

"TO WHAT SHALL WE COMPARE THE KINGDOM OF GOD?" —MK 4:30

11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JUNE 16, 2024

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - CREATED WITH HOPE AND PARENTED WITH LOVE...**BY MARY PENICH

While looking through photos from my childhood, my thoughts turned to the dozens of family members who reside in the hereafter today. How I miss them all! Yes, I continue to miss my older sister whom I just lost and my younger sister who left us twelve years ago. My brother passed in 1998 and my mom on 2003. I miss them as well. On this Father's Day and always, I miss my dad -a very, very good man! Having written all of that, I have to add that I'm also happy for each one of these special people! Today's scripture passages help to explain my joy and my gratitude.

The passage from Ezekiel (17:22-24) describes God's excitement over planting a new cedar tree.



This work begins with a tiny sprout cut from an already full-grown cedar. God plants that tiny shoot with great care and with the full expectation that it will grow into a mighty specimen. It occurs to me that God plants each one of us on this earth with the same expectation –that we will grow into the most amazing

people that only we can be! I'm grateful for each one who is a part of my life!

I looked upward and offered my thanks to St. Paul for his contribution to the mix. Paul (2 Corinthians 5:6-10) focuses on our courage in making the best of our lives on this earth before we move

on to the next. Though we don't always realize it, courage is an excellent descriptor of what it takes for us to make our way through the days, hours, and seconds we're given here. The good news is that we're not alone in any of this. While I sat at my sister's bedside day after



day, God remained. When I headed out for the drive home, God remained. This is the case for each one of us every minute of every day whether or not we acknowledge that God is nearby.

In today's gospel (Mark 4:26-34), Mark features Jesus as he offers two explanations of how God's kingdom works. I think those explanations describe how we work as well. Jesus begins by describing a farmer who scatters seeds on his land. Though that farmer has no idea of how it happens, those seeds

grow and produce a wonderful harvest. Jesus adds a lesson regarding mustard seeds -the tiniest seeds in all of nature. Despite their size, these seeds grow into very large trees! Does this mean that even the least of our efforts can produce amazing results as well? When I consider the loved ones I've lost, my response must be a resounding, "Yes!"

On this Father's Day, I turn my thoughts back to my dad. He was the most important man

in my life during the eight years I shared with him. The truth is that his importance to me remains. I know that my dad loved me as best he could because his absence has had lifelong implications. Perhaps the greatest impact of this loss is manifested in my relationships with my own sons. From the time I knew of their imminent births, how I loved –and love- them! Yes, when I was told that I was pregnant with each of my sons, I experienced my



Dad's love once again and a taste of God's love for us firsthand.

So, what does all of this have to do with us on Father's Day and the rest of the days we've been given? Let me tell you... If you question the meaning of your life, take it from this daughter that the eight years I shared with my dad meant the world to me. During those eight years, my dad loved me as only he could. Though that love sometimes required that my dad offer a bit of discipline on occasion, his love for me was never in doubt. Today, God reminds us that, like my dad, we all matter!

Whether our time together is measured in a century, decades, a few years, months, or even a day, every day that we share with those we have been given to love is a treasure! As I wish every dad among us a happy Father's Day, I also wish you dads the grace and the courage to be present to your children for as long as they have you. Remember, all that is required is that you do the best you can in the moment at hand! As for the rest of us -mothers, sons, daughters, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbors, coworkers- let's follow our Heavenly Dad's lead and do the same.

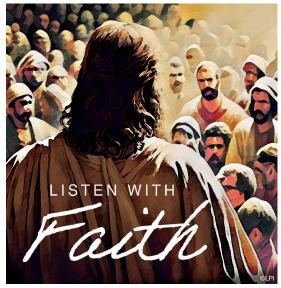
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## YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **GOSPEL MEDITATION**



My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, "he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything." Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

#### **MASS HYMNS**

Opening Song: Spirit & Song #335 Open the Eyes of My Heart by Paul Baloche

Gloria: MASS OF RESTORATION by Josh Blakesley and Grae McCullough

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, It Is Good by Steve Angrisano

Gospel Acclamation: MASS OF ENDLESS MERCY by Steve Angrisano

Preparation of the Gifts: Sow the Word by Steve Janco

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

Communion Song: Holy Spirit, We're Calling You by Ed Bolduc

Closing Song: Spirit & Song #242 Grateful by Tom Tomaszek

Thus says the Lord GOD:

I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

PS 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

**READING II** 2 COR 5:6-10

Brothers and sisters:

We are always courageous,

although we know that while we are at home in the body

we are away from the Lord,

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

Yet we are courageous,

and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord.

