

WEEKLY LITURGY SCHEDULE	
Monday 1/29	Fifth Monday of Ordinary Time 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20 12:15 PM MASS (SP) – Faustina Quinlan
Tuesday 1/30	Fifth Tuesday of Ordinary Time 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30–19:3/Mk 5:21-43 OFFICE CLOSED
Wednesday 1/31	St. John Bosco 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6 6:00 PM MASS (SP) – Lapsed Catholics
Thursday 2/1	Fifth Thursday of Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13 10:00 AM MASS (SP) – Robert Furey 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM (SP) - ADORATION
Friday 2/2	Presentation of the Lord Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 9:00 AM MASS (SM) – Pro Populo 6:00 PM MASS (SP) – Pro Populo
Saturday 2/3	St. Blase 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34 5:00 PM CONFESSIONS (SP) 6:00 PM MASS (SP) – Pro Populo
Sunday 2/4	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39 9:00 AM MASS (SM) + Fr. Don Henkes 11:00 AM MASS (SP) + Sue Ann Earley
MINISTERS OF THE WORD	
Sat., Feb 3	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Joyce Raducha
Sun., Feb 4	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Bob Stone
Sun., Feb 4	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Bev Bellinger, Dora Gaitan
USHERS	
Sat., Feb 3	6:00 PM Mass (SP): John Franich
Sun., Feb 4	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Tim Donohue
Sun., Feb 4	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Drew Endter
GREETERS	
Sat., Feb 3	6:00 PM Mass (SP): Doug & Marita Harkness
Sun., Feb 4	9:00 AM Mass (SM): Daryl Trefil
Sun., Feb 4	11:00 AM Mass (SP): Brad & Diane Harkness

PARISH ADDRESSES

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Dear Parish Family,

As you know last week I was away on my annual retreat. I went back to the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in the Northern suburbs of Chicago. This is where I attended graduate level seminary. It is one of the most beautiful campuses in the country. The grounds have always brought me a great deal of peace, and a great sense of God's omnipresence and love. If any of you find yourselves passing through that area, and you would like to see the campus, let me know, and I will try to arrange a tour for you.

While I was there, I listened to a great deal of Catholic talks on YouTube. Most of these were from a professor of Philosophy, Dr. Peter Kreeft. I very much recommend his talks, and his interviews. He's been featured on channels like Prager U, Pints with Aquinas, and Dr. Jordan Peterson. He has not only a talent of grasping philosophy, but even more so he possesses a talent for presenting it in a way for others to comprehend and apply to their own lives. He is a solid Catholic who is faithful to all the Church's teachings on faith and morals, but he also has a knack for finding where other faiths possess truth. In discovering common truths we hold, we can then open the door more for others to find the faith of Christ, and the gift of the Eucharist.

If you are a fan of The Lord of the Rings, I would recommend you look up Dr. Kreeft's talks and interviews regarding those stories. Not only will it help you understand that masterpiece of English literature, but it will also help you understand how all fiction has some form of philosophy underlying its story: good or bad. Developing this greater sense of philosophy in fiction helps us understand the world around us: the good and the bad. It can help us expand our own imaginations and help us communicate to others how our God is a loving God.

Another interesting aspect of Dr. Kreeft is that he was once a Protestant. He has a handful of talks on YouTube in which he speaks of his conversion process. Such talks often help us understand the struggles other have with the Catholic faith and help us to provide answers to those who sincerely seek them.

prayers,

Fr. Edwin C. Dwyer

*NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL OR TOO GREAT
WHEN GIVEN FROM THE HEART*
ST PAUL PARISH: 1/14/2024: \$3,403.00
LET US PRAY FOR . . . THE SICK OF OUR PARISH
. . . THE RECENTLY DECEASED
. . . THE MILITARY:
Major Matthew Cary | Tony Bellinger
Remember those who have no one to pray for them.

PARISH SCHEDULE	
Sat 2/3/24	Next Mystery for Living Rosary
Sat 2/3/24	Rosary – 30 min Before Mass
Sun 2/4/24	Rosary – 30 min Before Mass

CHILDREN’S CHOIR

Below is a QR Code for those who would like to join our Children’s Choir!



2024 HOLY WEEK QR CODE

Below is a QR Code for the 2024 Holy Week Schedule!



FAMILY SUNDAY SCHOOL

Family Sunday School for the 2023-2024 season has begun! Classes will be held at both church locations on the 1st & 3rd Sundays of the month at 10:00 AM. Still time to enroll. We will update you with more information as it becomes available.



QR CODE FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Above is the QR code with a form to sign up for our Religious Education classes for 2023-2024. All are welcome! Family, friends & parishioners! If you feel more comfortable, we can also provide a paper copy of the form.

LENTEN STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Our Lenten study opportunity is titled, *The Search*. Why is happiness fleeting; the things we expect to fulfill us don’t? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing? If you have a good grasp on the answers to these questions, The Search will help you deepen it. If you know someone who is grappling with these questions, bring them along. This is a great series to share with them. Group sessions will begin at **St. Paul Parish Hall, Sunday, Feb. 11, 2:00 pm** (to get home for 6:30 Super Bowl – all other Sunday sessions are at 6:00 PM.) and **Tues., Feb. 13, 9:00 am**. CAFÉ Committee members will be in the vestibules **Jan. 27/28 through Feb. 11/12** selling books and answering questions.