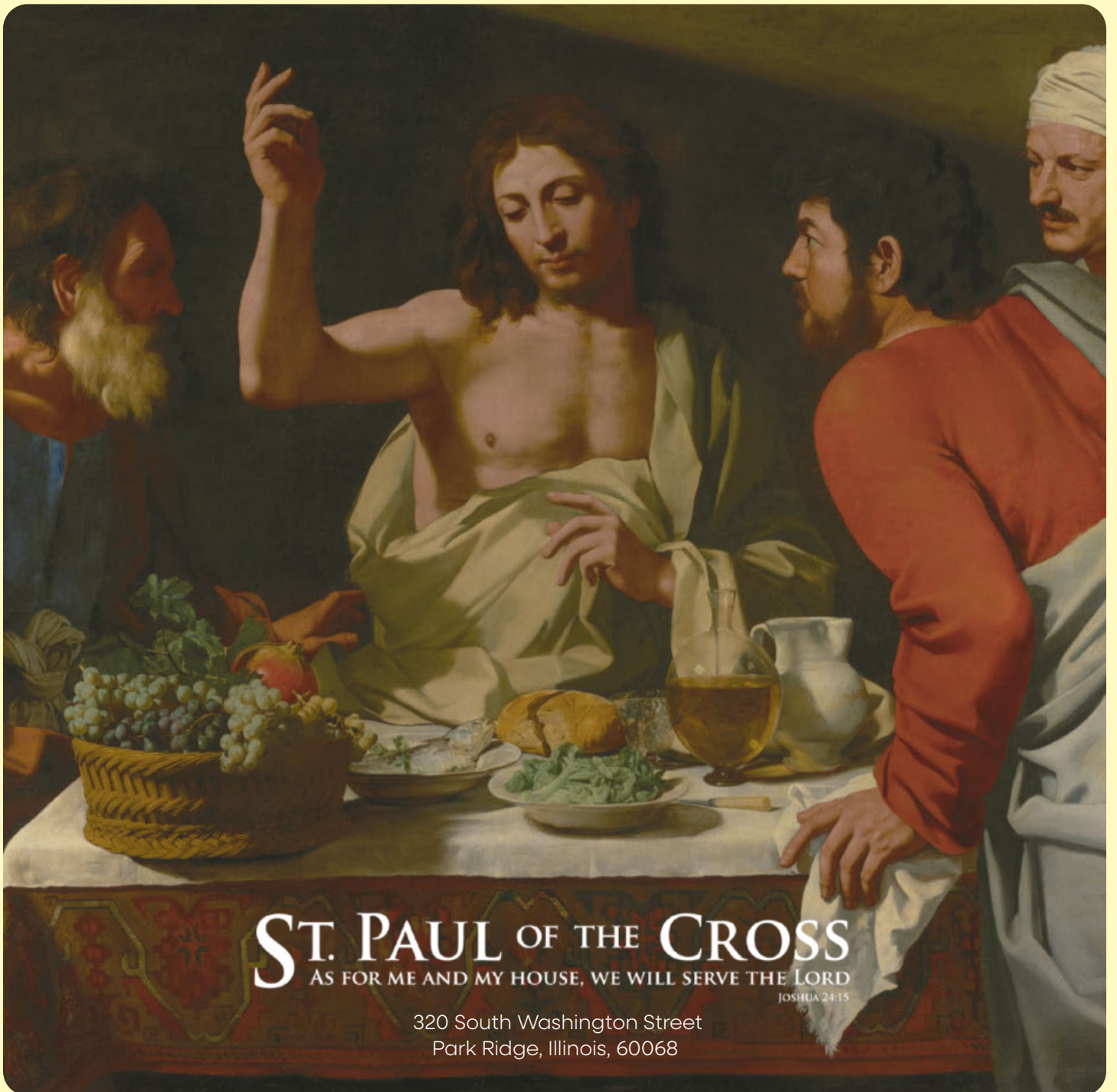


APRIL 28, 2024

# CRUCICIS

F I F T H   S U N D A Y   O F   E A S T E R



**ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS**  
AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

320 South Washington Street  
Park Ridge, Illinois, 60068

# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## Schedule

### WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Upper Church

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

### MONTHLY FAMILY MASS

Holy Family Chapel

2nd Sunday Family Mass 10:30 am

### TEEN MASS (open to the public)

Upper Church

Sunday, May 19th @ 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

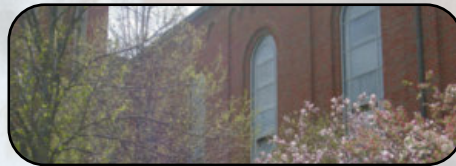
## Baptisms

**Sienna Eloise Ortega and Sofia Marie Ortega**  
Daughters of Ramon A. Ortega & Gwendolyn A. Brink

**Mason Erick Magierski**  
Son of Mark Magierski & Esmeralda Arriaga

**Brody Clifford Pazik**  
Son of Cody C. Pazik & Claudia A. Luczyn

**Victor Jean Escobar**  
Son of Victor Escobar & Megan E. Farrell



## Wedding Banns

III Nick Welninski & Diana Bernatek

I Joseph Grigus & Stefanie Anderson

## Pray for our Sick

Names Stay in Bulletin for 2 months

Delaney Bartz  
Julie Benedetto-Wilcox  
Joe Garvey  
Baby Oliver Letcher  
Vince Ross  
Will Whiston  
Carole Zachary

## In Loving Memory

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

William Christopher Burkhardt  
Veronica Gillis  
Justin Venetucci



## Stewardship Report

### WEEKLY OFFERING (April 14th-20th)

Envelopes	\$9,539.00
Loose	\$8,359.54
Electronic Giving	\$10,276.03
<b>Total Weekly Offering</b>	<b>\$28,174.57</b>
<b>ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (through April 20th)</b>	
Lenten Almsgiving	\$67,632.10
Easter	\$108,008.00

### ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (through April 19th)(goal: \$145,569)	\$104,388 paid (72%) \$124,139 pledged (85%)
Sunday Giving FY24 Year to Date (July 1st through April 20th)	\$1,541,982.60
Sunday Giving FY24 vs Budget (July 1st through March 31st)	\$105,274.04

## Readings for the Week

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/  
Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/  
Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/  
Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/  
Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

# Letters from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

If you remember last week's Gospel, Jesus said "I am the Good Shepherd." Today he says "I am the true vine." He gives other "I am..." sayings, in fact, throughout the Gospel of John: *I am the Bread of Life; I am the light of the world; I am the door; I am the way, the truth, and the life; I am the Resurrection and the Life.*

I asked the group last week at the Wednesday morning scripture seminar which "I am" saying they like the best. Some said "I am the Bread of Life" and a few said "I am the way, the truth, and the life." I personally like "I am the Good Shepherd."

