



WHEN THE WINE RAN SHORT, THE MOTHER OF JESUS SAID
TO HIM, "THEY HAVE NO WINE." - JN 2:3

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint Paul
the Apostle

JANUARY 19, 2025

Dear SPA Family,

This past Sunday we celebrated the last day of the Christmas Season, but also, we began a new liturgical season in the Church – Ordinary Time. At this time, the green color of liturgical vestments is in force, symbolizing hope, rebirth and youth.

Ordinary Time is a kind of a moment of rest for the Church. It is the longest liturgical season, lasting between 33 and 34 Sundays. It is divided into two parts. The first, the shorter one (about 8-9 Sundays) lasts from the Sunday of the Baptism of the Lord to Ash Wednesday, and the second, from the Sunday of Pentecost to the First Sunday of Advent.



Hence a doubt arises; *Why do we need Ordinary Time?* After all, there are so many holidays and memories that should be included in the church year. Exactly. This is the secret of the Ordinary Time. And yet, during this period in the liturgy, we remember so many saints (Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul), the Apostle (Sts. Peter, Matthew, Luke), we celebrate Marian feasts and other celebrations (Our Lady of the Snow, Assumption, Transfiguration, All Souls).

This is the time when we get to know Jesus' life and activities more deeply, mainly through the Liturgy of the Word. Only when we understand it well and receive it, we will be able to follow Him as He wants.

Ordinary Time separates, as it were, the two most important celebrations of the Church, the Nativity of Christ and the His Passion and Resurrection.

And it is this time, also by its length, **that teaches us a certain longing for important celebrations.** Short winter and longer summertime and vacations -because these are most often associated with the Ordinary Time - are beautiful moments that can and should be devoted to more frequent prayer, contemplation or reading of the Holy Scriptures; not only within the walls of the church or our homes, but also surrounded by nature; on vacation or retreat.

This is a season that cannot be wasted thinking that we are resting from God! **After all, God Himself does not rest from us.** Doesn't He watch over us in our homes, at our workplaces, schools, and on the mountain trails, in the waves of the sea while the travel? It is in these situations that we can give a beautiful and vivid testimony of faith, which is to do His will and to always show our belonging to His Church everywhere and at all times.

Ordinary Time during this year's wintertime with its still unending COVID and political challenges is a kind of a school of independence of religious practices. That's why, I'd like to invite you to test your courage and bravery in professing faith while you are at your home or work or at your travels to different environments. Let's not sleep through Ordinary Time. Because **Ordinary Time is a time for growth and maturation,** a time in which the mystery of Christ is called to penetrate ever more deeply into history until all things are finally caught up in Christ.

*Have a blessed week,
Fr. Chris*

To read Mary Penich's **Something to Think About...**

please visit our website, click "Media" on the homepage, then click "Mary's Reflection"

YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



A friend invited me to an invitation-only wine-tasting event. There were over two hundred varieties of wine. Having no idea how to approach such a massive selection, I wandered aimlessly among the tables, sipping this and that. At the end of the evening my friend asked if I had tried some of the exceptionally expensive wines. I hadn't. "The really good stuff disappears first," he said. "My man, you missed out on some amazing vino." I was so disappointed. I wasted my chance for amazing once-in-a-lifetime wine. The wine I tasted was, well, blah.

Don't we often feel a similar disappointment in life? I missed this or that opportunity. If only I had known. Optimism sputters and fades. The glory days are gone. The chances, it seems, for the really great things in life come and go so quickly. Then they are gone forever. The good stuff goes first. Then life is just blah.

Not so with the Lord Jesus. In Jesus' miracle at the wedding at Cana, the steward of the feast says, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then...an inferior one" (John 2:10). That's the natural downward progression of life. The good stuff disappears quickly. But he says of the groom (who symbolizes Jesus), "But you have kept the good wine until now." This is the ever-improving trajectory of the realm of God's grace. With Jesus, the "good wine" of divine love, hope and peace gets better as our journey of faith progresses.