Therefore, we aspire to please him,

whether we are at home or away.

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.

so that each may receive recompense,

according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.

**GOSPEL** MK 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds:

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how.

Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come."

He said,

"To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it?

It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground.

is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth.

But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants

and puts forth large branches,

so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."

With many such parables

he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it.

Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



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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 seatzed 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:** Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

*Monday:* 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7/Mt 5:38-42

*Tuesday:* 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

*Thursday:* Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7/Mt 6:7-15

Friday: 2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20/Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18/ Mt 6:19-23

**Saturday:** 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34/ Mt 6:24-34

#### **WEEKDAY PSALMS**

*Monday: Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7* Lord, listen to my groaning.

*Tuesday: Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16* Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Wednesday: Ps 31:20, 21, 24

Let your hearts take comfort, all who hope in the Lord.

**Thursday: PS 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7** Rejoice in the Lord, you just!

*Friday: Ps 132:11, 12, 13-14, 17-18* The Lord has chosen Zion for his dwelling.

*Saturday: Ps* **89:4-5, 29-30, 31-32, 33-34** For ever I will maintain my love for my servant.

#### **OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Father's Day

Wednesday: St. Romuald, Abbot

Thursday: World Refugee Day

Friday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious

*Saturday:* St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop; Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs

Next Sunday: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | John Carter Bennett | Scott Kohler | Sheila Dorsey | Gaspar & Daylinda Siap

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024** 

7:30am: George Herrmann | Ed Dodich | Ray Totten | Ben Serrano

Jerome Donahue

9:30am: Oscar Morien | Tom Wessel | James Quirke | Bernie Lim

Rafael Lim Gonzales

11:30am: Rico Cuasay | Silvestre & Crescencia Elefante | Paulina Negrillo | Rudy Mayo | Raymond Nackoney

5:00pm: Tessie & Chris Peach

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024** 7:30am: Mary King

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024** 7:30am: Reynaldo Hilo

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

7:30am: Bella Hilo | Ricardo A. Rivera | Josephine Legaspi

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024 7:30am: Scott Kohler

FRIDAY, JUNE 21 2024

7:30am: Victoria Lim | Doris & Frank Paiser

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | John Carter Bennett | Nilo Arceo | Armando Arceo | Filomena Mroz

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024** 

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Ben Serrano 9:30am: Dennis & Nancy Vaseloff | Vikki Larson Yeatts | Bernabe

Lim | Victoria Lasso

11:30am: Bienvenida Mayo | Ed Hilo | Aurora Galicia | Erwin Ongos | Tomasita Lim & Lim/Tan Families

SCAN TO DONATE

5:00pm: Our Parish Family

#### **DONATIONS SUMMARY**

Week of 6/10/2024

Sunday- \$12,612 Sharing- \$120 SVdP- \$255 Online Sunday- n/a Online Sharing- n/a Online SVdP- n/a

Catholic Charities - \$100 Let There Be Light- \$602 Fr. Maciej- Congo Mission - \$690 Fund for Retired Priests - \$2,156

Month to Date - June

Sunday- \$29,075 Online Sunday- \$13,464

Sharing- \$240 Online Sharing- \$899

SVdP-\$630

Online SVdP- \$477

Catholic Charities - \$100

Let There Be Light- \$838

#### Fr. Maciej-Congo Mission - \$5,185 Fund for Retired Priests - \$2,341

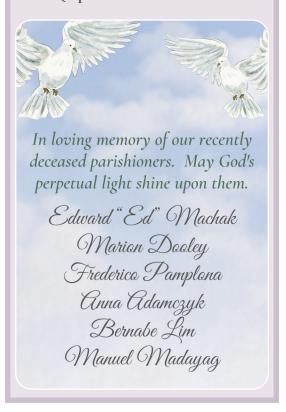
#### PRAY FOR THE SICK

Michael Bockstahler Bryon Patterson Inesa Bekeris Alice DeSilvia Bernadette Gaffney Stephanie Rappe Ángie Toon leanine Hudson Shannon Fleece Jacob Alderman Énrique Figueroa Ross Gube Jason Govednik Rosa LaBellarte Russ Lawson Roberta Becker Emily Meyer Betsy Hastings Rev. John M. Ryan Donna Lee Kalinoski Dawn Tsarpalas Margi Kaĥan Brittney March Marlene Leonard Logan Griffin Renee Solano Charlene Littles Donna Leonardo Patty Freeman Mark Wilson TJ Christor Kelsey Wilder Vicki Schafer

