it comes to sports, and that is what makes volleyball so much more enjoyable. It is a chance for students to be together and connect with each other in unique ways.

Finally, something special that St. Paul gives us that you wouldn't normally get at any other school is the amount of academic assistance that is offered. Teachers are always willing to stay after school or

What My Catholic School Education Means to Me

come in early the next day to help with homework if you are confused. We also have a homework club that all students are welcome to join and other resources during the day to help every student continue to grow. St. Paul gives any student the space they need to be successful in any challenges they may face, and does not make anyone feel as if they are far behind other students. The teachers are also kind enough to understand that school can be very stressful for students and are willing to adjust for them, such as extending a due date or giving students an extra day to study. Teachers will slow down if needed and continue to carefully challenge students until the end.

St. Paul has a legacy that will never die and every teacher knows this. You can tell if a student is from St. Paul because of their pride, confidence, and intelligence. This school is giving every student a place to feel like they belong. They want you to feel comfortable, like you have people to talk to. I am proud to say I have been at this school more than anywhere in my entire life so far. It has shaped me into the person I am and has always been a place that I can call home. That is what my Catholic school education means to me.

Lily

My Catholic Education is very important to me in many ways. One reason why I love this school is because you get to experience and participate in a variety of service projects. For example, we have worked with Uncle Pete's Ministry and Feed My Starving Children to help feed the hungry in other countries. Not only do you get to feed thousands of people, but you also connect with your peers and learn how to work as a team. Doing these service projects also makes you feel good about yourself because you are helping others. When I did Feed My Starving Children, it brought me so much joy to think that we fed over 40 children around the world for an entire year. I have been attending SPC since Kindergarten and now I realize how many amazing memories I have made with friends, classmates, and teachers. From field trips to sports, I think one of my favorite memories is going on the 8th Grade Lake Geneva Trip earlier in the school year. You had the chance to meet your classmates and interact with them in a different way than you would at school. Everyone was so encouraging and it made me feel appreciative to be a part of the SPC community. We got

to do many team-building activities that required communication and trust in others. I think our group did a great job of working together because I felt the satisfaction of reaching a goal as a team. We also got to do zip lines, high ropes, and rock climbing. I loved the zip line so much and was scared to do the high ropes at first, but then I faced my fear of heights. I ended up having a lot of fun and learned that it is important to try new things in life because you never know if you will like it or not without experiencing it for yourself. One thing I loved at SPC that I couldn't receive anywhere else is that we have fun electives. Our school has a variety of elective classes in the categories of STEAM, Art, Music, Fitness/Sports, Math, and more. I love SPC because there are a ton of electives to be a part of and I like how they switch some of them up each year. Even though you are not guaranteed to get your first choice for the trimester, you can experience something new that you may not have wanted at first, but it could end up becoming a passion or hobby for years to come. You also get to meet new people in your elective and I think that it's an awesome opportunity to expand your horizons and try something new. Last year, I took a self-portrait elective and didn't think that I was the best at realistic drawing, but it turned out to be a lot of fun. Even though I struggled at first, I made a lot of progress from my first attempt to my final self-portrait. I love our school because of all of our amazing teachers, staff, and students to help make my Catholic Education experience meaningful and enjoyable. Overall, I believe that SPC is truly the place to be because it has many opportunities for you to be involved, try new things, and be yourself!

CAPTIONS FOR PHOTOS ON FOLLOWING PAGE:

1. Third graduating class from 1936
2. Students pose with a Sister of Mercy
3. The first 1st Communion
4. Architectural concept of the first junior high
5. Cornerstone (located on the northeast corner of the elementary school building)
6. Students standing in front of Church, late 1950s
7. Sock hop in the lower church
8. School Childrens Choir, 1980s
9. Early postcard of the school
10. 8th grade trip to Washington, 1953
11. Third and fourth grade, 1952

Archive Corner *with Mark Miller*

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS SCHOOL ARCHIVES

In 1922, Cardinal Mundelein issued a mandate that all the parishes in the Archdiocese build a school. In 1924, Saint Paul started building what is now the elementary school building. It was not completed until 1925, which means that the school will celebrate its centennial next year. Enjoy this special Catholic Schools Week edition of the Archive Corner!



