



“YOU ARE NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM OF GOD.”
- MK 12:34AB

31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Saint Paul
the Apostle

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

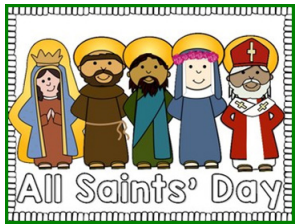
SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - IT'S ALL ABOUT LOVE!

BY MARY PENICH

I'm writing for you earlier than usual. The one-week ahead submission deadline usually works well for me. This time, however, I won't be home when our wonderful bulletin editor prepares this edition. My husband and I will be in Spain and Portugal with Father Joe's travel group. You'll read this the weekend we return. Hopefully, I'll have the energy to join you in checking out the rest of this week's parish news in the bulletin!

When I read today's scripture passages, a wonderful story came to mind. I was in the perfect mindset for this episode from my past because, this year, I will have missed celebrating Halloween here at home. Before we left, our grandchildren showed us their costumes and shared their trick-or-treat plans. We also arranged for a friend to hang out at our house to give candy to neighborhood trick-or-treaters. Because I knew Halloween would be enjoyed by all concerned, I couldn't let go of my own Halloween spirit. That's the reason I'm sharing that spirit with you today.

I've turned back my clock to second grade. That year, my teacher decided that our class would host the best Halloween Party in the entire school. It



would also be the most saint-filled party. Sister said that the November 1st Feast of All Saints was as important as Halloween, and she decided to do something about it. Sister said that we all need good role models, and the saints are perfectly suited for

the job. With that, Sister announced her plans for a "heavenly Halloween party" with all the goodies we could convince our parents to supply. We'd also wear saintly costumes. With that, my classmates and I began assembling our costumes while begging our parents to provide lots of treats.

On Halloween, my classmates appeared as Jesus' Mother, St. Joseph, St. Francis of Assisi, several apostles and more. Sister's face glowed until my friend Eddie arrived. I couldn't believe that he'd forgotten to dress as a saint! Eddie wore a white shirt and a tie, both of which were lost under a very large suit coat. Eddie's eyes were hidden under a gray fedora which must've belonged to his dad. The frown on Sister's face told me that Eddie was in trouble -big trouble! Sister immediately took Eddie into the hall for a little talk. Though it seemed an hour to me, Sister and Eddie returned a few minutes later. Amazingly, a smile had replaced Sister's frown. Before I could check Eddie's expression, Sister

announced that she had to share some very, very good news!

Sister announced that Eddie deserved an "A" in catechism. Our wide-eyed amazement must have amused Sister as she went on to explain that Eddie's costume represented his excellent understanding of sainthood. Eddie had told Sister that his mother often called his dad a saint. His dad loved Eddie and his siblings, and he worked very hard to earn money to feed and clothe them. Tired as he was after work, Eddie's dad always helped his mom with dinner. After dinner, he asked his children how things had gone that day. He even helped with their homework. When Eddie's dad helped at bedtime, Eddie's mother often said, "Honey, you're a saint!" Good kid that he was, Eddie listened to his mother. Though his status was still "saint-in-the-making," the saint Eddie had wisely chosen to portray was his dad.



I'm sharing this Halloween memory because Eddie's dad exhibited the intent of today's scripture passages. In Deuteronomy (6:2-6), Moses called the people to be inspired by God whose laws provide the basis for lasting relationships. God not only seeks friendship with us, but also rejoices in the lasting friendships we form with each other. In Hebrews (7:23-28), Paul insisted that Jesus remains with us when we do our best to love one another. I would add that Jesus also hangs around when we're not at our best with the hope that we will do better. Mark's gospel (Mark 12:28-34) underscores all of this with Jesus' declaration of the greatest commandments: To love God with our hearts, souls, minds and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

You know, the rules that were most important to Jesus were those which helped his followers to



love God and to love one another most completely. Jesus asks only that we concern ourselves with the same. My second grade teacher had us dress as saints because she wanted to inspire us to be loving people. Eddie dressed like his dad because his dad filled their seemingly ordinary family life with extraordinary love. Today, God invites you and me to do the same.

