



ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL SERVE THE LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

May 28, 2023 | PENTECOST SUNDAY

Congratulations, Father Kevin Gregus!



May 28, 2023 PENTECOST SUNDAY

Schedule

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

(held in the Upper Church)

Monday through Friday	6:25 am
	8:30 am
Saturday (weekday Mass)	8:30 am
Saturday (vigil)	4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30 am
	9:00 am
	10:30 am
	12:00 pm

MONTHLY MASS SCHEDULE

(held in the Holy Family Chapel)

1st Sunday Teen Mass	5:00 pm
2nd Sunday Family Mass	10:30 am

CONFESSIONS

(confessionals located in church vestibule)

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

FUNERALS

Monday through Saturday Morning

WEDDINGS

Friday and Saturday

BAPTISMS

Saturday and Sunday

Baptisms

VITTORIO BLAINE PRINCIPATO

son of Constantine Vincent
Principato and Runxiao Huang

SCARLETT BELLE HYNES

daughter of Joseph Hynes
and Monica Skowron

CONRAD TOMASZ JEZIOR

son of Tomasz Jezior
and Caroline Crim

ISLA JANE BENTLEY

daughter of Justin Bentley
and Kirstin Kloss

BEAU JAMES COSTANTINI

son of James Michael Costantini
and Susan Elizabeth Moskop

JOSEPHINE MARGARET LAGATTUTA

daughter of Nicholas Lagattuta
and Michelle Hayes

THEODORE JOHN DOYLE

& JACK STANLEY DOYLE
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and Kathryn Bachusz

MARCO NICHOLAS MALUSA

son of Carmen John Malusa
and Nicole Ana Marinescu

TYLER LUIS CAMPBELL

son of David Michael Campbell
and Tonirose Lillian Medina

Wedding Banns

II CHRIS SILCHUCK & KELLY ALSWEDE



Pray for our Sick

names remain for two months

Delaney Bartz
Ralph Greinke III
Sunny Greinke
Norma Mailand
Carole Zachary

In Loving Memory

Dolores Fortune
Michael Lucarelli
Ann Scheller
Eamonn Vaughan

MEMORIAL DAY SCHEDULE

Please note that in observance of the Memorial Day holiday, **our offices will be closed** on Monday, May 29th.

We will also have **only one Mass** on Monday, May 29th at 8:30 am

Stewardship Report

WEEKLY OFFERING (May 13th - May 20th)

Envelopes	\$9,645.00
Loose	\$4,926.72
Electronic Giving	\$10,891.50
Total Weekly Offering	\$25,463.22

ADDITIONAL COLLECTIONS (through May 20th)

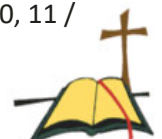
Catholic Charities Mother's Day	\$3,289.00
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ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL DATA

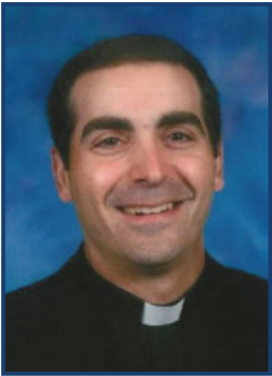
2023 Annual Catholic Appeal (through May 19th)(goal: \$142,718)	\$107,916 paid (76%) \$123,694 pledged (87%)
Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD Total (July 1st through May 20th)	\$1,612,512.78
Sunday Giving Fiscal YTD vs. Budget (July 1st through April 30th)	+\$167,081.59

Readings for the Week

- SUN, 5/28:** Acts 2:1-11 / Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30) / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23
- MON, 5/29:** Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 / Jn 19:25-34
- TUE, 5/30:** Sir 35:1-12 / Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 / Mk 10:28-31
- WED, 5/31:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16 / Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Lk 1:39-56
- THU, 6/1:** Sir 42:15-25 / Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Mk 10:46-52
- FRI, 6/2:** Sir 44:1, 9-13 / Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 / Mk 11:11-26
- SAT, 6/3:** Sir 51:12cd-20 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 / Mk 11:27-33



Letter from a Pastor to his People



Dear Parishioners,

"And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim," we read in our first reading from Acts of the Apostles. *As the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.*

We see the Holy Spirit playing a "hands on" role on another occasion when Saint Paul is directed explicitly where to go on his missionary journeys. "Next Paul and Silas traveled through the area of Phrygia and Galatia, because the Holy Spirit had prevented them from preaching the word in the province of Asia at that time" (Acts 16:6).

