



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



October 12, 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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***Please note - the office will be closed Thursday, October 13***

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***From Bishop Clark: Our Shared  
Ministry Has Begun***

September 30, 2022

Dear People of the Diocese of Chicago,

It is a great joy to write to you as your bishop! Now that the festival of the ordination and consecration is a glorious memory, we have work to do together, and I am eager to get started. I give thanks to God that our shared ministry has finally begun.

In the last several months, many of you have asked me what my priorities as your bishop will be. I have responded the same way each time: The most important thing to me right now is to learn more about you. I want to learn about what your congregations need to respond to the complicated world in which we find ourselves, and what you need most from a bishop in these times. I want to hear your stories, ask questions about your ministries, and find out what you need to respond to God's call in your communities. My calendar is filling up with opportunities to meet with lay and clergy leaders about all of the

questions, challenges and joys you encounter in serving God, and I am looking forward to every one of those conversations.

In the weeks ahead, as we talk and pray together, we will develop our shared priorities for ministry and mission. I want to assure you that I am committed to two priorities I already know we share. Your longstanding witness against violence on our streets and in our communities is known across the Episcopal Church. I am proud to join you in work that was also part of my ministry in Washington D.C. I have also heard from so many of you that our lives on the shores of Lake Michigan and on the prairies and bluffs of central Illinois commit us to caring for God's creation. I am eager to join you in advocating for policies, practices, and initiatives that honor and safeguard the abundance and diversity of God's creation.

Between now and when we gather online for diocesan convention, I look forward to meeting and talking with many of you about how, together, we can courageously serve God and our neighbors. Thank you for your steadfast faithfulness in these challenging times.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine!

The Rt. Rev. Paula E. Clark  
Bishop of Chicago

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#### **PADS Desserts**

Each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, our friends at FUMC deliver a meal to PADS. St. Paul's has offered to supply the desserts for 35 people. There is a signup sheet with the dates listed, and desserts can be homemade or store bought. They can be dropped off that morning for them to be delivered later that afternoon. This is a great way to help out!

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#### **Refugee Collection**

The Northern Illinois United Methodist District is collecting items for the refugees that are being sent up to our cities from the Southern states. Following is a list of items that are being requested. Items can be dropped off in the café area, and monetary donations (made out to FUMC - Refugee Donations) can be left in the office.

NEW adult clothing, smaller sizes  
Diapers, baby wipes, Pedialyte, toys and activity books  
NEW children's clothing - socks, underwear, shirts, pants, coats  
Pajamas, hats, gloves, shoes (all sizes)  
Medications (over the counter, both adult and children) –  
Ibuprofen, Tylenol, allergy meds, Tums, Chapstick  
Band-Aids, women's sanitary products, razors, deodorants, shampoo

Questions? Please contact Pat Wilson:  
847-826-9091 or patmwilson72@comcast.net

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### **MCC Scholarship Recipients**

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

*Dear St. Paul Members,*

*I am honored to be awarded as a recipient of your First-Generation Scholarship for the Fall Semester at McHenry County College.*

*I am currently studying business and finance for my Associates in Business Management in hopes of owning my own full-service salon one day. I currently own two small businesses out of my home. I own an in-home nail salon and I make and sell jewelry. Studying at McHenry County College has helped me learn how to create and manage a business the right way. I plan to graduate in December of this year. After graduation, I plan to keep managing my two small businesses but to eventually grow them bigger and better. Thanks to you, I will have less financial worry next semester. The financial assistance you provided will help me pursue my future goals.*

*I am truly grateful for this opportunity of scholarship support. By being awarded the First Generation Scholarship, it will allow me to focus on my educational studies to graduate. I hope one day to be able to give back to the community as you have done for me. Thank you again for your generosity and support. I promise to study hard and always try my best.*

*Sincerely,  
Julia*

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### **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!**

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### **Sunday Servants for October 16**

Reader/Usher - Jeff Zabor  
Intercessor - Terry Jaworski  
Vestry Person of the Day - Jeff Zabor

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### **Updated Office Hours**

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

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### **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, October 16 – Morning Prayer  
Sunday, October 23 – Vestry meeting, 8:30 am  
Sunday, October 23 – Morning Prayer  
Sunday, October 30 – Holy Eucharist

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***Almighty and merciful God***, we come to you with heavy hearts and troubled minds over the 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 October 16 - 22***

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, June, and Amy

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

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Bella Pecoraro (Oct 17), Jeff Lynaugh (Oct 22)

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Cartoon by the Rev. Bill McLemore

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**Questions or concerns?**

Please contact our Senior Warden - Beth Lukas: Gramlukas2@gmail.com

**In need of pastoral care?**

Please contact Rev. Eileen Shanley-Roberts: shanleyroberts@gmail.com

or

Deborah Lang, our Deacon: DeaconDeb@stpaulmchenry.com

**Office Hours**

Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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