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YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

GOSPEL MEDITATION



Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, “And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’” Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with “all your mind.” Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir ©LPI

MASS HYMNS

Opening Song: **Spirit & Song #280 Can We Love?** by Tom Booth

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

Responsorial Psalm: **I Love You, Lord, My Strength** by Jesse Manibusan

Gospel Acclamation: **MASS OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE** by Sarah Hart

Preparation of the Gifts: **Lord, I Need You** by Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher

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

Communion Song: **Be with Me** by Matt Wessel

Closing Song: **Go Into the World** by Tom Booth

At Sunday 5:00pm: **Spirit & Song #372 With All Your Strength** by Chris Muglia and Jeff Thomas

READING I

DT 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying:
"Fear the LORD, your God,
and keep, throughout the days of your lives,
all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin
on you,
and thus have long life.
Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them,
that you may grow and prosper the more,
in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God
of your fathers,
to give you a land flowing with milk and honey.

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD
alone!
Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God,
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your strength.
Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you
today."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING II

HEB 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters:
The levitical priests were many
because they were prevented by death from
remaining in office,
but Jesus, because he remains forever,
has a priesthood that does not pass away.
Therefore, he is always able to save those who
approach God through him,
since he lives forever to make intercession for them.

It was fitting that we should have such a high priest:
holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners,
higher than the heavens.
He has no need, as did the high priests,
to offer sacrifice day after day,
first for his own sins and then for those of the people;
he did that once for all when he offered himself.
For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be
high priests,
but the word of the oath, which was taken after the
law,
appoints a son,
who has been made perfect forever.

GOSPEL

MK 12:28B-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him,
"Which is the first of all the commandments?"
Jesus replied, "The first is this:
Hear, O Israel!
The Lord our God is Lord alone!
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
The second is this:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.
There is no other commandment greater than these."
The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher.
You are right in saying,
'He is One and there is no other than he.'
And 'to love him with all your heart,
with all your understanding,
with all your strength,
and to love your neighbor as yourself'
is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices."
And when Jesus saw that he answered with
understanding,
he said to him,
"You are not far from the kingdom of God."
And no one dared to ask him any more questions.



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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: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/
Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Phil 2:1-4/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Phil 2:5-11/Ps 22:26b-27, 28-30ab, 30c, 31-32//
Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Phil 2:12-18/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Phil 3:3-8a/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Phil 3:17—4:1/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-
11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

WEEKDAY PSALMS

Monday: Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3
In you, O Lord, I have found my peace.

Tuesday: PS 22:26B-27, 28-30AB, 30E, 31-32
I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

Wednesday: PS 27:1, 4, 13-14
The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Thursday: PS 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7
Let hearts rejoice who search for the Lord.

Friday: PS 122:1-2, 3-4AB, 4CD-5
Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Saturday: Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9
The waters of the river gladden the city of God, the holy
dwelling of the Most High!

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Daylight Saving
Time Ends; National Vocation Awareness Week

Monday: St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Tuesday: Election Day

Saturday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Next Sunday: 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Nancy Vaseloff | John Carter Bennett | Honesto & Consolacion Garibay

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

7:30am: Walter & Rosa Krissek | Michael Kinahan | Ben Serrano | Yolando Quitoga Diputado

9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey | Elizabeth Johnston | Jim Krier Eric Larson | Garibay & Casis Families

11:30am: Mikko Bautista & Józef Jagielski | Josefina Arias & Lodenzo Sanchez | Jaime & Isabel Gorospe | Basilio & Alfonsa Minimo Sison | Rancy Sison Ebuenga

5:00pm: Telma Marie Moeller | Patrick Piela | Bogdan Piela | Henry Po | Karen Ann Dowling

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

7:30am: Armando & Lydia Castro | Amelia Bunda Castro | Alica Garcia | Telma Marie Moeller | Angelo & Trifina Yee

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

7:30am: Anita David | Elaine Erwin | Telma Marie Moeller

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

7:30am: Elaine Erwin | Maria Garcia

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

7:30am: Elaine Erwin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

7:30am: Prema Dawson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | Gerena Olaya Monis | Elmer Hortelano | John Carter Bennett | Marion & Jack Henderson

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

7:30am: Honesto Garibay | Ray Totten | Salvador Pangilinan | Ben Serrano

9:30am: Anna & Oscar Morien | Stanley Dulak | Jeanne Klemann Christine Tarchala | Joseph Sas