So, it's not like the Holy Spirit is some nice bird we keep in a cage, look at and pet from time to time, and then live our lives. The Holy Spirit is directing us. The Holy Spirit gave the disciples at Pentecost specific languages to be able to speak. The Holy Spirit led Saint Paul to specific towns to evangelize. And the Holy Spirit gives particular gifts to particular individuals for the building up of the Church.

My family had a parakeet growing up. I always got a rush when I put my finger through the cage and it pecked my finger (I was an interesting child). The cage was in our TV room, and my brother and I would always knock the cage over when we were playing basketball (more like football) in that room. We didn't mind the bird. And when the bird kept squawking and annoying us, we draped a blanket over the cage to silence it.

There's no silencing this bird (the Holy Spirit). There's no knocking over this cage because it's in our way as we go about our business. We want the Holy Spirit to squawk and stand in our way. Because he'll direct us to the better life.



Happy **Memorial Day**. A special thank you to all who have served, or are currently serving, in our military. And a special prayer to all those who have given their lives in the service of our country. It is our obligation to live well and bring Christ into our society so that their sacrifice was not in vain.

Congratulations to our school **8th graders** who will have their graduation this Thursday at 7pm. The 8th graders will also have their "Memory Day" on Tuesday with a special dinner, video, and dance. Congratulations also to the 8th graders in our Catechesis program who too will be graduating, as well as the seniors in high school and college. And, once again, congratulations to newly ordained priest **Father Kevin Gregus**. The front image on the bulletin was taken from Fr. Kevin's First Mass at his home parish, St. Thomas the Apostle, in Crystal Lake last Sunday.

This is the last week of the **Daily Reflections on the Blessed Mother**. I hope May has been a fruitful month for you, praying with Mary. She wants to be a significant part of your life and she will help you love Jesus even more, so please remain close to her.

Please join me this Wednesday, May 31st, at 9am in the Holy Family Chapel for the new **SPC Scripture Seminar with Father James**. This is a little program I'm going to try for the summer, and we'll see how it goes. It's basically a Bible study/conversation with me. We'll discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all have (Why does evil exist in the world? Why is the Church the way it is? How do I deal with suffering? How do I help my fallen away family members return to the Church? etc.). I'll plan to do this every Wednesday at 9am. The sessions are not dependent on one another, so if you miss one week, you can come another week. It's not like a class on a continuous book of the Bible. It's free and open to everyone, so I hope you'll join me.

Another initiative I'd like to try is a new **Teen Mass**. This will be a separate Mass just for teens *the first Sunday of the month at 5pm in the Holy Family Chapel*. I will cater the Mass to all teenagers, having them participate in the liturgy, and then we'll have a conversation afterwards (and perhaps pizza) for whoever can stay. Parents, please feel free to spread the word to your 8th grader or high school child. We'll have our first Teen Mass next **Sunday, June 4th at 5pm**.

Your Servant in Christ,

Reflections from our Community



Fifty plus years ago, I donned my sharp white sport coat, slicked my hair back and headed to Sunday Mass to make my First Holy Communion. I noticed a red glass candle hanging ominously from the highest point over the altar and was taught that the flame meant that Jesus was there. Even today when I enter any church, I look for that red candle, comforted by the presence of our Risen Lord (SPC's is on the back wall). Later, as an altar server I learned it is the "sanctuary lamp" and it stands as a beacon, steadfastly assuring us of the presence of Christ.