I'd be curious to know which you prefer. Obviously, they're all good and can strike us differently depending on our state or season of life. Feel free to tell me after Mass or even send me an email about which image of Jesus resonates with you, and why, if you don't mind. Again, it would be good to hear how the Spirit is moving in your life.

*I am the true vine* is certainly also at the top of the list for me. The reason is this follow-up line from Jesus: "Remain in me as I remain in you." Other translations use the word 'abide': *abide in me*.

Boy, you could almost say that's the goal of the spiritual life: abiding in God. It's what we all truly want, deep down. No one wants to be alone. No one wants to feel cut off from God. No one wants to imagine the pressure is on and that it's all up to you or me to 'figure it out.' We want to be united to God. *Remain in me* is the invitation to do what we truly want.

It seems so simple and obvious, and yet how hard is it for us to abide? I think of someone who is restless in prayer (and in life, in general). For whatever reason the person is struggling that they are indeed with God in the moment. They don't think that is enough. They can't just be still and receive. The world is always telling us to be efficient. Not God. God doesn't need you to feel something particular or have some brilliant insight or come to some clear-cut resolution. He just wants you to be with him, and by being present, you are! But we don't trust that and so we grasp at other things in our prayer or in our life.

What's so ironic is that Jesus does acknowledge our need to be fruitful. But the way to fruitfulness isn't by going out and doing stuff on your own.

It's by trusting in the Lord, abiding with him in quiet. "Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit." God will do the work in you that needs to be done. What's amazing is that it won't feel like work. It will feel natural and easy, and all because you took time to breathe and be with God.

My prayer for you this week is that you will be able to abide with Jesus, our vine.

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As I did last year, I've written **reflections on Mary for the month of May**. These are slightly different, as they are not short reflections for each day, but one larger reflection for each week. And the reflection is a meditation on a work of art. I hope you find this helpful and that it brings you closer to our Blessed Mother. The bulletin this week includes the "Introduction" and the "Week of April 28." The entire, completed document can also be found online.

A reminder there will be no **Wednesday morning scripture seminar this week**, May 1st. We will resume next Wednesday, May 8th at 9am in the Holy Family Chapel.

On Saturday, May 4th we have our first round of **First Communion**, with one Mass at 10am and the second Mass at 1pm. The second round of First Communion will be next Saturday, May 11th. Congratulations to our First Communicants. We are very happy for you and proud of you.

