



HEAVEN WAS OPENED AND THE HOLY SPIRIT DESCENDED  
UPON HIM. - LK 3:21

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**Saint Paul**  
the Apostle

JANUARY 12, 2025



# SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT - THIS TRULY WONDERFUL LIFE!

BY MARY PENICH

This is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we close the Christmas Season here at church just as we have in our homes. At our house, we delayed the process until a local meteorologist promised bearable temperatures. It was then that



my husband and a younger, more daring friend tackled the outdoor lighting. I worked indoors with this year's take-down-the-tree viewing of *It's A Wonderful Life* playing in the background. Because I began my work in the living room and the television is in the family room, I raised the volume enough to allow me to hear the dialogue. This film is such a part of me that I can visualize every scene without watching a single frame. While

the guys removed light strings outdoors, George Bailey and I became reacquainted indoors.

As I boxed ornaments, I celebrated the many people to whom George's life had made all the difference in the world. I absorbed the dialogue while images of George Bailey in action flooded my memory. The selfless decisions that defined George elicited frequent tears. Though I've viewed this movie numerous times, I suffered every disappointment with George as though I had no idea that things would work out in the end. "Poor George," I thought to myself. "If only you realized just how good you are!" And so it went until the movie ended and our Christmas Tree was bare.

When I'd finally removed the last of the ornaments and light strings from our tree, it was time to commit it to the parkway. There it would lie until a public works employee tossed it into a truck for the trip to The Land of Mulch. As I considered that barren tree, it occurred to me that George Bailey often felt like that tree. You know, he could have celebrated all the wonderful things he'd done for others. He'd saved his brother from drowning and the life of a sick child who was sent the wrong medicine by a distraught pharmacist. He took over his father's business to prevent the loss of many jobs and many more homes. He used his own savings to send his brother to college in his place. All the while, George fought temptation in the form of Mr. Potter, the most miserly man in town, to stand up for the people Mr. Potter called "riffraff". To George Bailey, they were God's Riffraff! Yes, George Bailey was a good man who gave the working poor and many others something to live for.

Sadly, the day came when George felt he

had no more to give. Fortunately, the God-of-the-Riffraff was fully aware of George's discouragement. God sent Clarence, a bumbling angel-to-be, to help George. If you watch the movie, you can join George in celebrating what was truly a wonderful life. It occurs to me that celebrating our lives on this earth is the point of today's celebration of The Baptism of the Lord.

Luke's gospel (3:15-16, 21-22) tells us that John the Baptizer inspired his followers so much so that they thought he was the long-awaited messiah. John clarified the situation by explaining that someone far greater than he was among them. When Jesus appeared to be baptized, God echoed John's prediction by announcing for all to hear, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." The words God proclaimed over Jesus that day are meant just as readily for the George Baileys among us, for you, and for me.



Though these words don't echo from the clouds, God whispers them in the depths of our hearts. Every time we make difficult, selfless choices to help those around us, God urges us on. When we feel we have no more to give, as George Bailey did, God responds. Though God's appearance may not be as endearing as Angel Clarence, *God's presence is real!*

Though I know the ending of *It's A Wonderful Life*, I cry through it every time. Jesus' life causes me to do the same. Jesus prayed often. He revealed God's love in his actions toward those who needed him and in stories like the Parable of the Prodigal Son. Jesus knew his life would end well, yet he suffered far more disappointment and discouragement along the way than George Bailey.



The same is true of you and me. Though our faith tells us that all will be well in the end, we worry inconsolably. When we fail to see the value of what we do, we join George Bailey in his disappointment. Much to our good fortune, it's when we're steeped in discouragement that we recall

George's joy when his life was given back to him. It is then that we recall God's words at the baptism of Jesus, and we realize those words are meant for us as well. "This is my beloved... with whom I am well pleased." Yes, even when we're ready to give up, our lives are given back to us. This fresh start signals the new beginning of our wonderful lives!

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# YOUR SUNDAY WORSHIP AID

## *The Baptism of the Lord*

### GOSPEL MEDITATION



In my second year of theology studies, I went to confession to a priest visiting the seminary for a three-day retreat. My heart wasn't in it. I was going through the motions. I confessed my sins and waited for his response. The priest said, "For your penance, I'd like you to go into the chapel and repeat the words 'You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased' (Luke 3:22) until they mean something to you." Easy penance, I thought.

But to my surprise, I struggled to say those words. I sensed a strong interior resistance blocking them. How could God be well-pleased with me? He couldn't be, I thought. A battle within me ensued. Two hours later, the resistance vanished, and I found myself able to speak, and claim as my own, those marvelous words. I emerged from the chapel with a new, deep, peaceful conviction that I was indeed God's beloved son.

