



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



September 21, 2022

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***Sunday Worship with St. Paul's  
In-person and on Zoom  
10:30 am***

***Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/98034316249>***

Meeting ID: 980 3431 6249  
To dial in: 312-626-6799

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***Ordination and Consecration, Seating Videos Now Available***

The service of ordination and consecration for Bishop Paula Clark was held on Saturday, September 17 at 10:30 a.m. Central, at the [Westin Chicago Lombard](#) in Lombard, Illinois. Presiding Bishop Michael Curry served as the chief consecrator. [Watch the full video using this link.](#)

Bishop Clark was seated at St. James Cathedral on September 18 during the 11 am Eucharist. In this service, Dean Dominic Barrington welcomed the new bishop to the cathedral and installed her in the cathedra, the ceremonial seat of the bishop. [Watch the full video using this link.](#)

## Road Cleanup

Our next St. Paul's road cleanup will be Tuesday, September 27th at 9:00 am. We will be walking along scenic Keystone Road to clean up the roadside. All supplies are provided. You may want to bring garden gloves and wear comfortable shoes and long pants. Park and meet on the North side of Norgard Road at the intersection of Keystone Road. Please let Al Robel know if you have any questions: alanrobel@att.net.



## MCC Scholarship Recipients

St. Paul's has received thank you notes from this fall's scholarship recipients. Below is the first of four letters we received:

*I would first like to say thank you for your donations and for letting me have the opportunity to get this scholarship. This scholarship is not only going to let me continue with my college education, but also help me reach my nursing career I want to pursue. I am truly grateful to continue with a career I am passionate about as a first generation college student. I want to show to my family and peers that their sacrifice was worth it. I am able to continue my future plans that I am passionate about. With this award I am able to do this. All of my goals connect to one thing that I have been passionate about- that is being able to help people and giving back to the people I love. Ever since I can remember, I have this passion for helping. I would volunteer for whatever favor anyone needed and just be there for a helping hand. Since I want to follow my passion, my educational goals are pretty simple. I want to work hard to be able to graduate with honors. Since I am going to be the second in my family to get a high school diploma, I want to show that I worked hard and did not take things for granted. This follows my career goals. Ever since I was little I was always fascinated with nursing. Ever since I was born I have been in and out of the hospital. I would see how they would take care of my every need and have the utmost respect for me. They would do anything and everything to be able to make me feel better. They have inspired me to go to a career like theirs to pursue what I like to do most. I want to go to a nursing program at a 4 year college after I transfer from MCC. For then being certificated as a phlebotomy technician and work in the medical field before I start college. Seeing that I am able to achieve one of my ambitious goals have motivated me to continue that path I am putting. I know that I can work hard and keep my head up high to accomplish these goals. All of them connect to the idea to be able to give back and help the community out. To give back to the people that have helped me the most. To therefore live independently in a big city, working as a nurse in a hospital and have the opportunity to give back to my parents, as a thank you for all of the things they have done for me.*

*Thank you, Yaksi*

## Gift Cards Appreciated

As many of you know, St. Paul's has a ministry of caring for those who are out of work, are underemployed, and/or who have basic needs that are not being met. One of the ways we help is by giving out Walmart gift cards to those in need of help with gas, groceries, or other items. We give out cards (paid for from the Clergy Discretionary Fund), but we can always use more, especially with increased cost of food.

If you are shopping at Walmart and have extra room in your grocery budget, consider buying one or two \$25 or \$50 Walmart cards. You can bring them to the office, or drop them in the offering plate. **Thanks!**

**IDPH Encourages New Bivalent Booster Shots  
30 Illinois counties now in "high" community level**

**With 30 counties in the state at an elevated level for COVID-19**, on Friday the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) urged all who are eligible to take advantage of the new bivalent booster shots that have been authorized by the CDC. The CDC recommends a number of measures for people in areas that are rated at **High Community Level** for COVID-19 transmission. **Learn more online.**

**As a reminder, the diocesan COVID-19 advisory team** recommends that congregational teams continue to meet regularly, monitor local conditions, and make changes as necessary. Read the **February 16 letter to the diocese** from Standing Committee President Anne Jolly and Director of Operations Courtney **in English and Spanish.**

**Vaccines Now Recommended for Ages 6 months to 4 years**

Vaccines for young children are continuing to be shipped nationwide and locations offering vaccines are being updated every day. Visit **<https://www.vaccines.gov/>** to find a provider near you. Learn more about **COVID-19 vaccines for children and teens.**

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**Sunday Servants for September 25**

Reader/Usher - Jim Lukas  
Intercessor - Terry Jaworski  
Vestry Persons of the Day - Beth Lukas, Doris Gaic

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**Updated Office Hours**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays 8:30am - 1:30 pm**



**An invitation to sing**

FUMC's annual Christmas Cantata is scheduled for Sunday morning, December 18th at 9:00 am. More singers are definitely welcome. Most of the songs are quite easy. Music sheets are available ahead of time, and many of the songs are also on Youtube. Practices will be held on Saturday mornings at 9:00 am on Nov. 12 & 19, and Dec. 3, 10, and 17. Come join the fun!

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**On the calendar**

Sunday, September 25 – **Vestry meeting**, 8:30 am  
Sunday, September 25 – Holy Eucharist  
Tuesday, September 27 - Road Cleanup  
Sunday, October 2 – Holy Eucharist  
Thursday, October 6 – **Ladies Lunch**, 11:30 am  
*Place TBD*

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***Almighty and merciful God***, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds over the mass shootings that plague our land. We bring before you all the innocent men, women and children who are victims of these senseless and vicious acts. May the souls of all the departed find eternal safety and rest in your loving arms. Please send your peace and comfort upon the surviving families and friends who are living with the pain of unimaginable sorrow. We pray for the perpetrators of these crimes. Please send your divine help and mercy upon our nation for only in you do we trust. In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

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**St. Paul's Prayer List**

***Week of September 25-October 1***

Please keep those on our prayer list in your thoughts during this time. If you wish to add to the list, please contact the church office.

**Ongoing prayers:** Yasmin, Kay, Janice, and Jerry

**Current prayers:** Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Claudia, Rebecca, Kelly, Arne, Jimmy, Rick, Jan, Kristin, Denny, and June

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Doris Gaic (Sept 30)

**For our MCC scholarship recipients:** Ashley, Ciara, Julia, and Yaksi

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*Cartoon by the Rev. Bill McLemore*

***Questions or concerns?***

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: [Gramlukas2@gmail.com](mailto:Gramlukas2@gmail.com)

***In need of pastoral care?***

Please contact Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts: [shanleyroberts@gmail.com](mailto:shanleyroberts@gmail.com)

or

Deborah Lang, our Deacon: [DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com](mailto:DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com)

***Office Hours***

Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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