Please be sure to reach out to the parish office to obtain your **free copy of a book on the Blessed Mother: Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary** by Dr. Brant Pitre.

There will be a **parish May Crowning**, which will include a talk on Mary and other prayers, on Monday, May 27th at 9:30am and 6:30pm.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. James Wallace*

# Community Reflections



Being a Catholic family these days is the most important and the most difficult thing that couples can undertake. And it seems to be getting harder each day.

Our Scriptures say our families must be built on the rock of the teachings of Christ. (Mt 7: 21-29)

Writing for the World Meeting of Families, Pope Francis wrote extensively about how to do this.

**Be a family of Love.** The primary task of a husband & wife is to bring to the family the infinite love of God. Through their witness of love for one another, a couple can model the self-sacrificing, servant love of Christ for us.

Pope Francis wrote: “In the family we learn how to love, to forgive, to be generous and open, not closed and selfish.”

**Be a family of Forgiveness.** Living in a family is messy, there are constant challenges in managing time, personalities, finances, etc.

Pope Francis wrote “sometime plates fly.” But he also said “we shouldn’t be sad about this, it is human nature. The secret is this: love is stronger than an argument. Don’t end your day without making peace. Always make peace.”

**Be a family of Care.** Catholic families have the duty and obligation to serve others. Parents who make sacrifices for their families, model Jesus when they place the needs of others ahead of their own every day.

“None of us can think we are exempt from concern for the poor and for social justice. The family provides a living opportunity to practice care for others.”

**Be a family of Prayer.** The best way for families to take care of their spiritual life is regular prayer.

“Take care of your spiritual life, your relationship with God, because this is the backbone of everything we do and everything we are.”

“Resting in prayer is especially important for families. It is in the family that we first learn how to pray.”

Another way to say this might be: when a family prays together, it stays together.

Let us remember that we are each called to be like St Joseph: to make a home for Jesus.

Yours in Christ,

*Deacon Bob Bulger*

# Adoration Chapel

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL

COME SPEND SOME TIME WITH JESUS!


*Our Adoration Chapel is open from 5 am until 11 pm.*

Our current adorer schedule is pictured below. Red boxes indicate where there are no committed adorers. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed to fortify the 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
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3:00 AM	Red	Yellow	Yellow	Red	Green	Red	Red
4:00 AM	Red	Red	Green	Red	Green	Green	Red
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11:00 PM	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Red

# Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	LECTOR	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MASS INTENTIONS		
<b>MON, 4/29</b> Saint Catherine of Siena	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			John H. Fergus, Robert Milka		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Lois Cichowski, Robert J. Casey, Frank and Genevieve Rakowski, Rosemary Moran, Birthday Blessings for Erin Plencner		
<b>TUE, 4/30</b> Saint Pius V	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Suzanne Harris		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Mary E. Woods, Alex Kurkowski, Nell Galagher		
<b>WED, 5/1</b> Saint Joseph the Worker	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Birthday Blessings for Carol Moritz		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James			Lynn Blackmore, George McCormick, Health and Blessings for John Ahern, Jr.		
<b>THUR, 5/2</b> Saint Athanasius	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick			Birthday Blessings for Lenora Vema		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Margaret Skully, Jurek Kolodziejski, Healing and Blessings for Paul		
<b>FRI, 5/3</b> Saints Philip and James	6:25 am UC	Fr. James			Harold Shelfdore		
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Richard Kuszynski, Holy Souls in Purgatory		
<b>SAT, 5/4</b> Easter Weekday	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Lee, Eileen and Gary Collins		
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. Nick			Dave Sullivan, Izabella Stachowicz	George Kirkland, Suzanne Kirkland, Christopher Buti, Pat Lawlor	Frank Tomaszewicz, Orville and Linda Maxwold, Angelyn Avet, Don Cameron
<b>SUN, 5/5</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	7:30 am UC	Fr. Nick			Eugene Cooney, Frances Johnson	Shirley Patras, Kathy Jarosch, Alex Jasinowski II, Reggie Higgins Reither	Edmund Burke, People of the Parish
	9:00 am UC	Fr. Nick			Marjorie Ochsner, John Tallman	Kalyn Mahoney, Cheryl Kaufman, Kevin Buggy, Patricia Thomson	Jolanta Bialobrzewski, Jan Bialobrzewski, Blessings for Katie Foerster
	10:30 am UC	Fr. James	Susan Davis, Jimmy Johnson	Kim Soifer, Chris Poindexter, Virginia Underwood, Philip Spagnolo	Brian Masterson, Jose Almandarez, Sandra Schratwieser, Darlene Bacon, Violet Classen, Clara LaBorde, Elvira and Carlos DeJesus, Joseph Jacobs, Pat McNicholas, Healing and Blessings for Mary Forrest Hopkins, Deceased members of the Dockery, Cooney and Forrest families		
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. James	Neda Naum, Chris Paoletti		Katarzyna and Wojciech Szyndlarewicz, Kenny Rich		