Where are your greatest disappointments? Don't give in to the lie that the really good stuff is gone. Tell Jesus you've run out. Then learn how to taste that amazingly good wine, because he saves the best until now.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Gather #383 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (SALZBURG)** by Jakob Hintze, J.S. Bach, and Christopher Wordsworth

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Gather Us, Lord** by Scott Goudeau

Gloria: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: **Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds** by Cooper Ray

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF ENDLESS MERCY** by Steve Angrisano

Preparation of the Gifts: **Spirit & Song #254 Miracle of Grace** by Curtis Stephan

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #306 How Great Is Our God** by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

Eucharistic Acclamations/Agnus Dei: **MASS OF RESTORATION** by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Communion Song: **Spirit & Song #255 One Bread, One Cup** by Bobby Fisher, Greg Lee, Craig Aven, and Ken Canedo

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)** by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, and Salomon Ligthelm

Closing Song: **Spirit & Song #306 How Great Is Our God** by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves, and Ed Cash

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #322 Just Like You** by Matt Maher

READING I

ISAIAH 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn
and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the
LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PSALM 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10.

Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations.

READING II

1 CORINTHIANS 12:4-11

Brothers and sisters:
There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the
same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same
Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone.
To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit
is given for some benefit.
To one is given through the Spirit the expression of
wisdom;
to another, the expression of knowledge according
to the
same Spirit;
to another, faith by the same Spirit;
to another, gifts of healing by the one Spirit;
to another, mighty deeds;
to another, prophecy;
to another, discernment of spirits;
to another, varieties of tongues;
to another, interpretation of tongues.
But one and the same Spirit produces all of these,
distributing them individually to each person as he
wishes.

GOSPEL

JOHN 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee,
and the mother of Jesus was there.
Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding.
When the wine ran short,
the mother of Jesus said to him,
"They have no wine."
And Jesus said to her,
"Woman, how does your concern affect me?
My hour has not yet come."
His mother said to the servers,
"Do whatever he tells you."
Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish
ceremonial washings,
each holding twenty to thirty gallons.
Jesus told them,
"Fill the jars with water."
So they filled them to the brim.
Then he told them,
"Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter."
So they took it.
And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had
become wine,
without knowing where it came from
— although the servers who had drawn the water knew
—,
the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him,
"Everyone serves good wine first,
and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one;
but you have kept the good wine until now."
Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs at Cana in
Galilee
and so revealed his glory,
and his disciples began to believe in him.



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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the Glory of God the Father.
Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,*
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/
Jn 2:1-11

Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk
16:15-18

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Tuesday: Psalm 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c

The Lord will remember his covenant for ever.

Wednesday: Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

You are a priest for ever, in the line of Melchizedek.

Thursday: Psalm 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Friday: Psalm 85:8, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Kindness and truth shall meet.

Saturday: Psalm 117:1bc, 2

Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian,
Martyr; Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday: St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

Wednesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of
Unborn Children

Thursday: St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr; St. Marianne
Cope, Virgin

Friday: St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the
Church

Saturday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Celebrate
Catholic Schools Week

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Ong Ba Muoi | Scott Kohler | Elvira Camadro | Leonardo Kalow | Cristina Jacobo | Steve Suprak | Jose Cadiena

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Rose Ann Kouba | Tadeusz Gawrys | Adel Furchel | Bronislaw Furchel

9:30am: Wolly Zagol | Jack White | Charles E. Smith, Jr. | Vincent D'Souza | Robert Chester Buttrey

11:30am: Crescencia & Silvestre Elefante | Paulina Negrillo | Celso Balito Castor | Primo Pedrola | Tom Vallely | Bill Sisco | Emilia Rymarski

5:00pm: Poreba Family | Our Parish Family

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2025

7:30am: Lucy Herrmann | Alex & Beth Corros | Zofia Nieplocha

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025

7:30am: Scott Kohler

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

7:30am: Rosario Calcal

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025

7:30am: Bartholomew Sopata

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

7:30am: Adamczyk Family

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Walter & Emily Macrowski | Rebecca Sanchez | Steve Suprak

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

9:30am: Karen DeLong | Winston Casis | Robert Chester Buttrey | Michele Dulak Beye | Edmund Kana

11:30am: Kathy Siedler | Marcelino Cabuay | Emily Rymarski | Elizabeth Higgins | Dennis S. Render