On Good Friday, the sanctuary lamp is not lit. We visit the stations, and we walk the path of our condemned Savior as onlookers from a distant time. We find no Holy Water, no Crucifix, and NO red candle, (no Christ?); do I genuflect? Out of habit, yes of course, but He's not there and there is an unfamiliar stark chill.

At the Easter Vigil (an incredibly moving culmination of our faith if you haven't been) the Church flickers, lit only by votive candles held by the congregants, and the Church remains dark. Somehow though, we feel a warmth in the din of the evening, as a Chicago winter yields to a promised spring. And the red glass glows.

RCIA candidates are baptized in the font and the lights now brighten the Church. Christ's light beams from their smiles as the saving water soaks their brows. It's bright, it's warm, it's our home, because Christ is here. We always have the fire of the red candle to remind us: He came back to save us.

He is Risen, Hallelujah Hallelujah.

The Vigil covers a couple of sacraments; remembering my own sacraments I recall each requires preparation, offers celebration and then calls for the purpose.

During Lent we were challenged to extend a gesture of kindness or peace for someone each day. As we depart the upper room today, our call is to take that red flame and share it with the world, one person at a time.

Jim Marino, *Dad to 4 SPC Alum and Parish Finance Council Member*

Mass Schedule

FEAST DAY	TIME	PRESIDER	MASS INTENTIONS
MONDAY, 5/29 Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church	6:25 am UC	NO MASS	
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James	George McCormick, Frank Menolascino, Roger Vinge
TUESDAY, 5/30 Weekday	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick/MN*	An increase in committed adorers for the Adoration Chapel
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Kevin	Maria Talarico, John and Teddy Biggio, Jose Navarro
WEDNESDAY, 5/31 Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	6:25 am UC	Fr. Kevin	John Fitzsimmons
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James	Kenneth Kolconay, Louise Sottile, Patricia and Donald Jones, Mary Harris, Herman McCreary
THURSDAY, 6/1 Saint Justin	6:25 am UC	Fr. Nick	Joseph A. Seno
	8:30 am UC	Fr. Kevin/MN*	Alice Zimmermann, Ray Kennedy, Albert L. Frigo II, Maria Rose Talarico
FRIDAY, 6/2 Saints Marcellinus and Peter	6:25 am UC	Fr. Kevin	Marie Karasiewicz
	8:30 am UC	Fr. James	Holy Souls in Purgatory, Healing and Blessings for John Ahern
SATURDAY, 6/3 Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions	8:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Jimmy Regan, Joanne and Drahosh Navratil
	4:30 pm UC	Fr. James	James V. Malatesta, Marina Mack, Edward Tomasiewicz, Florence J. Schaeffer, Mary Ann Barron, Joseph DiCola, Michal Kolodziejski
SUNDAY, 6/4 The Most Holy Trinity	7:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Marilyn McGuire, The Cooney and Dockery families, People of the Parish
	9:00 am UC	Fr. James	Eugene DiVito Sr., John Pertgen, Donald Zimmer, Helen Schaefer, Maria Pekic, Pitr Pekic, Prena Gelovic
	10:30 am UC	Fr. Nick	Robert Stanzyk, Jose Almendarez, Christine Grabowski, Katerine (Katie) Panatoni, Birthday Blessings for Jan Ahern
	12:00 pm UC	Fr. James	Daniel Heneghan, Fred Gross, Dominick and Carmela Lupo, Jim and Madeline Lupo

*LEGEND: /MN = Deacon Martin Nyberg preaching

Liturgical Ministers Schedule (please email schedule@spc-church.org with any questions)

MASS	LECTOR	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
SATURDAY, 6/3 4:30 pm UC	Dave Sullivan, Patricia Izban	Gina Caruso, Charles Korcz, Pat Lawlor, Paul Ziegenhorn	TBD
SUNDAY, 6/4 7:30 am UC	Frances Johnson, Michael Lynch	Michael Angelini, Alex Jasinowski, Coventri Lorenz, Mike Marrese	TBD
SUNDAY, 6/4 9:00 am UC	John Tallman, Jim Johnston	Sandra Hernandez, Cheryl Kaufman, Shirley Patras, Lisanne Roth	TBD
SUNDAY, 6/4 10:30 am UC	Susan Davis, Dan Hogan	Vincent Santucci, Kim Soifer (sub requested), Margaret Teich, Paula Vallejo	TBD
SUNDAY, 6/4 12:00 pm UC	Neda Naum, Sean Dolan	Josephine Gullo, Geri Weissmann, Kevin Wiley, Ann Solari-Twadell (sub requested)	TBD