Lenten Almsgiving

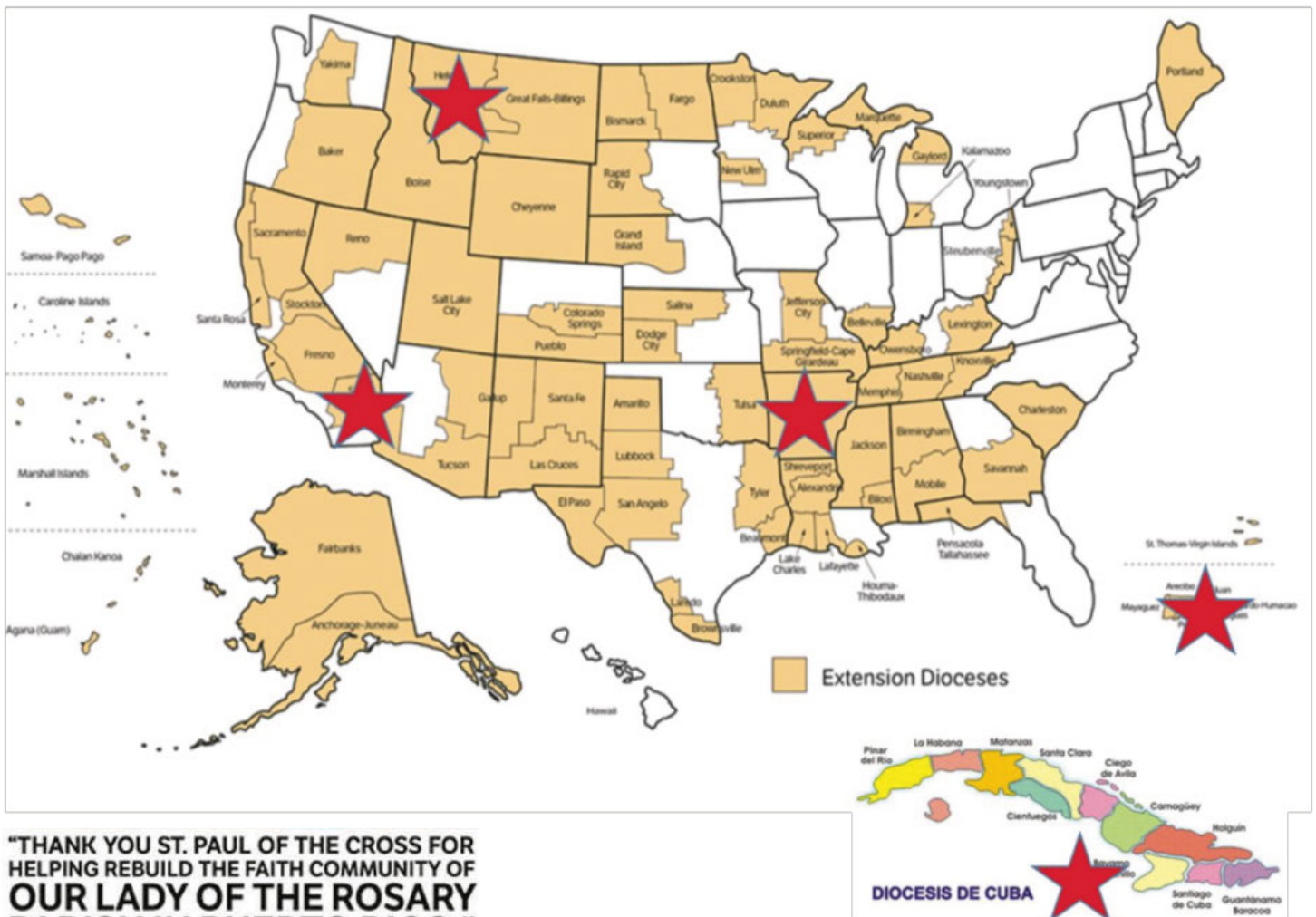
SPC'S PARTNERSHIP WITH CATHOLIC EXTENSION OVER THE YEARS (part 1/3)

Since Lent 2018, St. Paul of the Cross parish and school communities have partnered with Catholic Extension to support works of charity across the country. Chicago-based Catholic Extension works in solidarity with people in America's poorest regions to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities. We seek to deepen and expand our commitment to Catholic faith communities by providing resources to develop leaders, ministries, and facilities, while inviting more people across our country to invest in this work. Catholic Extension is a papal society that is answering Pope Francis' call to go out to America's peripheries.

"These communities are the future of our Church. These are the places where our Church is at its most inspiring. It is our responsibility, as fellow Catholics, to nurture these places of hope. Come join us on this journey and help us to build up Catholic faith communities and watch what happens."

Father Jack Wall

President, *Catholic Extension*



"THANK YOU ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS FOR HELPING REBUILD THE FAITH COMMUNITY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH IN PUERTO RICO."



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1. Inside Our Lady of the Rosary chapel (May 2018)
2. Fr. Jorge Morales, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary (November 2017)
3. Inside the parish building (May 2018)
4. Graduates holding sign that reads "Thank you St. Paul of the Cross"

Lenten Almsgiving (continued)

Thank you, St. Paul of the Cross parishioners and students, for your very generous support to help rebuild Our Lady of the Rosary parish in the Diocese of Arecibo, Puerto Rico!