Teresa Corcoran Alisha Cooper Margaret Maher Karen Swazas Priscilla Baylon Francisco Doreza, Jr. loe Laureano Cherry Laureano Margaret Gaubhran Tom Asna Orietta Giannetti Marquetta Wilson Maria Iwinska Victoria Magat Teresita Villamoran Gerald Gundrum Martha Andradi Melissa Fernandes Doan Pham Monica Nash Kim Liwanag-Lynn Karen Lopez Joy Matubang Melody Cook Jane Heraty lacob Bereles Bob Franz Cortney Kinahan Marie Kloss Marie Zuidema Rod Reves Betty Falotico

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



#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 2024**

7:00AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S

GARAGE

**11:00AM** RECONCILIATION

**12:30PM** BAPTISM - ROCK

**1:00PM** BAPTISM - CERVANTES

1:30PM BAPTISM - RAJTAR

**5:00PM** MASS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024** 

FATHER'S DAY

**7:30AM** MASS

**9:30AM** MASS

**11:30AM** MASS

**4:00PM** TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

**5:00PM** MASS

**MONDAY, JUNE 17, 2024** 

**7:30AM** MASS

**TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2024** 

**7:30AM** MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

7:00PM KNIT PURL PRAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19, 2024

**7:30AM** MASS

**3:00PM** GRIEF SUPPORT

THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2024

**7:30AM** MASS

8:00AM HOLY HOUR

FRIDAY, JUNE 21, 2024

**7:30AM** MASS

SATURDAY, JUNE 22, 2024

8:30AM BCBP MEETING

**11:00AM** RECONCILIATION

**12:00PM** BCBP - TEACHINGS

**12:30PM** BAPTISM - SALDANA

**1:30PM** BAPTISM - SWEENEY

**3:00PM** MEMORIAL MASS- FULLONE

**5:00PM** MASS

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024** 

**7:30AM** MASS

9:30AM MASS

**11:30AM** MASS

**4:00PM** TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

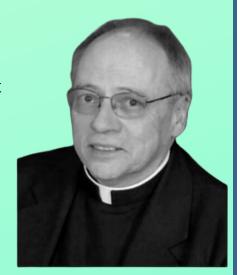
**5:00PM** MASS

JUNE 22/23   LITURGY SCHEDULE					
	LECTORS	COMMUNIO	N MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Maryalice Smith Warren Kati	E. Drexler C. Karl W. Kati M. Minich	T. Oberstar B. Rago M. Smith	Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. Chris Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Elsa Kurien Lyla Chandy	L. Chandy L. Holland M. Janik E. Nelsen M. Pieper	T. Rafael -Azcueta B.Toomey	Bob Zorc Mary Zorc	Fr. Chris
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Matt Schwarz Beth Penfold	T. Brennan S. Corr M. DeGuzmar Arnold Ignaci		George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Joe Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Terry Denecke-Dattalo Margaret Beth Sanchez	S. Estorque M. Fernandes T. Mozny M. Parreno	M. Ramirez J. Schoenherr M. Urquhart		Fr. Joe Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Terry Moreau Teen or Lector 1	C. Karl M. Gaytan G. Murawski M. Murawski	JJ Plamoottil T. Robb A. Wattelet		Fr. Chris Dn. Bob

#### Dear parishioners and friends of St. Paul's Parish,

From the beginning of my ministry here among you, I have experienced the love, care, affirmation and encouragement of St. Paul's amazing family of faith. My most recent, unexpected bout with heart issues, heart bypass surgery, 3 weeks in Loyola Hospital and then the continuing challenges with an infected lower left leg vein-harvest site, all have been uplifted and made easier with the realization of how your love and prayers were surrounding me, supporting me and urging me towards wellness.