5:00pm: Maria Rudna | Michal Rudny | Our Parish Family

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of January 13, 2025

Christmas- \$1,621

Sunday- \$32,782

Sharing- \$15

SVdP- \$255

Let There Be Light- \$861

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$20

Online Sunday- n/a

Online Sharing- \$910

Online SVdP- \$1,724

Month to Date - January

Christmas- \$10,601

Sunday- \$56,025

Online Sunday- \$7,677

Sharing- \$120

Online Sharing- \$1,294

SVdP- \$460

Online SVdP- \$1,858

Let There Be Light- \$922

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$20



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Marquette Wilson

Maria Iwinska

Victoria Magat

Teresita Villamorán

Martha Andradi

Doan Pham

Kim Liwanag-Lynn

Karen Lopez

Joy Matubang

Melody Cook

Jane Heraty

Jacob Bereles

Bob Franz

Cortney Kinahan

Marie Kloss

Rod Reyes

Betty Falotico

Carmen Torres

Daniel Alfaro

Luis Fernando Mathieu

Dorothy Stratten

Keith Kellogg

Lisa Mischke

Loretta Mirando

Dave Erickson

Darrel Alfonso

Carla Irwin

Alice DeSilvia

Richard Kot

Adriana Aparicio

Pearla Villareal

Suzelle Conze

Kathy Hunt

Jackie Herrera-Giron

Kaz Wilk

Rose Scarpelli

Portia Tinker

Donna Kalinoski

Kathy Pozniacki

Frank Shade

Roberto Dacumos

Alfredo "Doy" Martija

Antonio "Tony" Alvarado

Charlie Lucas

Laura Hopkins

Rosa LaBellarte

William Otero

Marcy Davis

Emily Meyer

Laura Hopkins

Rosa LaBellarte

Ruben Querubin

Rachel Ciullo

Patricia Freeman

Toni Lynn Mengarelli

Monica Nash

Shannon Bremmer

Karen Swazas

April Grandgeorge

William O'Brien

Alma De Torres

Stephanie Rappe

Vicki Shafer

Ruth Blood

Maria Delannoy

Tom Asma

Please know that we pray for all of the sick at every Mass. However, if you would like your name or that of a sick loved one to be included in the list above, please email or call

Catherine in the Parish Office:
info@spa.church or 847-918-0600



In loving memory of our recently deceased parishioners. May God's perpetual light shine upon them.

Larry Weil

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:00PM BAPTISM - MATT
 1:00PM SANTO NINO - NOVENA
 2:00PM SANTO NINO MASS
 3:30PM SANTO NINO - CELEBRATION
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30AM MASS
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
 9:00AM RCIA
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM - SANTOS
 3:30PM CF | 1 & 2 & HS | 7-8 & HS
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS

MONDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 7:00PM HANDBELL REHEARSAL

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 10:00AM FUNERAL - CASTORENA
 2:00PM FAITH SHARING
 5:00PM KID'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
 6:30PM SPRED
 7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS
 7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

7:30AM MASS
 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
 5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL
 7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23 2025

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025

8:30AM BCBP MEETING
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 2:00PM 1ST RECONCILIATION
 (1ST COMMUNION 2 & SCU)
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025

7:30AM MASS
 9:00AM FF | SUN K-6
 9:30AM MASS
 11:30AM MASS
 1:00PM BAPTISM - SUN
 3:30PM CF | 1 & 2 & HS | 7-8 & HS
 3:30PM FAITH ENRICHMENT FOR PARENTS
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL
 5:00PM MASS
 6:00PM LIFETEEN NIGHT: LIFENIGHT

JANUARY 25/26 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Maryalice Smith Larry Kolaczowski	M. Minich M. Smith N. Hortelano B. Rago T. Rusnak	Volunteer	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Jeff Bautista Bob O'Brien	L. Chandy T. Rafael- E. Nelsen Azcueta M. Pieper T. Zdenanlik	Bob Zorc Mary Zorc	Fr. Chris Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Cathy Latza Lisa Seifried	T. Brennan P. Wilson S. Corr C. Nielsen C. Pettengill	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Danny Castro Terry Denecke-Dattalo	R. Auguste S. Tebbetts E. Colcol M. Ramirez J. Schoenherr		Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Christine Crow Teen or Lector 1	C. Bertke M. Murawski JJ Plamoottil J. Marino G. Murawski		Fr. John Dn. Ivan

FIREPLACE TALKS

TOM WATTELET

Welcoming at the
Banquet



TUESDAY - 7PM - 1.21.25

All adults are invited to join us for Fireplace Talks this Tuesday at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Joining us will be our Youth and Adult Minister, Tom, speaking about his talk titled "Welcoming at the Banquet". The talk will focus on how we can evangelize our faith by both inviting and welcoming people to God's banquet. Wine and snacks will be served.

Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?
Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, January 21, at 7 pm in the lower-level gathering space.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to comfort those in need in our church community.

All ages and experience levels are welcome — and we even have supplies to get you started on your project!