Those words are a precious gift from heaven to all of us. Jesus' baptism, which we celebrate this week, offers them to us. Are we willing to receive these words anew? Many things can block this deepening of our baptismal identity: failings, sins, disappointments, traumas, problems, and so on. Yet God's love is always greater. This week I challenge you to prayerfully repeat these words over yourself — or perhaps over someone you're struggling to love — until those words find a home in your heart.

— 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:* **Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy) (ANTIOCH, CM)** by George Frideric Handel, Isaac Watts, Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, and Matt Gilder

*Gloria:* **A Joyful Christmas Gloria (GLORIA)** adapted by Tony Alonso and Jeanne Cotter

*Responsorial Psalm:* **Lord, Every Nation** by Josh Blakesley

*Gospel Acclamation:* **Christmas Gospel Acclamations on GESU BAMBINO (GESU BAMBINO)** arranged by Paul Hillebrand

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Gather #733** Alleluia! Give the Glory by Ken Canedo and Bob Hurd

*Preparation of the Gifts:* **Let the River Flow** by Darrell Evans

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Spirit & Song #281** Come to the Water (I Will Run to You) by John Foley and Matt Maher

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

*Communion Song:* **Holy Forever** by Chris Tomlin, Jason Ingram, Phil Wickham, Brian Johnson, and Jenn Johnson | **Gather at the Water** by Sarah Hart

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Wonderfully Made** by Danielle Rose

*Closing Song:* **Spirit & Song #51** Come to the River from MASS OF GLORY by Bob Hurd

*At Sunday 5:00pm:* **Rise Up, My People** by John Angotti



**READING I***ISAIAH 42:1-4, 6-7*

Thus says the LORD:  
 Here is my servant whom I uphold,  
 my chosen one with whom I am pleased,  
 upon whom I have put my spirit;  
 he shall bring forth justice to the nations,  
 not crying out, not shouting,  
 not making his voice heard in the street.  
 A bruised reed he shall not break,  
 and a smoldering wick he shall not quench,  
 until he establishes justice on the earth;  
 the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice,  
 I have grasped you by the hand;  
 I formed you, and set you  
 as a covenant of the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
 to open the eyes of the blind,  
 to bring out prisoners from confinement,  
 and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM***PSALM 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10.*

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

**READING II***ACTS 10:34-38*

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered  
 in the house of Cornelius, saying:  
 “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality.  
 Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts  
 uprightly  
 is acceptable to him.  
 You know the word that he sent to the Israelites  
 as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is  
 Lord of all,  
 what has happened all over Judea,  
 beginning in Galilee after the baptism  
 that John preached,  
 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth  
 with the Holy Spirit and power.  
 He went about doing good  
 and healing all those oppressed by the devil,  
 for God was with him.”

**GOSPEL***LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22*

The people were filled with expectation,  
 and all were asking in their hearts  
 whether John might be the Christ.  
 John answered them all, saying,  
 “I am baptizing you with water,  
 but one mightier than I is coming.  
 I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.  
 He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

After all the people had been baptized  
 and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying,  
 heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon  
 him  
 in bodily form like a dove.  
 And a voice came from heaven,  
 “You are my beloved Son;  
 with you I am well pleased.”



*After all the people had been baptized and Jesus  
 also had been baptized and was praying, heaven  
 was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon  
 him in bodily form like a dove. — Lk 3:21-22a*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



## 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 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

**Monday:** Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20

**Tuesday:** Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday:** Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday:** Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

**Friday:** Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday:** Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

## WEEKDAY PSALMS

**Monday: Psalm 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9**  
Let all his angels worship him.

**Tuesday: Psalm 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9**  
You have given your Son rule over the works of your hands.

**Wednesday: Psalm 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9**  
The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

**Thursday: Psalm 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11**  
If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

**Friday: Psalm 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8**  
Do not forget the works of the Lord!

**Saturday: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15**  
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

## OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday:** The Baptism of the Lord

**Monday:** St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**Friday:** St. Anthony, Abbot

**Saturday:** January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

**Next Sunday:** 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

5:00pm: Gerry & Chuck Suhling | John Carter Bennett | Marion & Jack Henderson | Emily Vasilius | Pham Family | Jimmy Glogovsky

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

7:30am: Thomas Mauro | Anne Caputo | Julia Burkel | Anna Moshe | Terry Nieman

9:30am: Robert Chester Buttrey

11:30am: Marciana Ronquillo | Chuck Gresser | Sally Reeseman | Willow Sky Corona | Joseph Richardt