Upcoming Events

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	EVENT
Sunday, May 28th	8:30 pm	Parish Life Center Gym	Men's Pick-Up Basketball
Wednesday, May 31st	9:00 am	Holy Family Chapel	SPC Scripture Seminar with Fr. James
Thursday, June 1st	7:30 pm	Kinane Center	Praying with Scripture (Lectio Divina)
Friday, June 2nd	5:00 pm	St. Paul of the Cross Church Parking Lot	Men's Club Cornhole Tournament
Sunday, June 4th	8:30 am - 12:00 pm	Parish Life Center	New Parishioner Registration and Donut Sunday
Sunday, June 4th	5:00 pm	Holy Family Chapel	Teen Mass

Opportunities at St. Paul of the Cross

SPC SCRIPTURE SEMINAR WITH FATHER JAMES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31st

9:00 am

Holy Family Chapel

All are invited to the new

SPC Scripture Seminar

Wednesdays at 9:00 am in the Holy Family Chapel, beginning May 31st. The group will discuss and pray over a scripture passage, and try to use the sacred text to deal with some questions we all may have. Sessions are not dependent on one another, so attend at your leisure. No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

We hope you will join us.

SCRIPTURE  STUDY

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION and DONUT SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

8:30 am — 12:00 pm

Parish Life Center



What could be better than greeting new parishioners while enjoying a cup of coffee and donut treat? Our **NEW PARISHIONER WELCOME MINISTRY** will be available on June 4th from 8:30 until noon to register new parishioners, answer any questions, and distribute welcome packets. Join us after all Sunday Masses to visit with our priests and enjoy a donut!

We hope to see you there!

TEEN MASS

SUNDAY, JUNE 4th

5:00 pm

Please join Fr. James for the new **Teen Mass on the first Sunday** of the month beginning June 4th in the Holy Family Chapel. This Mass will be catered just for teenagers (8th grade through high school), who will also have a chance to participate in the liturgy. A conversation with pizza afterwards will be held for whomever can stay. Parents, please feel free to spread the word to your 8th grader or high school child.



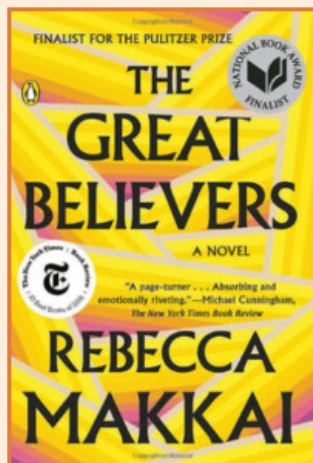
Additional Opportunities

BOOK CLUB

MONDAY, JUNE 5th

7:30 pm

Parish Life Center AB Room



Join us for our next book club meeting where we will discuss

THE GREAT BELIEVERS

by Rebecca Makkai.

All are welcome!

SPC SCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

JUNE 2023

Don't miss out!

We have several unique and engaging sessions available for children - preschool age 3 (must be potty trained) through 8th grade.

Camp will be offered for three one-week sessions:

June 12th - 16th

June 19th - 23rd

June 26th - 30th

More information can be found on the front page of our school website: www.spc-school.net



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Please Join Us

June 4, 2023

10:00am Mass

Reception to follow

Father Neil E. Fackler

Celebrating
25 Years of Priesthood

Mary, Mother of Divine Grace Parish
Divine Infant Jesus Church
1600 Newcastle Ave., Westchester, IL

Men's Club Cornhole Tournament

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd

Doors Open at 5:00 pm

Bags in the air at 5:30 pm

St. Paul of the Cross Church Parking Lot



Men of St. Paul of the Cross! Friday, June 2nd, there is an event so incredible, so inspiring, so captivating that it simply cannot be missed!!