## Events This Week

DATE / TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
	No Scripture Seminar this Week	
Thursday, May 2nd @ 7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Thursday, May 2nd @ 8:00 pm	Morello Parish Life Center Gym	Pick Up Basketball

# The Potter's Flask: Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary

## INTRODUCTION



Branch of White Peonies and Secateurs, Edouard Manet, 1864, Paris

*“We are in truth caught between two fires. You are probably aware of that expression, taken from military language, which indicates the position of an army attacked simultaneously from the rear and in front. For us it is the fire of love that besieges us on all sides. In front of us is the Father’s face, the Blessed Trinity waiting for us; behind, the virginal love of Mary, offering us to God. The spiritual life consists precisely in allowing ourselves to be led, lifted up and borne by those maternal hands, so that we may be presented to the eternal Father. ... Mary lifts us up in her arms and presents us to the Father. He gazes unceasingly at us, and we at him. This ‘face to face’ is the highest form of the interior life: it is thus that St. Paul describes heaven. We shall no longer see him, he says, in the mirror of creatures, but ‘face to face.’ When we live under his glance, all that we do is lit up; everything becomes clearer and more translucent.”*

–A Carthusian

Being outflanked is always an army’s greatest fear. When Ulysses S. Grant in the American Civil War was besieging the city of Vicksburg from May through July 1863, he constantly kept a division—William Sherman’s—out of the action and to his rear to prevent another Confederate force from hitting him from behind as had almost happened at the battle of Shiloh the previous year. It never happened. The Union army was safe and the Confederate force in the city along the Mississippi River surrendered.

In the spiritual life our goal is precisely to be outflanked. It is the Virgin Mary taking us from behind and, as we read above, lifting us, as we are, to the Father. It is the intent of these reflections to simply make you comfortable with Mary so that she can present you to God, the way she presented the child Jesus in the temple.

These are not small reflections for each day as in prior writings. Rather, these are longer reflections based on an image of art. The interpretation is solely mine and is meant to encourage you to do the same for yourself. You’ll exhaust my writing after a brief while—you could read the whole document in one sitting—but look deeply and lastingly at the paintings. Return to the image throughout the week. See what strikes you. Knowing what you do of Mary and Jesus, what are some connections you can make between the painting and the love of God for you? The connections you make will be inspired by the Holy Spirit. The current state of your heart is different from mine. You will see and feel something that I cannot. Trust that God is speaking to you.

Some years ago, a number of artists were asked the question, “What is art?” Andy Warhol, a Catholic, responded, “Art? Isn’t that a man’s name?”

You might not consider yourself skilled in prayer or in art, but you have intuition that is trustworthy. Intuition allows you to see something deeper than what is on the surface. See and feel what is behind Manet’s two flowers above, and you will be taken to another realm. Mary can assist you.

# The Potter's Flask - Week of April 28



*“The man will dream, the woman will do. Man plans and envisions, woman executes plans and keeps the vision bright even in the very midst of a host of drab details.”*

–Mother Mary Francis

Most baroque depictions of the Annunciation have Gabriel and Mary interacting. Gabriel typically confronts the Blessed Virgin, perhaps with a finger raised, while Mary looks down to the earth, humbly covering her breast. But not in the painting of Giovanni Francesco Barbieri (also known as “il Guercino”) from 1646, currently residing above a side altar in a small church outside Bologna. Here Mary is in isolation, while the main interchange occurs between God and his messenger.

A snapshot of the situation just prior to the announcement, Guercino portrays God the Father in consultation with the Archangel. Mary prayerfully reads from the Old Testament, oblivious to the drama above. The reaction of the Father is almost one of astonishment; surprise at just how holy and pure this maiden is. He knew there had to be a fit dwelling for his Son, but a totally spotless woman!? One even purer than Eve!? Indeed!

Gabriel, however, is not surprised. In fact, he is ready to bestow the lily upon Mary.