Questions?
Contact the parish office:
info@spa.church

GRIEF JOURNEY MINISTRY

"What we have once enjoyed deeply,
we can never lose. All that we love
deeply becomes a part of us."
-Helen Keller

**You are invited to join with us as we
gather with others who have lost a
loved one. Here you will find
support and encouragement in
abundance.**

The next meeting is
January 22, 2025.
Sandy Gbur,
Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

Prayer Shawl Request

Are you or a loved one in need of a prayer shawl?
Please complete the following information and
place in the collection box at any of St. Pauls'
weekend masses. You will be contacted regarding
pickup/delivery of the shawl.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

eMail: _____

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

(with Praise and Worship
music)

Monday, January 27
at 7:00 PM



- ⇒ Are you age 55+?
- ⇒ Are you active and single?
- ⇒ Are you looking for a new way to meet friends or partners, share interests and laughter?

If you answered **YES** to these questions, then this is the social club for you!

SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB



Friday, January 24th 6:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Club Tiki, 3500 Sunset Avenue, Waukegan

\$25 per person due at time of registration;
Cash Bar; Food provided by Catered
Productions

PLEASE REGISTER BY 1/15 AT:
saintpaultheapostle.church;
Select Single Senior Social Club; Hawaiian Luau

Questions? Please call or email:
Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary_ross@comcast.net



Trivia Night Sat. Feb. 15th 6-10pm

Gather your team together.

Max of 6 people.

\$10 per player, register on line.

\$12 per player @ the door.

- Give your team a name.
- Dress in costume.
- Decorate your table.
- BYOB and Snacks.



Top Team wins \$250!

Other games and contests throughout the night!

Register at www.saintpaultheapostle.church

Categories:	
• U.S. History	• Catholicism
• Logos	• T.V.
• Food	• Acronyms
• Potpourri	• Toys & Games
• Music	

2024 Tax Statements

Here are two ways you can
request your tax letter:

1. Complete your information on the Tax Request sheet on the table in the gathering space.
2. Send an email request to info@spa.church
We will send the tax letter back to the same email address you used to request it.

As always, we thank you for your
generous
support of our parish.





Register

on our
website

ASCENSION

THE ROSARY IN A YEAR

WITH FR. MARK-MARY AMES, CFR

Ascension has announced its 4th “In a Year” podcast: The Rosary in a Year (with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames, CFR). On January 1, 2025, daily episodes will be posted to the Ascension App, Apple Podcasts, and Spotify. The small group would meet with Sharon Harrigan virtually every other week to share thoughts and insights.



St. Paul's Annual Baby Bottle Campaign and Baby Shower, sponsoring "Aid for Women", is coming soon!

Please take a baby bottle home the weekend of January 11th and 12th. Fill your bottle and bring the bottle back the weekend of February 1st and 2nd. You may also donate online through the parish website.

In addition, "Aid for Women" is in need of the following items:

Diapers (sizes newborn - #6), fruit/vegetable baby food (no meat), sleepers, crib size blankets, pack & play sheets, baby wash, pacifiers, wipes, and swaddlers.

Labeled "Baby Shower" carts will be in the upper and lower level for items dropped off beginning January 11th and 12th.

The last day to drop off items is Sunday, February 2nd.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity! God Bless!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question:

Who was the only apostle, excluding Judas, who was not martyred?

Answer:

St. John.

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Thank you!!! Words cannot express the impact ST Paul parishioners have made on so many lives through emergency support for rental and utility assistance, car payments, food, and other needs. Helping one person might not change the world; however, it could change the world for one person. The November 2024 Week of Giving fundraiser raised \$40,000!!!

The Society disburses approximately \$10,000 a month to those in need.

Below is the financial report from Oct 1, 2023- through September 30, 2024. Please note, we had to close our helpline for 3 months of 2023 and 3 months of 2024 as we ran out of funds.

Beginning Cash Balance Oct 1, 2023- \$9,154
Receipts:
Donations- \$3,925
Fundraising- \$35,124
Church donations- \$53,199
Total Receipts- \$92,248
Disbursements:
Neighbors in need of assistance- \$93,359
Operating expenses- \$3,083
Ending Cash Balance Sept 30, 2024: \$4,960

May the joy and abundance of the holiday season be with you all year.

Sincerely,

Sue Lucas on behalf of The Society of St Vincent De Paul- Gurnee Conference.



A Heartfelt Thank You from
the Simbang Gabi Group.

We are profoundly grateful to our wonderful parishioners for your unwavering support and generosity. Your participation in the Luau, Christmas wreath sale, and the Simbang Gabi collection has been truly inspiring. Together, we raised an incredible \$8,362!