However, for those of you not going to the Taylor Swift concert, we will be hosting the 15th annual Cornhole Tournament.

As we have for nearly each year, the event is taking place in the church parking lot — FEATURING:

- Amazing cash prizes for tourney winners
- Scrumptious on the spit PIG ROAST dinner (courtesy of Harmony Catering)
- Unlimited beer from a 1966 Chevy C 30 beer truck (from our good friends at Joseph Mullarkey Distributors)

As always, the proceeds will benefit our parish and school. The cost per man is \$65. Make sure to register your team via email with Jim Stinson at stinson.james@gmail.com.

COST:

\$65: Bags, Food, Drinks for those that want to play

\$50: Food, Drinks, Fun for those that just want some camaraderie

SPC Scripture Seminar

ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS SCRIPTURE SEMINAR

with

FATHER JAMES

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No fee or registration or prior knowledge of the Bible required.

We hope you will join us.

SCRIPTURE STUDY

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We'd love to feature your art on our bulletin cover

CALLING ALL ARTISTS and PHOTOGRAPHERS!

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK OR PHOTOS

FOR CONSIDERATION FOR AN UPCOMING BULLETIN COVER



ARTWORK should be roughly 8" long by 7-1/2" wide with a 1/4" border that could be cropped if necessary. Artwork should also be inspired by a particular gospel/reading for the week it is submitted (submit inspiration verse).

Special thanks to Loretta Fuller for her beautiful painting of Madonna and child (left)

PHOTOS should reflect our SPC campus/community.

Special thanks to David Charewicz of David Chare Photography for his beautiful photo taken in our Upper Church that is also featured on this week's bulletin cover (right)



If you have any questions or are interested in submitting your original artwork, please email sandylabouvie@spc-church.org.

It is important that you reserve your Sunday before creating your piece.

We look forward to featuring your talent!

LAST CALL!

St. Paul's Vacation Bible School

SonShine - The Parables of Jesus

2023



For ALL Incoming PK 4 yr - 5th Graders

Come join us here at St. Paul's for SonShine – The Parables of Jesus VBS program! The sunny schedule for this weeklong adventure is to strengthen your child's faith with fun and faith-filled activities. Children will learn parables that will inspire them to grow in their faith and love of Jesus! They will sing songs, play games, make crafts and have fun all while discovering the beauty of Jesus' love filled teachings!

When: June 19 through June 23 - 9:00 am to 11:00 am

Where: St. Paul of the Cross Campus

Cost: This adventure is \$55 for one child / \$85 for two children / \$95 for three or more children

Who: Students entering 4 year old Preschool through 5th grade this coming school year 2023-2024

Materials and Snacks ARE INCLUDED in the price!

PLEASE PRINT

CHILD'S NAME: _____ GRADE in FALL: _____

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ALLERGIES: _____

PARENT NAME: _____

FULL ADDRESS: _____

BEST PHONE: _____ EMERGENCY # _____

PARENT EMAIL: _____

PAYMENT: Use our online payment site (accepts both credit cards & electronic checks)
<https://www.givecentral.org/location/133/event/33924>

OR

Drop completed form off with check made payable to St. Paul of the Cross

QUESTIONS? 847-692-2758 OR spccatechesis@yahoo.com
 email the form to spccatechesis@yahoo.com

Please Return by May 30

Information on groups & other specifics will be emailed in June



Catechesis (CCD) Registration

CATECHESIS (CCD) REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR THE 2023 – 2024 SCHOOL YEAR

We have classes for incoming PK 4's through 8th grade!
Catechesis begins formally in 1st grade and goes through 8th

We offer many Catechesis options knowing that each family and child has individual needs:

Regular Program - Directed Study - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Worship Program - All Abilities (special needs)

To learn more and to register, please see the **Catechesis website:**

www.spc-catechesis.net

then click on the **REGISTRATION** tab

As always, registration is on a first-come first-serve basis

Each grade focuses on a different aspect of our faith which, when participated in over the eight years, forms a whole.