5:00pm: Stanislaw Schab

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025

7:30am: Our Parish Family

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

7:30am: Priscela Sibayan

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

7:30am: Francis & Maria Krolikowski

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

7:30am: Erlinda Saballa

### 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

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025

7:30am: Victor Peccioli | Rose Ann Kouba

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

5:00pm: Poreba Family | Our Parish Family

## DONATIONS SUMMARY

### Week of January 6, 2025

Christmas- \$8,980

Sunday- \$16,515

Sharing- \$105

SVdP- \$205

Let There Be Light- \$60

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$20

Online Sunday- \$7,677

Online Sharing- \$385

Online SVdP- \$135

### Month to Date - December

Christmas- \$43,966

Sunday- \$87,556

Online Sunday- \$39,666

Sharing- \$320

Online Sharing- \$3,137

SVdP- \$12,823

Online SVdP- \$2,231

Let There Be Light- \$11,579

Turkey Dinner- \$447

Retirement Fund for Religious- \$5,617



## 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

George Pratscher

Suzelle Conze

Kathy Hunt

Jackie Herrera-Giron

Kaz Wilk

Rose Scarpelli

Portia Tinker

Donna Kalinoski

Kathy Pozniecki

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

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](mailto:info@spa.church) or 847-918-0600



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

*Steve Suprak*

*Stan Burrell*

*Mary Carr*

*Maria Aurelia Delgado*



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025

9:30AM CIRCLE OF WOMEN  
 11:00AM RECONCILIATION  
 1:00PM BAPTISM - KOHLS  
 1:30PM BAPTISM - ESSER  
 5:00PM MASS

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

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 & HS  
 4:00PM TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 5:00PM MASS  
 6:00PM LIFENIGHT

### MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024

7:30AM MASS

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 10:00AM VISITATION - GABL  
 11:00AM FUNERAL - GABL  
 2:00PM FAITH SHARING  
 5:00PM KID'S CHOIR REHEARSAL  
 6:30PM SPRED  
 7:00PM FIREPLACE TALKS

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
 6:00PM PROTECTING GOD'S  
 CHILDREN SAFETY CLASS  
 (ALL STUDENTS K-HS)  
 7:00PM ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

7:30AM MASS  
 8:00AM HOLY HOUR  
 7:00PM STO. NINO CHOIR PRACTICE

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025

7:30AM MASS

### 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

## JANUARY 18/19 | LITURGY SCHEDULE

	LECTORS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	GREETERS	PRESIDER
SATURDAY 5:00PM	Andy Thiel Brad Bonham	G. Johnson T. Lowe T. Kamps W. Kati K. Lowe	Julie Wedell Mary Ann Emshwiller	Fr. John Dn. Brent
SUNDAY 7:30AM	Catherine Karl Mike Beaudoin	T. Burns C. Wicinski K. Kouba E. Kurien D. Nieman	Mary Pieper Pat Bland	Fr. Chris Dn. Andy
SUNDAY 9:30AM	Mike Kana Mary Maus	K. Belk G. Pratscher J. Farber E. Martinez N. Martinez	George & Renee Pratscher	Fr. Chris Dn. Bob
SUNDAY 11:30AM	Melissa Fernandes Margaret Beth Sanchez	M. Fernandes M. Urquhart T. Mozny JJ Plamoottil A. Stahl		Fr. Joe Dn. Ivan
SUNDAY 5:00PM	Cathy Roberts Teen or Lector 1	M. Gaytan A. Wattlelet L. Holland T. Marchioni T. Robb		Fr. Chris Dn. Mike

# FIREPLACE TALKS

**ALEX THIEL**

**"A Sign of Contradiction":  
St. John Paul II, Young  
Catholics, and the Future  
of the Church**



**TUESDAY - 7PM - 1.14.25**

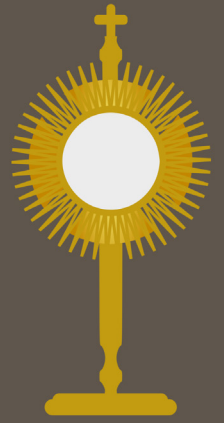
Fireplace Talks is resuming this Tuesday. All adults are invited to join us at 7:00pm in the Gathering Space. Joining us will be Alex Thiel, a seminarian at Mundelein Seminary who is from our parish. Alex will speak about St. John Paul II, Young Catholics, and the Future of the Church in his talk titled "A Sign of Contradiction", which is also the title of a book written by St. John Paul II.

Wine and snacks will be served.

## Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

(with Praise and Worship music)

Monday, January 27  
at 7:00 PM



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## Holy Child Jesus, Señor Santo Niño

**January 18, 2025**

1:00pm - Novena  
2:00pm - Mass  
3:00pm- Food  
4:00pm - Dancing



Sinulog is a celebration of the Christianization of the Philippines. It is marked by a rosary novena, Holy Mass, food, dancing & fellowship. Similar to Simbang Gabi, it is another aspect of the Filipino faith that is meant to be shared with everyone.