11:30am: Chuck Gresser | Charles Fentress | Loida Busa Phelps Edward Skowron | Prema Dawson | Filomena & Doroteo de Guzman

5:00pm: Francis D'Souza | Yolando Quitoga Diputado | Prema Dawson

DONATIONS SUMMARY

Week of October 28, 2024

Sunday- \$10,991 Online Sunday- \$15,398

Sharing- \$605 Online Sharing- \$2,406

SVdP- \$4,453 Online SVdP- \$965

Let There Be Light- \$507

Seminarian Education- \$100

World Mission Sunday \$1,181

Month to Date - October

Sunday- \$49,676

Online Sunday- \$39,440

Sharing- \$495

Online Sharing- \$1,535

SVdP- \$924

Online SVdP- \$965

Let There Be Light- \$6,796

Seminarian Education- \$1,345

World Mission Sunday- \$2,931

SCAN TO DONATE

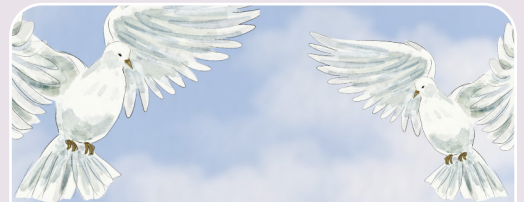


PRAY FOR THE SICK

TJ Christor	Luis Fernando Mathieu
Kelsey Wilder	Daniel Alfaro
Vicki Schafer	Dorothy Stratten
Teresa Corcoran	Keith Kellogg
Alisha Cooper	Lisa Mischke
Margaret Maher	Loretta Mirando
Karen Swazas	Dave Erickson
Priscilla Baylon	Darrel Alfonso
Francisco Doreza, Jr.	Carla Irwin
Joe Laureano	Alice DeSilvia
Cherry Laureano	Richard Kot
Margaret Gaubhran	Charles Smith, Jr.
Tom Asna	Adriana Aparicio
Orietta Giannetti	Pearla Villareal
Marquetta Wilson	George Pratscher
Maria Iwinska	Suzelle Conze
Victoria Magat	Kathy Hunt
Teresita Villamorán	Jackie Herrera-Giron
Martha Andradi	Kaz Wilk
Doan Pham	Rose Scarpelli
Kim Liwanag-Lynn	Portia Tinker
Karen Lopez	Donna Kalinoski
Joy Matubang	Kathy Pozniecki
Melody Cook	Frank Shade
Jane Heraty	Roberto Dacumos
Jacob Bereles	Alfredo "Doy" Martija
Bob Franz	Antonio "Tony" Alvarado
Cortney Kinahan	Charlie Lucas
Marie Kloss	Laura Hopkins
Rod Reyes	Rosa LaBellarte
Betty Falotico	William Otero
Carmen Torres	Brian Hickey

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.

Santa Gonzalez

Anicela M. Villegas

Martin Edward Neal

Yolando Quitoga Diputado

Ewelina Migacz

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2024

ALL SOULS DAY

6:30AM MEN'S LEGACY/PAUL'S GARAGE
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 1:30PM FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
 2:00PM WEDDING - BONG
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2024

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 10:00AM THE CHOSEN
 7:00PM MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 11:00AM KNIT PURL PRAY
 2:00PM FAITH SHARING
 6:30PM SPRED

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 9:30AM BIBLE STUDY
 3:00PM GRIEF SUPPORT
 5:30PM FF | WED K-6, SCU
 6:30PM BIBLE STUDY
 7:00PM LIFETEEN CORE TEAM MTG
 7:00PM CHOIR REHEARSAL

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024

7:30AM MASS
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR
 2:00PM WEDDING - BERSCHIED
 6:30PM THE CHOSEN
 7:00PM BAPTISM PREP CLASS
 7:00PM K OF C OFFICERS MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2024

7:30AM MASS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2024

9:00AM CRAFT SHOW
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION
 12:00PM BAPTISM - DOMINGUEZ
 1:00PM WEDDING - MARTINEZ
 3:00PM QUINCENERA - FELICIANO
 5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2024