Your messages and prayers for healing have been passed along to me through our parish groups, pastoral staff members, Parish Council of Ministries, volunteers, announcements during Mass, notes, emails, word of mouth and the list goes on. Through you I have discovered anew our need for a deeper trust in Christ Jesus, who journeys with us as our healer and guide. I thank you so very much and I definitely assure you of my prayers for you as well!





Fr. Joe



We started replacing the lighting system on the upper level of the church.

The lighting in a church is very complicated and requires replacing and installing many components, panels, cables, and new lamps.

Thank you for your continued donations.

Now, bricks can be ordered for up to 4 or 8 lines and up to 20 characters per line.
You can permanently remember a loved one or honor your family, friends, or anniversary by purchasing a commemorative brick.

donate to the lighting project or order a brick at www.saintpaultheapostle.church



## CATECHISTS NEEDED!



Share Your Faith and Make a Difference Catechists Desperately needed for the 2024–2025 Classes
Lesson Plans Provided
Contact Faith Formation Office at 847–816–8677
or email Mary Jo Urauhart at murauhart@spa.church with questions or an interest in teaching

#### Sunday (9am-10am weekly)

Kindergarten 3rd Grade 2-4th Grade 2-5th Grade 6th Grade

Confirmation Program Sundays (3:30-6pm 3x/month Includes 5pm Mass)

2- YR2 Confirmation

We also need teen helpers for Sundays (9-10am and every other Wednesday (5:30-7pm) and Subs for all days. We need YOU!







7th - HIGH SCHOOL JULY 14th -18th

1st - 6th GRADE JULY 15th - 19th



We are looking for host families to house the women missionaries and men missionaries the week of July 13th through the morning of July 19th. If they're interested, please contact

Amy Russell

arussell@spa.church

# REGISTRATION is OPEN on our WEBSITE!

### **Knit Purl Pray Ministry**

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?
Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, June 18th, at 7 pm in the lower-level gathering space.

The ministry members create prayer shawls, blankets, and other items to provide comfort to 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.

We meet in the church every first and third Wednesday at 3:00pm. The next meeting is June 19, 2024. Call or email Barbara Kapple, MS @ 847-212-9951 barbara.kapple12@gmail.com

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor



#### KNIGHTS CORNER

Divine Mercy Council received a Bronze Award at our state convention last month for our service this past year. We are humble to receive this award, but we especially want to thank Fr Chris, Fr Joe and our entire St Paul the Apostle parish community for your support this past year. Without you, we would not be able to have the success to achieve that award. Thank you!

This month we assisted Fr Chris in the (first of many) Corpus Christi Procession, hosted a Tootsie Roll (ID) Drive with our SPRED friends, and held our Pete Albamonte Golf Outing at Heather Ridge Golf Club. We thank everyone who participated in one or all these events.

We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council. Can you imagine what more our council could achieve if we had another brother or two in our council? Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

Vivat Jesus, Greg Johnson Grand Knight Divine Mercy Council #11112 Divine Mercy Council 11112



St Paul the Apostle Gurnee



- ⇒ 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! Join us:

Independence Grove, Libertyville
Concert in the Plaza
featuring Brooklyn Charmers
a Steely Dan tribute band
Tuesday, June 25th — 7:00—8:30pm

Registration **OPENS** June 10; Registration **ENDS** June 24

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#### **Independence Grove Concert**

\$10 vehicle charge at gate; Gate opens @ 4:30p
Parking is limited, arrive early

#### Questions? Please call or email:

Linda Gzehoviak 847.477.1504 I.gzehoviak@gmail.com

Mary Ross 847.912.0033 mary ross@comcast.net

# Thank you to all of the contributing chefs and volunteers!



We look forward to seeing you next year!







#### RaiseRight.com/enroll

**Enrollment code: QTIWZD8GRBUK** 

# Gifts for Graduates, Moms, & Dads

Choose from different gift card types: eGift cards, physical gift cards and reloadable gift cards.

We will also have order sheets available at the Information Desk.

We accept cash, checks, credit card or charge to your St. Paul payment account.

"What do you call a Catholic priest who became a lawyer?"



#### "A Father-in-law!"



Did you know that there is a set of laws that govern Catholics called "Canon Law"? The lawyers who work in Canon Law are actually known as "Canon lawyers."