Our Lady of the Rosary parish in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico received the direct impact of hurricanes Irma and Maria in fall 2017, which caused considerable damage to the main church leaving the structure unusable due to safety issues. Since the parish is a historic building, the cost is over the economic capacity of the parish community. Your very generous contribution helped one of the oldest temples in Puerto Rico be used again as a place of worship and celebration of the Eucharist!

Thank you for supporting the Puerto Rican community as they recover materially, spiritually, and psychologically!



2024 SPC Roundball

2024 SPC ROUNDBALL TOURNAMENT

SUNDAY, MAR 3rd thru SATURDAY, MAR 9th



The SPC Roundball Tournament is open to all students of good academic and behavioral standing in sixth through eighth grades. A school tradition since 2013, the ongoing success of the Roundball Tournament

requires the combined efforts of the school, the Alumni Association, the Roundball committee, and the St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club.

The SPC Roundball Tournament consists of two separate basketball tournaments for 6th, 7th, and 8th grade boys and girls. Our high school-aged SPC alumni return to their alma mater to coach the teams. More than 80 alumni participate each year and have just as much fun and friendly competition as the SPC students!

The tournament also features a "Future Stars of Roundball" game for 5th grade basketball players.

SPC Men's Club members serve as announcers, and professional referees officiate. Awards include Mr. and Mrs. Roundball, Spirit Awards, and a \$1,000 Alumni Scholarship for a Roundball coach (only high school seniors are eligible).



To learn more about the tournament, visit:
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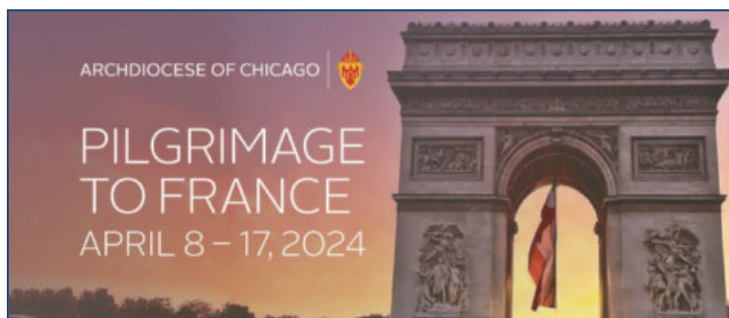
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- Cereal (please no Cheerios or similar)
- Boxes of crackers
- Toothpaste
- Strawberry jelly



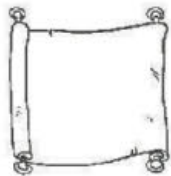
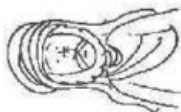
Kids' Corner

GROWING+ WITH THE Gospel CYCLE B

PUZZLE

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Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

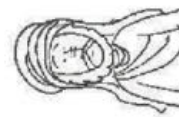
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



+ MISSION

I will ask Jesus to help my family and friends do good and not evil.

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time • Mark 1:21-28

Ministry Corner



BOOK CLUB

The St. Paul of the Cross Book Group started in 1997 when then associate pastor Fr. Robert Barron spoke about his newly published book. A parishioner at his talk who was also a former Chicago Public School teacher suggested starting a book group that could discuss similar books. We met that March and have been meeting ever since.

Book Group brings together parishioners of various backgrounds who love reading. In our 26-year history we have read over 225 books from genres including contemporary fiction, classic literature, and non-fiction.

Books are selected through group discussion based on availability at the Public Library and using a faith-filled lens. Attendees participate in “the lively art of conversation” about the books and spend time outside of the meetings in fellowship and camaraderie. Meetings are held every month from September through June in the Parish Life Center. **All are welcome to attend!**

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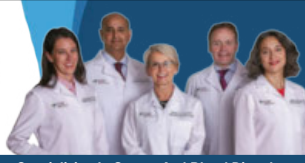
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Schedule

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

(Upper Church)

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

* Livestreamed services. Our 10:30 am Sunday Mass is also simulcast to our Upper Church vestibule and Holy Family Chapel

MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

(Holy Family Chapel)

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

TEEN MASS *(open to the public)*

(Upper Church)

Sunday, **February 18, 2024** 12:00 pm

ADORATION

Adoration Chapel open 5:00 am until 11:00 pm daily
email adorationchapel@spc-church.org to register

CONFESSION

(Upper Church vestibule)

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 rectory office at least 6 months in advance

BAPTISMS

Saturday and 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

(8:30 am - 12:00 pm)

and

DONUT SUNDAY

(after 9:00 am and 10:30 am Masses)

First Sunday of Every Month *(unless advertised otherwise)*

ANointing OF THE SICK

Call rectory office at 847-825-7605

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ROSARY

After 8:30 am Daily Mass