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

NOVEMBER 9/10 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER	
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Brad Bonham Jane Bena	J. Bena S. Grzesiak T. Oberstar T. Rusnak	D. Wells	Joe Limas Christine Limas	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Nancy O'Keefe Bob O'Brien	M. Janik M. Pieper T. Rafael -Azcueta	B. Toomey A. Wodek	Teo Rafael-Azcueta Ramon Azcueta	Fr. John Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Mary Maus Claress Pettengill	Aeron Ignacio N. O'Keefe R. Ignacio C. Latza C. Pettingill	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Mike	
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Maribeth Hilo Manny Bautista	C. Bertke M. Fernandes T. Mozny M. Parreno	M. Urquhart	Fr. Charles Dn. Brent	
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Mike Fournier Teen or Lector 1	C.Karl G. Murawski M. Murawski T. Robb	A. Wattlelet	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy	

ST. PAUL'S 6TH GRADE ANNUAL COAT AND FOOD DRIVE IS HERE!

Our 6th Grade Faith Formation students are collecting New and Gently used Coats in all sizes as well as Mittens/Gloves, and Hats, for Holy Family in Waukegan. No clothing items, please. The 6th Graders are also collecting non-perishable food items such as ramen noodle cups, and canned prepared food with pull tabs (tuna, fruit, and chicken). Monetary donations may be made via the parish website. Pick up a flyer in the Gathering Space for additional information.

Please note that the final day to drop off items is Sunday, November 17th.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!



NOW THROUGH NOVEMBER 17TH

HOLIDAY MEALS FOR LOCAL FAMILIES & VETERANS IN NEED



So many families and veteran's in our local community continue to struggle with hunger and rising food costs and this year's holiday season is no exception.

Your generous gift of \$20.00 will provide a needy family or veteran within our local community with a complete holiday meal of turkey or ham and all trimmings!

These next two weekends ushers will distributing donation envelopes after each mass. Envelopes will then be available in the back of the church. Your donation can be made during weekend masses all through the month of November or online at saintpaultheapostle.church



Knit Purl Pray Ministry

Do you knit, crochet, or have an interest in learning?
Join the St. Paul Knit Purl Pray Ministry on Tuesday, November 5, at 11am 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



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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.

Each month, we meet in the church the first and third Wednesday at 3:00pm. The next meeting is November 6, 2024. Sandy Gbur, Certified Grief Educator
sgbur@saintpaultheapostle.church
708-217-2209

All is confidential; facilitated by a professional counselor

R C I A

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

IT'S TIME TO REGISTER! CLASSES HAVE STARTED!

Are you, or do you know someone, interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you, or someone you know, desire to receive any or all of the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist?

Have you been away from the Church and feel the need to be refreshed in the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church?

Are you a fully participating cradle-Catholic who might want to serve as a witness and mentor to others who are on their journey of faith?

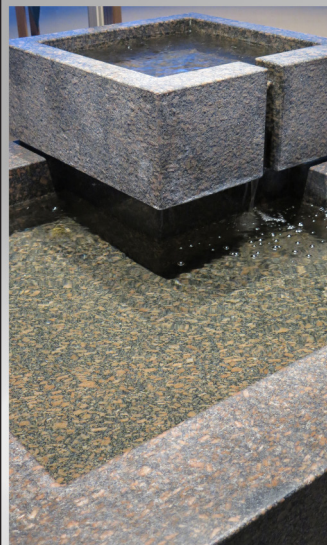
THEN RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) IS FOR YOU!

Please register for St. Paul the Apostle RCIA program at
WWW.SAINTPAULTHEAPOSTLE.CHURCH

Weekly classes will be held on Sunday mornings from 9-11:00am beginning late September and run until April 19, 2025 when the sacraments will be received at the Great Easter Vigil.

Contact Deacon Bob Birck with any questions at deaconbob@spa.church.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS



The **Baptism Preparation Ministry** prepares parents for their children's baptisms by reflecting upon the Sacrament of Baptism, parents' and godparents' roles after children are baptized, and the family's place in our faith community. First-time parents are requested to attend before their child's baptism.

The next class is November 7th at 7pm in the Church.