For this reason, it is expected that the child attend Catechesis at each grade level.

If a grade has been missed, please call Anna Mae Parkhill.

All are welcome!



Each year we are always in need of catechists/teachers!!

Please consider this wonderful opportunity and find out about the tuition benefits that our parent volunteers receive.

Call with any questions or concerns:

Anna Mae Parkhill

Director of Catechesis

847-692-2758

Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Month of May



Icon of Our Lady of Silence

May 28

"Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart."
Luke 2:19

The icon, *Our Lady of Silence* (see above), pictures Mary holding her right index finger over her lips in a "shushing" position, while her left hand is gesturing "be at peace." When Pope Francis saw this icon created in 2010 he obtained a copy for the Vatican hallways.

Silence is indeed golden. It is our friend and one of the greatest means to sanctity. When we are in a group of people and we feel the urge to gossip or speak negatively

about someone, being silent will prevent the sin of detraction. When we feel pressured to make a smart contribution to the meeting to stand apart, being silent will foster humility. When we're suffering and we want to cry out in anger or complaint, silence will help us draw near the heart of Christ. There we can repose in safety, as if we were listening to a summer thunderstorm from our shelter.

There are times our interior prayer calls for silence. Our mind can grind over a matter of discernment, a theological conundrum, or some frustration. It's as if we're "babbling like the pagans" when we ruminate and analyze. But if we have a spiritual life anchored in Mary, we will not fall into this noisy trap. Mary will come to us and place her finger on our lips. She will quiet our mind and allow us to rest in her and her son's heart.

Prayer: *Mary, there is so much I want to know, so much I wonder about, so much I want to say. I surrender all of that to you. I don't need to know. I don't need to see. I don't need to remark. I can just be. You have given me your son and he is enough.*

May 29

"For the Lord, the God of Israel says, 'The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the Lord sends rain upon the earth'."

1 Kings 17:14

The prophet Elijah had quite the impressive career. Here was a man who trusted in God and fulfilled the Lord's will, even when it brought him great suffering. Elijah battled the false prophets of Baal, condemned the wicked Queen Jezebel and her weak husband Ahab, and then opposed the next king, Ahaziah, reigning down fire upon attacking soldiers. Elijah was such a great servant that when his successor, the prophet Elisha, was granted any wish, Elisha requested a double portion of Elijah's spirit.

Elijah's career started with the widow of Zarephath. Elijah had called a drought upon the land, at God's request, and had sought refuge in the widow's house. The prophet asked the widow for her remaining cup of water and handful of flour. It had to be an uncomfortable request by the prophet, especially since the widow had a young son, but Elijah trusted in God. The widow heeded Elijah's request for their last sustenance, and then was rewarded with miraculous food for a year. The unnamed widow, we could say, gave Elijah his initial training in evangelization.

Reflections on the Blessed Virgin Mary for the Month of May

We are called to be missionaries and prophets like Elijah. It is a difficult road, and one that will bring us suffering, as we are called to place demands on people and have demands placed on ourselves. It is a work we must do if we are to help others love Jesus the way we do. If we practice on Mary, as Elijah practiced on the widow, we will have a taste of success and receive the confidence to do God's will.

Prayer: *Mary, please give me a double portion of Elijah's spirit; of your son's spirit. I was brought into this world and given this faith for a reason. May I make use of my gift and spread the love of Jesus. Give me courage to do anything for your son, even if it brings me suffering.*

May 30

"If you consider me a believer in the Lord, come and stay at my home," and Lydia prevailed on us."
Acts 16:15

Saint Paul, weary from his travels, found a quiet spot on a river in Thyatira to celebrate Mass and pray. Or so he thought. A group of women soon gathered at the river and Paul, led by the Spirit, preached about Christ. Lydia was among the women who listened to the Holy Spirit at the riverside and was forever changed. Paul's preaching gave her the key to the quiet chamber in her soul. Lydia would go on to live from that place. The inner union with God gave her satisfaction, peace, and a strength in leading. Lydia was like the Blessed Mother, who, as 16th Century poet John Donne verses in "Annunciation"

hast light in dark, and shutt'st in little room
Immensity, cloister'd in thy dear womb.