As the viewer lowers his focus to the Virgin, he sees a deeply contented individual. Mary is not restless for a change, she is not sad with her circumstances, and she is not dismayed with her spiritual life. She reads engagingly, holding her finger in place for the ending, as any intrigued reader would do. She doesn't lounge conceitedly or presumptuously, but reads on her knees, though her penance is not excruciating as her countenance is tranquil. Mary's clothes are modest, neither extravagant nor poor. The table is not bare, as would be seen in a poor hut, but the tablecloth is earthy and

certainly not ornate. Mary is simply in her “drab” life, and she is satisfied with it.

Gabriel will say to Mary, “You have found favor with God.” God, who is self-sufficient and all-creating, is enhanced by this humble maiden. How extraordinary! God did not merely tolerate the Virgin of Nazareth. He was delighted by her. It is the same delight he will have with his Son at the baptism when he proclaimed, “You are my Beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.” It is the same delight he has with each of us from the moment of our baptism and incorporation into Christ.

We have found favor with God. We, like Mary, are beautiful in the eyes of God. The Father desires to incarnate his Son in us. Gabriel is poised to knight us with the lily rod. We need not look up and wait. We need not hope painfully. Our penances need not bring us anguish. We need simply pray, read, and live our lives in a normally holy way. Accept the drab world and circumstances around you. They are good.

The Blessed Mother will assure us the Father and his angels speak favorably of us while we live our lives. She will eliminate our scruples and shame. She will help us truly believe in our heart that God sees within us a fundamental openness and trust, and that is what makes us fit dwellings for the Lord. We are not perfect, but we, deep down, seek first to do the Lord's will. We are not selfish people. We are truly good and giving. That is enough for the Lord.

God wants us to *enjoy* our lives. Mary was doing just that when Gabriel appeared to her. Her life was made even better by the divine seed planted within her. Allow the Blessed Mother to erase your guilt and foster your joy. She will help you to hear the good things God is saying of you.

# The History of Eucharistic Adoration: Development of Doctrine in the Catholic Church

## Did St. Francis of Assisi (1181 – 1226) believe in the Eucharist?

From EWTN, “St. Francis of Assisi, who was never ordained a priest, had a great personal devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. His first admonition on the Holy Eucharist could not have been more precise.

Sacred Scripture tells us that the Father dwells in “light inaccessible” (I Timothy 6:16) and that “God is spirit” (John 4:24) and St. John adds, “No one at any time has seen God” (John 1:18). Because God is a spirit He can be seen only in spirit; “It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh profits nothing” (John 6:63). But God the Son is equal to the Father and so He too can be seen only in the same way as the Father and the Holy Spirit. That is why all those were condemned who saw our Lord Jesus Christ in His humanity but did not see or believe in spirit in His divinity, that He was the true Son of God. In the same way now, all those are damned who see the Sacrament of the Body of Christ which is consecrated on the altar in the form of bread and wine by the words of our Lord in the hands of the priest, and do not see or believe in spirit and in God that this is really the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It was this clear faith in Christ’s presence in the Eucharist that sustained Francis during his severest trials. It was this same faith which inspired a whole new tradition among religious communities of women. Convents had the Sacrament reserved for adoration--apart from Mass and Holy Communion.”