With your kindness, we were able to send \$4,000 each to our cherished charities in the Philippines: the Missionary Sisters of Evangelization and Mary Queen of Heaven Missionaries. Your contributions will make a significant difference in the lives of those they serve.

Thank you for being the heart and soul of our community. Your generosity and compassion continue to light the way for others.

With deepest gratitude and blessings,
The Simbang Gabi Group



ST. PATRICK SCHOOL
Wadsworth, Illinois

You are invited to
St. Patrick School's
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 26, 2025
From 9:00—12:00







- Tour the School
- Meet Students & Faculty Members
- Visit ALL the classrooms
- Enjoy the Open House Pancake Breakfast
- Discover Our Many Attributes: Technology, Art, Music, P.E. and STEM
- Learn About Busing, Extra-Curricular Activities, Sports, and Our Before & After Care Programs
- Discuss Financial Aid
- Get Your Questions Answered

What We Offer:
Preschool-3 Yr. Olds—8th Grade

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Wadsworth, IL 60030
847-623-8446
www.spswadsworth.org



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PRINCE OF PEACE
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

OPEN HOUSE

Join us at our Open House on January 26, 2025 from 8:30-12:30 to tour the school, meet the teachers and current parents!

Please call 847-356-6111 to schedule a tour
or email schooloffice@princeofpeaceil.org

Prince of Peace Catholic School
135 S. Milwaukee Ave.
Lake Villa, IL 60046
school.princeofpeaceil.org

Prince of Peace Roman Catholic School provides a values-based education that nurtures respect for all and fosters academic excellence and faith development

During this most holy season, rejoice in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As stewards of our faith, please continue his good work on earth by considering a gift through your will or a planned gift in support of our Church. A bequest can be made to our parish using the following language:

"I give [insert specific dollar amount, or percentage of net or residuary] to The Catholic Bishop of Chicago, Tax ID #36-2170826, a corporation sole located in Chicago, Illinois, to be used for the benefit of St. Paul the Apostle located in Gurnee, Illinois. However, if St. Paul the Apostle ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish or parishes erected in its stead."

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Question: Why do some dioceses move holy days, or not even celebrate them at all. Doesn't everyone do the same thing?

Answer: The short answer is no, not everyone does the same thing. Although the church is universal, there are many local customs and saints that each country, sometimes just a region, will honor. For example, feast days and patronal days may not be major feast days on the church's universal calendar, but are celebrated as such in one place. Holy days of obligation are the same way. The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has a certain amount of discretion in choosing days which best reflect the local church's experience and history.

Another reason certain feasts are moved is a practical one. With limited clergy, or a great difficulty for people to get to Mass, the feast day may be transferred to a Sunday. The rationale is that if a significant feast should be part of the church's celebration, then better to do so on a Sunday when people and clergy are available, rather than try to fit it on a day when one or both cannot be there.

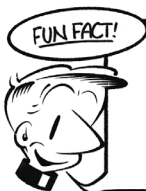
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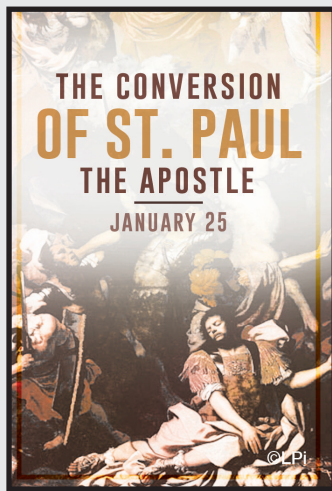
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Saul's conversion to Christianity took place while he was traveling to Damascus to persecute Christians there. According to Scripture, "a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'" (Acts 9:3-4). Stricken blind by the vision, Saul continued to Damascus where he was healed and immediately began meeting with other disciples in the area and preaching that Jesus is Lord. He changed his name to the Roman version of Saul, Paul, after his conversion because it was more common among the Gentiles.

For years he traveled all over the region starting churches and preaching the Gospel to the Gentiles. Paul's letters to the communities he served make up thirteen of the books of the New Testament today. His writings encourage new believers to learn about Jesus through Scripture and prayer, partaking in the Eucharist, and serving those in need. He was eventually beheaded as part of systematic executions of Christian leaders in Rome. St. Paul is known as the Apostle to the Gentiles, and the most prolific Christian missionary of all time. St. Paul, pray for us!

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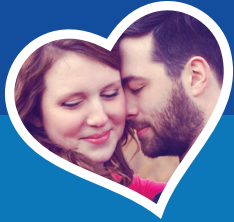


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