St. Paul the Apostle Craft Show & Sale 2024

Saturday, Nov. 9th 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee, IL
(lower level Gathering Space)

Over 70 Crafters &
Vendors

Handmade Items

Raffle Prizes

Direct Sales

Food & Drink Available for purchase

You can still get your tickets for the 10th Annual Quilt Raffle until November 22, 2024. All donations will be for Gift Sunday (Celebration of Giving). This is in memory of Joseph Falotico. Tickets are \$5 each or \$20 for five tickets.

Contact me: Mrssken@aol.com

I do take Venmo or PayPal.

You can also drop an envelope with your cash or check made to Diane Kennedy in the donation box and I will get it. Thank you again for all the support and stories people have shared already with me.



KNIGHTS CORNER

The Vocations Raffle began in October. Last year, we were able to give \$500 to 6 seminarians. We hope to repeat if not give to additional seminarians this year. Please contact a council member to procure raffle tickets. You can return your completed booklet and donation to our basket at the information desk through the first weekend of November. You can donate online at https://4agc.com/commerce_pages/e7c265f3-1b92-4a8e-8c51-9af231febffd; please enter IIII2 for the council number.

The Knights of Columbus is an International Order of Catholic men who are called to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others, and defend values in a busy changing world. When you become a member of Divine Mercy Council #IIII2 you will find that a Knights of Columbus membership brings Catholic men together in a powerful way. Please scan the QR code above or contact a council member to learn more about our council.

Divine Mercy Council 11112



Vivat Jesus, Greg Johnson, Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #IIII2

St Paul the Apostle Gurnee

Do not forget to do this by December 1st.

If you have an individual retirement account and you are age 73 or older, you may know that you must take your required minimum distribution (RMD) before the year ends. However, did you know that you can fulfill all or part of your RMD and reduce your taxable income by transferring funds directly from your IRA to your parish or the Archdiocese of Chicago?

Do not wait until it is too late to benefit from reduced taxes. Learn more at archchicago.org/qcd.

If you would like more information on how to make a QCD gift to St. Paul the Apostle, please contact Joe Perry, jperry@spa.church or contact, Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at **312.995.0686** or gvogt@archchicago.org

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Vicariate I Ministry Commission

Formation and Training for NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Presenter: Fr. Robert Ryan

When: Saturday, November 16, 2024

Where: St. Francis Xavier Parish
524 Ninth St., Wilmette, IL 60091

Time: Check in at 8:30 a.m.
Training from 9 a.m. until Noon

Register at: bit.ly/VIEMfall24

A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include any particular practices for your parish.

This training meets the archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

Questions? Contact Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org.



VENERABLE MARTHE ROBIN



Venerable Marthe Robin (1902-1981) was a French layperson and mystic whose story is truly wonderful. Born in Châteauneuf-de-Galaure (Drôme), in France to a farming family, she would spend her entire life in her family's farmhouse. Marthe met suffering early when at just 1 year old she lost her older sister to typhus and contracted the disease herself.

As an adolescent, Marthe was struck by encephalitis, a swelling of the brain. By the age of 17, the disease paralyzed her legs. She suffered from headaches, pain in the eyes, fainting, fever, vomiting, and periods of coma. In March 1925, her arms also paralyzed, she offered a solemn prayer consecrating her life and her sufferings to God to help spread love in the world.

Marthe entered the Franciscan Third Order in 1928. Two years later the disease would paralyze her digestive track making it almost impossible for her to swallow. From this time on, she would survive on the Eucharist alone, unable to take any other nourishment. Beginning in October of 1930 she suffered an intense reliving of the Passion of Christ each Friday, bearing the stigmata, the wounds of Christ.

In 1939 her illness attacked her ocular nerve, and she was forced to live in near darkness until her death. Despite her confinement and suffering, Marthe led an intense mystical life and performed the ministries of listening, counsel, and compassion for the more than 100,000 people who visited her bedside.

With the help of Fr. Georges Finet, she founded the "Foyers of Charity", homes of light and charity run by single people, couples, and priests living in community. Today there are 60 Foyers throughout the world. Marthe was declared Venerable on November 7, 2014, by Pope Francis. Venerable Marthe Robin, pray for us!

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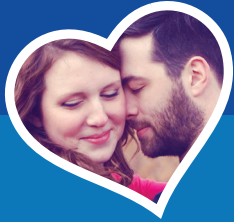


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