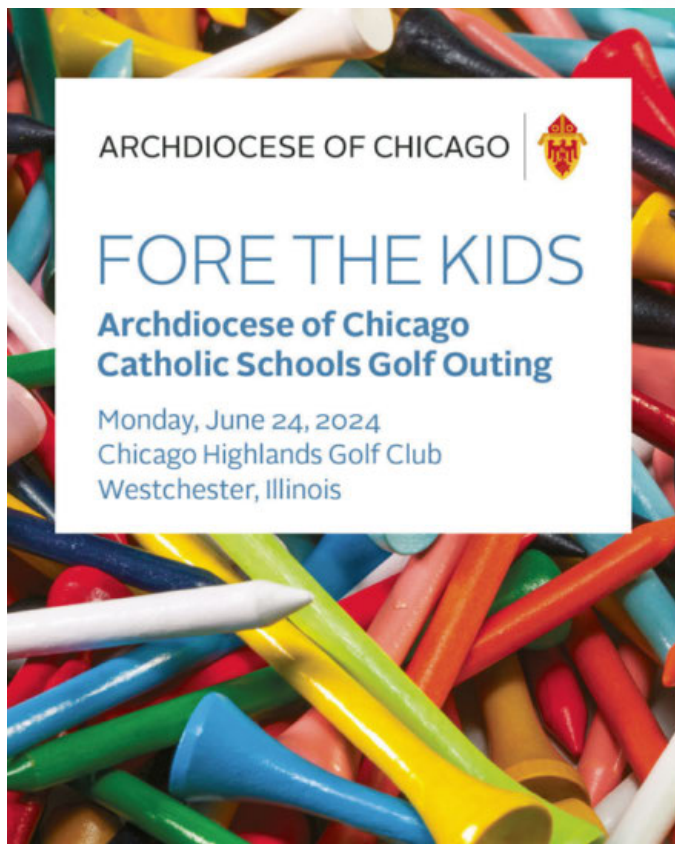
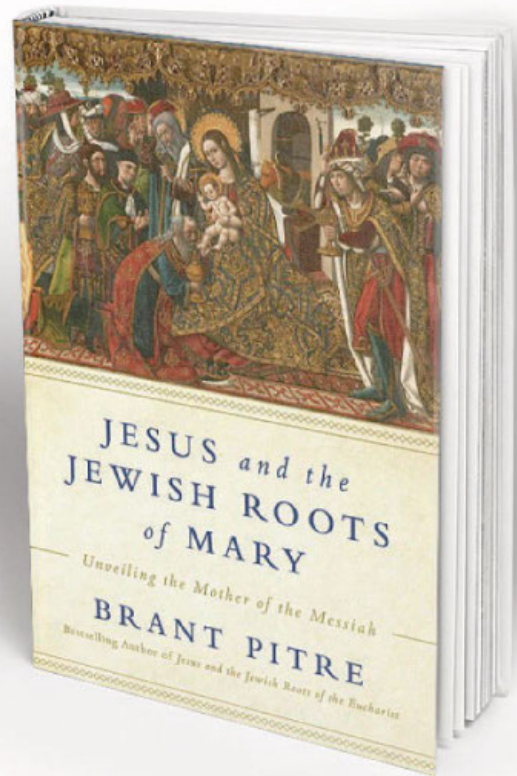
Stay tuned for our next message which will discuss the Feast of Corpus Christi. God bless!





# Get Your Free Book!

We are currently giving out a free book, ***Jesus and the Jewish Roots of Mary*** by **Dr. Brant Pitre**. We thought this would be helpful in our understanding of Mary and enhance our devotions for the month of May. We have 500 copies of the book. If you would like an advance copy (or two) before we put it out for the general parish in another week, please call or email the parish office. You can email **Nick Testa** ([nicktesta@spc-church.org](mailto:nicktesta@spc-church.org)). We will then have a parish-wide book discussion and lecture on Mary at the end of May, though there is no commitment to attend if you sign up for the book. We hope you will read and enjoy the book.



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## FORE THE KIDS

**Archdiocese of Chicago  
Catholic Schools Golf Outing**

Monday, June 24, 2024  
Chicago Highlands Golf Club  
Westchester, Illinois

Join us for an exciting day of golf and camaraderie at Fore the Kids 2024! The Cardinal's Cup competition offers the opportunity to tee off in support of your parish school and compete for glory on the greens. Your participation not only promises a thrilling competition but also directly contributes to the success of Catholic school students. Grab your clubs, gather your friends, and let's make a difference together and enjoy some friendly competition. Register now to secure your spot in this prestigious event and help us champion Catholic education in our community!

To register, scan or visit:  
[giving.archchicago.org/golf](https://giving.archchicago.org/golf)



# Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

## JOE CAPITANI RISING STAR MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

### DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?

In an effort to promote and encourage Catholic Education, the St. Paul of the Cross Men's Club will award our 14th annual scholarship, worth \$5,000, to be utilized at any approved Catholic High School Institution in the Chicagoland area. This scholarship opportunity is open to any 8th Grade male parishioner of St. Paul of the Cross. The Rising Star Scholarship will be awarded to the deserving individual who...

- Demonstrates aptitude for extracurricular activities, has contributed to his community through philanthropy and demonstrates good Christian values.
- Completes a one-page essay.
- Participates in an informal interview with members of the SPC Men's Club Judging Committee.

All entries must be submitted by 5 PM Monday, May 6th. All applicants are to contact Steve Bachert from the St. Paul Men's Club at sbachert7@gmail.com or by phone, 312.399-9531 for complete details, eligibility requirements, and submission information.

## ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Father Nick and Mike Marrese will be conducting Altar Server Training on Monday, May 13, 2024, 3:30-5:00pm, in the SPC Upper Church. This training is for new altar servers and for students entering the 6th, 7th and 8th grade in the 2024-2025 school year. If your son or daughter is interested please email Mike Marrese at [mjmarrese@gmail.com](mailto:mjmarrese@gmail.com)

## PANTRY NEEDS THIS WEEK

- White rice (1-3 lb pkgs)
  - Pasta sauce
  - Toothpaste
  - Chunky Soup

## NO SCRIPTURE SEMINAR THIS WEEK

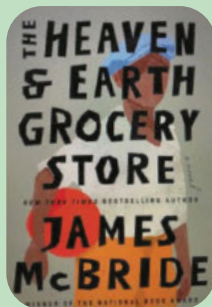
# Announcements

## BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, APRIL 29TH  
7:30 pm

Parish Life Center A/B Room

Please join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride



## SPC SCHOOL KID'S SUMMER CAMP IS ALMOST HERE

Our summer camp schedule is as follows:

JUNE 10-14

JUNE 17-21

JUNE 24-28

VISIT: <https://www.spc-school.net/parents/summer-camp> TO LEARN MORE.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Avenues to Independence* is looking for volunteers to help with retail work at our Thrift Shoppe located at 7710 Touhy Ave on the border of Park Ridge and Chicago. For more information, please contact Stephen Kray, President and CEO, at 847-292-0870 ext 1141 or [skray@avenuestoindependence.org](mailto:skray@avenuestoindependence.org).

### ST. PAUL WOMEN'S GROUP MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CURRENT 8TH GRADE FEMALE STUDENTS ATTENDING ANY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE FALL OF 2024

DEADLINE: MONDAY, MAY 13, 2024

St. Paul of the Cross Women's Group, the Apostolate of Women (AOW), is accepting applications for its annual Catholic Education Scholarship award. This scholarship is open to young women of the parish who are currently in 8th grade and will be attending a Catholic High School in the Fall of 2024. Two winners will receive a \$1,000 scholarship for tuition at any Catholic High School in the Chicagoland area. This is an achievement/merit-based scholarship and is not based on financial need. To be considered, please submit:

- A 300 word typed essay addressing the question: How has your Catholic education influenced your life?
- Please also provide:
- Name, address, and telephone number
- Name of Catholic High School you plan to attend (Examples: Loyola Academy, St. Ignatius, Regina, Resurrection, and Saint Viator)
- List of all extracurricular activities (both in and outside of school), volunteer and service-related activities, and current cumulative grade point average (GPA)

Applications should be emailed to [aow.spc@gmail.com](mailto:aow.spc@gmail.com) with the subject line "AOW Scholarship" or dropped off at the parish rectory in an envelope marked "AOW Scholarship" on or before Monday, May 13, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered. If you have any questions, please contact: Jean Rausch at (847) 318-1559, Liz Vaughan at (847) 971-8816, or email [aow.spc@gmail.com](mailto:aow.spc@gmail.com). Scholarship winners will be notified by phone on or before May 24, 2024.

## PLANNED GIVING

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# First Communion Retreat

The second of our two First Communion Retreats was another wonderful success! Families sent in pictures of the bread they made during the Retreat – and they all look scrumptious!



Additional pictures can be found on the bottom of Catechesis' First Communion page: <https://spc-catechesis.net/first-communion/>

Anna Mae Parkhill,  
Director of Catechesis.

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Come join us here at St. Paul's for our VBS Program – Table of Plenty! The yummy schedule for this weeklong adventure is to strengthen your child's faith with fun and faith-filled activities. Children will learn that everyone is welcome at God's table! They will sing songs, play games, make crafts and have fun all while discovering the beauty of Jesus' love filled teachings. Sign Up Today!

When: June 17 through June 21 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$65 for one child / \$95 for two children / \$105 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2024-2025

Materials and Snacks ARE INCLUDED in the price!