Mary Cassatt was a similar feminine authority. Born in Pennsylvania in 1844, she moved to France when she was twenty-two and became one of the great Impressionist painters. Her image, *Lydia Seated in the Garden with a Dog in Her Lap* (see below), reflects the serenity, dignity, and composure of Lydia of Thyatira and Mary of Nazareth.

The Blessed Virgin Mary is eager to have us sit next to her in the garden of peace. She is eager to show us how to live boldly out of that little room.

Prayer: *Mary, you sit next to your son in Heaven. Both of you watch calmly the affairs of the world, the affairs of my life. You await peacefully the Second Coming when our bodies will be as yours in paradise. Please allow me to remain in the little room in my heart, where you and your son dwell.*



Lydia Seated in the Garden with a Dog in Her Lap,
Mary Cassatt

May 31

"And why is this granted me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"
Luke 1:43

We end the month of May with the feast of the Visitation — our Lady's surprise visit to her cousin Elizabeth. The Visitation is a lesson in the virtue of delighting in the joys of others. If we are called to feel compassion — that is, to feel pain when someone is suffering — then we are also called to feel joy when someone is blessed. Mary visits Elizabeth not so much to show off her own pregnancy, but to celebrate the miraculous pregnancy of her elder relative. Elizabeth returns the favor and delights in Mary's child.

Praying with the Blessed Mother is the great antidote to jealousy, envy, rivalry. To be envious is to be resentful or upset by another person's success. Their joy causes heaviness in us. The enemy whispers the lie in our ear saying the other person's good equals a diminishment in our own. That lie can lead us to sin further by resenting, coveting, undermining, and anything else against charity. Mary could rejoice in Elizabeth's pregnancy because she had given her whole life to God. It is not a zero-sum game with our Lord. Everyone can win.

Prayer: *Mary, your generosity and magnanimity in sharing in Elizabeth's joy led to Elizabeth's sanctity, as she was able to rejoice in you. John the Baptist from the womb shared in his cousin's joy too. Please crush the enemy's head in my soul that lies and says I am not good enough. Please help me to be truly happy for others.*

Happy Memorial Day

*May we never forget
that some gave all*

*God of power and mercy,
you destroy war
and put down earthly pride.
Banish violence from our midst
and wipe away our tears,
that we may all deserve to be
called your sons and daughters.
Keep in your mercy those
men and women who have died
in the cause of freedom
and bring them safely
into your kingdom
of justice and peace.
We ask this through
Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen

Archive Corner *with Mark Miller*

MEMORIAL DAY

On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to all who have sacrificed their lives for us to be safe... for all of us to be free. The Archives earliest picture shows the Girl Scouts marching in a 1940s parade. When the new church was opened, a plaque honoring the boys that died from our parish during WWII was placed above what is now the ushers closet. The Park Ridge area has two memorials honoring those who have served. ***We wish you a blessed Memorial Day!***

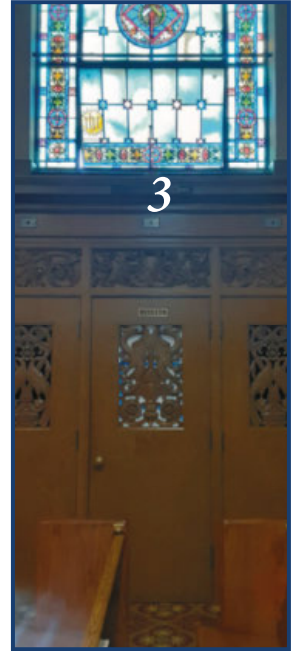


PHOTO CAPTIONS:

1. 1940s Memorial Day parade
2. Plaque honoring those who gave their lives during WWII
3. Where the plaque was placed
4. The flag that flies over our school
5. War Memorial at Saint Adalbert's Cemetery
6. Civil War Memorial at the Main Township Cemetery



Kids' Corner

GROWING WITH THE *Gospel* CYCLE A



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



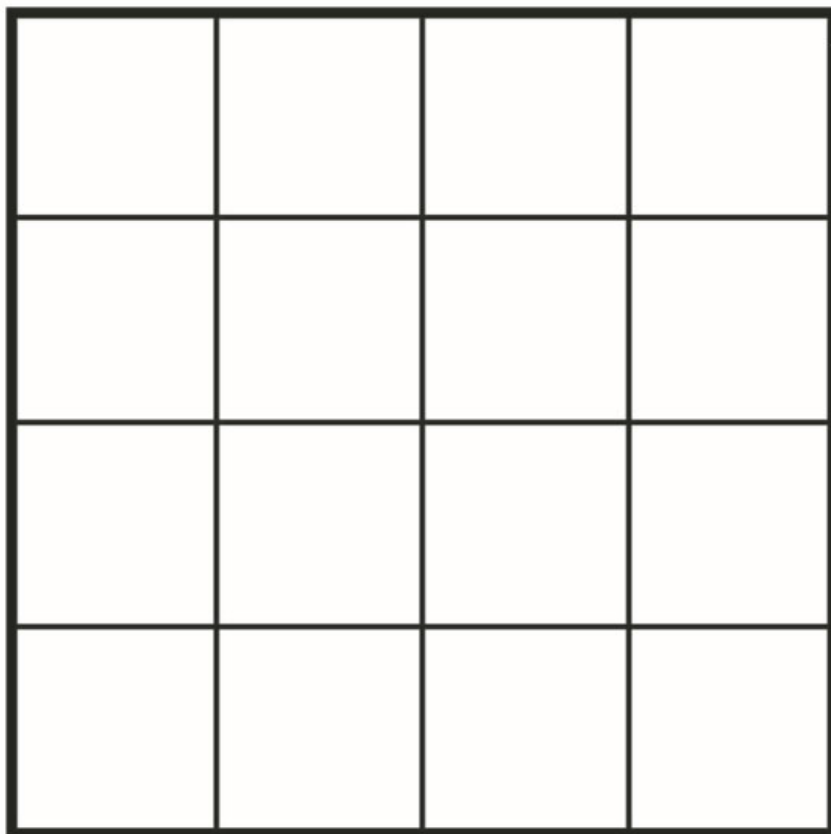
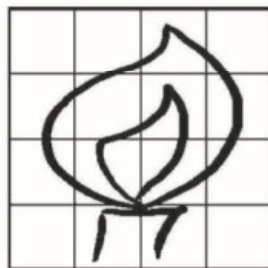
Pentecost Sunday • John 20:19-23

Kids' Corner (continued)



PUZZLE

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square by square.



MISSION

When I hurt others, I will say, "I'm sorry.
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Our current adorer schedule is pictured to the right. Red boxes indicate where there is at most one committed adorer. We need at least two committed adorers for each slot before we can reopen during the night. Yellow slots are times throughout the day when we have only one committed adorer; additional commitments are needed here to fortify the daytime schedule. Green indicates two or more adorers are present. If you would like to sign up for a timeslot, please call the parish office at **847-825-7605** or email adorationchapel@spc-church.org



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We would love to hear from you regarding your experience in our Adoration Chapel. How might you be blessed through your time with Jesus? Please share your reflection, or perhaps you are inspired to write a poem or prayer, etc. Reflections should be roughly 350 words. Reflection forms can be found on the table in the Adoration Chapel foyer or on our website. Submit reflections to sandylabouvie@spc-church.org or place it in the collection box in the Adoration Chapel.

Thank you to all those who've already contributed!

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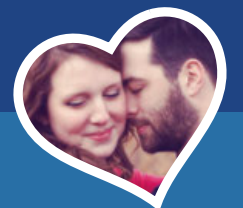
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