Donations will go to Sinulog expenses, Saint Paul the Apostle Teen ministry, and Catholic Rogationist Priests.





**Register**  
*on our website*

**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.

- ⇒ 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?

**SINGLE SENIORS SOCIAL CLUB**

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



**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



The Women’s Fellowship Angel Trees are displayed in the gathering space. You may donate by taking an envelope from the tree or online via our website. All donations will be used to support our Parish, food pantries, Aid for Women, and the needs of our neighboring communities.

## 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](mailto: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.





## KNIGHTS CORNER

### **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!**

Divine Mercy Council thanks all parishioners who supported us in 2024 to raise money for our parish and other charities. Our Christmas tree sales were down a little again this year, but we were still able to share our Keep Christ in Christmas message to more than 200 families in our St Paul community. A St Paul the Apostle parishioner won one of 20 cash prizes in our annual Vocations Raffle. Congratulations!

We wish your family a blessed and safe New Year. We welcome those men 18 years or older to join our council to continue our mission in 2025. Please contact a member of our council or scan the QR code.

*Vivat Jesus,*

*Greg Johnson,*

*Grand Knight, Divine Mercy Council #IIII2*



## **CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN**

**Question:**  
*What is the incense burner used at Mass called?*

**Answer:**  
*Thurible or censer.*

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### ***Devotions, Explained!***

#### **ST. BLAISE**

#### **BLESSING OF THE THROAT**

Catholics traditionally receive a blessing of the throat on the feast day of St. Blaise (Feb. 3), who was a bishop and martyr of fourth-century Armenia. During the blessing, a cross is formed from two blessed candles that are held over the throat. ©LPI





# ST. PATRICK SCHOOL

Wadsworth, Illinois

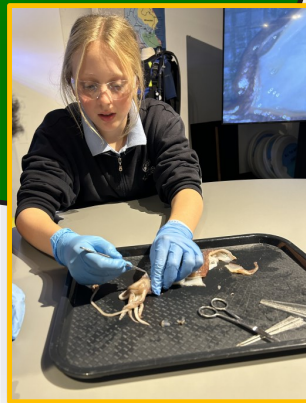
You are invited to  
St. Patrick School's

## 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

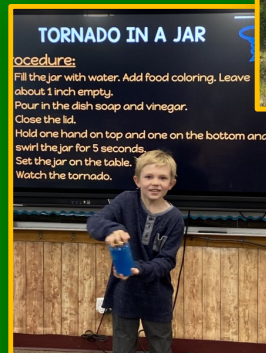


## What We Offer:

Preschool-3 Yr. Olds—8th Grade



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**Question:** At my grandson's Baptism, the priest put a bib on the baby. I do not remember seeing this before. Why is this done? Is it something new?

**Answer:** When an adult is baptized, there is a part in the ceremony when the newly baptized is vested in a white garment. It is symbolic of the changes that baptism brings in the life of the baptized as they are freed from the bonds of sin and brought into the saving grace of Christ. Realities that are so profound are symbolically presented so that we might better grasp and understand them.

Infants are often dressed in a baptismal dress, which is the baptismal garment. In some places, the bib is used as a kind of baptismal garment. At the place in the ceremony where the investiture takes place, the bib is used. Some are poncho-like and fit over the baby's head. Others are simply placed on the baby's chest. If the baby is dressed in a white garment, nothing else is needed. The prayer says it all: "See in your white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity ... bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." In baptism, we are given our purpose and goal in life as believers and this is symbolized by the white garment.

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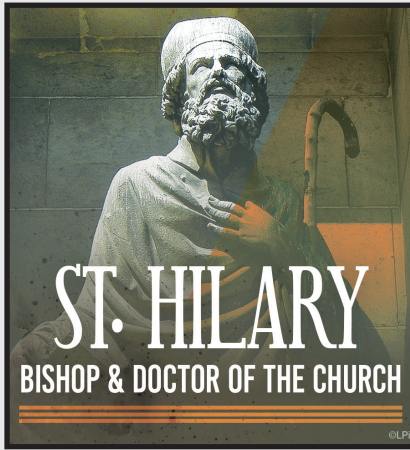
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YOU. MAY THE GRACE OF OUR  
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ANEW, WHO ARE BELOVED  
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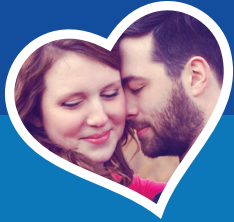


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