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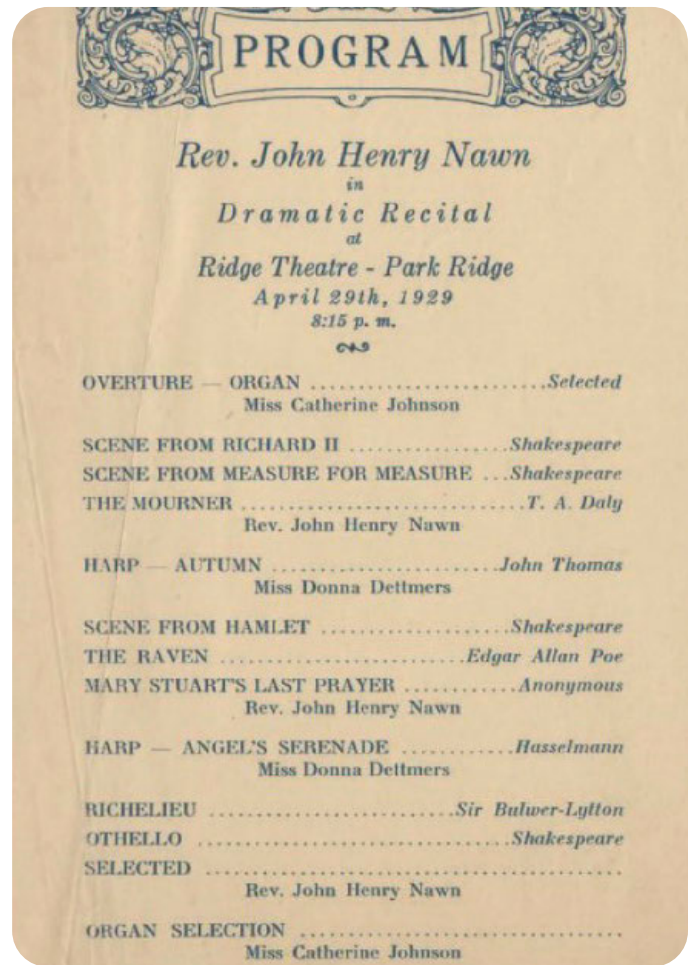
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# Archive Corner with Mark Miller

## Letter from Cardinal Mundelein

Father John H. Nawn was the second Pastor of Saint Paul of the Cross. He was also a Shakespearean scholar. He had a short four-year tenure with our parish from 1918 to 1922. It was noted in the 75th anniversary book how he loved to tell stories to the school children. He returned to Park Ridge in 1928 to perform a recital. Here is the program from that event, occurring almost to this date 96 years ago.



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Sunday, May 5th  
8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Parish Life Center

Our New Parishioner Welcome Ministry will be available on May 5th from 8:30 a.m. until noon to register new parishioners, answer questions, and distribute welcome packets. Donuts will be served after the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. masses.

# It's Time To Tend The Garden! Earn Service Hours!



Sponsor A Raised Bed in our Vegetable Garden to Feed the Hungry!

Sponsoring our parish vegetable garden means planting, watering, and harvesting your own 4'x4' raised bed throughout the growing season. We supply the boxes, organic mix, grids, trellises, and plants, plus all the information and support you need to make your garden grow. In keeping with our mission to feed the hungry, the vegetables we grow will be distributed through our food pantry.

OUR PARISH GARDEN IS LOCATED ON THE CORNER OF SUMMIT AND RIDGE TERRACE  
PROJECT REQUIREMENTS:

1. Attend ORIENTATION MEETING on Monday, May 6 at 7 PM in the parish garden
2. Attend SPRING CLEANUP on Saturday, May 11 at 9 AM in the parish garden
3. Attend PARISH PLANTING DAY on Saturday, May 18 at 9 AM in the parish garden
4. Plant, water, and weed your box regularly May through October
5. Water daily in hot weather
6. Ask another gardener to tend your box if you go out of town
7. Sign up for a HARVEST, DISTRIBUTION, AND DELIVERY DATE (list of dates will be provided to all gardeners)
8. Pay \$30 fee to SPC Social Service Ministry to reserve your box (see below for instructions)
9. Sign and date this form and return it with your payment to the rectory or bring with you to the Orientation Meeting on May 6th.

**Please Note: By Signing and Submitting the completed registration form below with your payment, you agree to the Project Requirements as outlined above.**

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# Ministry Corner

## Walking with Purpose



Walking with Purpose is a women's Catholic Bible study that combines personal study with small group discussion, linking our everyday challenges to solutions given through Scripture. The goal of Walking with Purpose is to transform the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Jesus Christ personally. We share our faith experiences in an atmosphere of honesty and authenticity and accept one another for who we are: beloved daughters of God. Our WWP program here at Saint Paul of the Cross started in 2022 and is a part of a national Walking with Purpose program that is now offered to over 39,000 women in more than 450 parishes throughout the US and Canada. Our Walking with Purpose program at SPC meets weekly mid-September through early May. Women of all ages are invited to join us. No previous Bible study experience is necessary and we offer rolling admission. For more information about our current and future sessions, please reach out to Megan McLaughlin at [walkingwithpurposespc@gmail.com](mailto:walkingwithpurposespc@gmail.com).

Yours in Christ,

*Megan McLaughlin*

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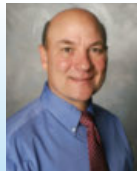
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(Upper Church)

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, May 19th, 2024 12:00 pm

**ADORATION**

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

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(Upper Church vestibule)

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

**FUNERALS**

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**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.

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