CLP

#### **SPA Golf Classic IV**

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Day starts at 11am, Dinner at 6:30pm

Benefiting the "Let There Be Light Campaign"

### **Currently looking for Sponsorships!**

- Tee or Green sponsorship for a contribution of \$150
  - Hole sponsorship for a contribution of \$275
  - Lunch sponsorship for a contribution of \$500
- Beverage Cart sponsorship for a contribution of \$700
  - Dinner sponsorship for a contribution of \$900
  - Silver sponsorship for a contribution of \$1000
  - Gold sponsorship for a contribution of \$1500
  - Platinum sponsorship for a contribution of \$2000



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## NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PILGRIMAGE







HOLY MASS
Bishop Jeffrey Grob
Presider
Auxiliary Bishop
of Chicago,
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TESTIMONIAL
Following Mass we will be presented with a testimonial on the power of the Eucharist.



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The evening will conclude with praise and worship of our Eucharistic Lord.



Scan the QR code for more information.



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## 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:
The prayer shawl is for:
me another parishioner/friend
Shawl recipient is a: male female

#### **PCM BIO- KATHY HUNT**



I have been in the music ministry since our very first Mass at Woodland School. The opening song was, "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen (#743 in the red Gather book). It was also the opening song for the groundbreaking ceremony as snow blew sideways around us. That song was so prophetic as we surely have gathered so many in and have ministered to so many through the years. Fr. Farrell, Fr. Phil, Deacon Mike, Mary and the original staff were

committed to making us a most welcoming parish.

I am in our wonderful prayer shawl ministry and have greatly benefited by participating in many adult education offerings through the years, most recently The Chosen series and the Fireside Chats.

I am so blessed to be the mother of two sons, Shane and Ron, and my daughter, Randie and two granddaughters, Briana and Madison, and my grandson Trevor.

I am etemally grateful for my Catholic faith, my family, our SPA community and many friends.

#### Consider assisting priests?

Priests have dedicated their lives to the ministry of God's children, serving our needs as Catholics without asking for anything in return. Now, it is our turn to show our love and care for their ever-faithful support. Please consider including a legacy gift for Priests' Health and Retirement to support the healthcare needs of our active priests, as well as the medical and housing needs of our retired priests.

For more information, please call Priests' Health and Retirement at 708.449.8026. If you would like to make a gift today, please visit **prmaa.org**.



My name is Lauren D'Souza and I am a graduated senior from Warren Township High School,

Gurnee IL. My family and I have been active parishioners of St. Paul the Apostle Church for the last 15 years and have enjoyed the numerous opportunities that St. Paul has provided us towards our spiritual journey. Growing up participating in my brother's scouting activities, scouting has become an important part of my life. Scouting has taught me valuable life skills, and ways to give back to my community. I am currently a Life Scout and one of the founding members of Troop 1996 (sister troop of Troop 96). As I advanced through the ranks of Scouting, currently on my journey to Eagle, I began searching for benefactors for my Eagle project. Given my involvement in St. Paul, as well as the profound impact it has

had on me, I chose St. Paul to be the recipient of my Eagle project. My

brother, who is also an Eagle Scout, constructed a vestment closet for St. Paul back in 2020 that is currently in use in the sacristy. After discussing numerous proposals with Fr. Chris, we agreed that a few outdoor benches would be a good addition to the recently constructed Stations of the Cross Memorial Garden. This would give parishioners a place to sit down while praying the Stations of the Cross or meditating in the prayer area. My project has been approved by Fr. Chris and the Eagle Scout Committee, and I am currently in the process of fundraising to help me acquire the

materials necessary to construct these benches. My plan has an estimated cost of \$800 to construct

Please consider helping me raise the needed funds for this project that will enable me to attain my Eagle rank, while also benefiting St. Paul the Apostle parishioners for generations to come. I will be in



the gathering space following all masses on June 8th and 9th to help answer any questions and receive any donations you may be willing to make. Surplus funds, after the project funding goal has been met, will be donated back to the parish. Donations can be made in cash or check in the gathering space or electronically via Zelle (847)-445-8989 or Venmo marilynstash1@gmail.com.

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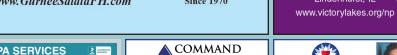
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