



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



March 15, 2023

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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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***Last Day to Order Easter Flowers!***

It's that time of year when we contribute to the beauty of the sanctuary with Easter flowers! You may also donate to our Food for Thought program. Order forms are available by [clicking here](#). Please call the office with your order. **Flower orders are due by March 16.**



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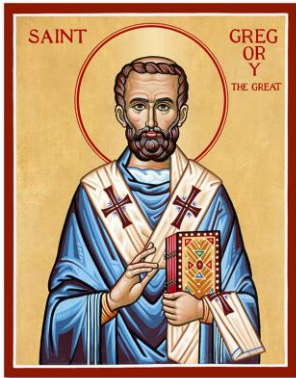
***Coffee and Conversation***

On Sundays, we have resumed an old custom of St. Paul's commonly known as Coffee and Conversation. We will use our coffee time together to discuss the lectionary readings for that Sunday. Each week, as we bring our insights, thoughts, and questions to the table, we will go deeper into what the readings



have to offer. No worries! No prior theological study is required. God speaks to us all.

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### *For all the Saints*

#### **Saint Gregory the Great, 540-604**

Of all the popes, Gregory was one whom even the English Church would call Great. Included on the list of his glorious achievements, was his commitment to evangelize the British isle. The son of a wealthy Roman Senator, Gregory studied law in order to change the tide of a crumbling and corrupt Roman empire. Before he turned thirty, he was named Prefect of Rome. Then, suddenly, at the age of thirty-five, he sold or gave away all of his property. He used his wealth to found six monasteries in Sicily and Rome, then converted

his family mansion into a monastery and took the habit of a monk.

- The pope soon called him to serve as one of the seven Deacons of Rome who were in charge of the administration of the Church in the Holy City.
- Gregory was then named the papal ambassador to the Byzantine Court.
- In about 586, Gregory was recalled to Rome and returned to the monastery convinced that the future of Christianity lay with monasticism rather than with the declining Roman Empire.
- He asked Pope Benedict I to send missionaries to Britain. When no one came forward, Gregory offered himself to go. When the people of Rome heard of it, such a fuss was raised that Gregory was made to return.
- When Pope Pelagius died of the plague, the people unanimously chose Gregory as the new pope. Not wishing to be pope, Gregory intended to run away and hide. He was seized and carried off to Saint Peter's Basilica and consecrated to the papal office.
- As pope, Gregory claimed his goal was "not so much to promote the worldly interests of the church as to relieve the poor in their distress and especially to protect them from oppression."
- Gregory's book 'On Pastoral Care' became the primary handbook for bishops and shaped the medieval episcopacy. It was still taught in seminaries in the early 20th century.
- He used the income from papal estates to feed the hungry and forbade the oppression of Jewish people or the seizing of their synagogues. He removed unworthy priests and used the papal treasury to ransom prisoners.
- Gregory is well remembered for his reforms to liturgical music that has since been known as "Gregorian Chant".
- He sent Augustine and his monks to evangelize England in 597 marking the first truly large-scale mission effort from Rome.
- An Anglican historian wrote, "It is impossible to conceive the confusion, lawlessness and chaotic state of the middle ages without the medieval papacy – and the real father of that papacy was Gregory the Great."

*Deacon Deborah Lang*

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**Lenten Opportunities**

**Centering Prayer**

*Saturdays 9:30 am, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock*

**Compline**

*Details: Tuesday nights (**beginning February 28**), 8:00 pm on Zoom.*

*Zoom meeting link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85315442428>*

*Phone number: 1 312 626 6799, Meeting ID: 853 1544 2428*

**Midweek Mass (Rite 1) at St. Mary's Crystal Lake**

*Wednesdays, noon, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Crystal Lake.*

**Simple Supper and Stations of the Cross at St. Ann's, Woodstock**

*Details: Thursdays, 6 pm, St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Woodstock*

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**Holy Week**

**Palm Sunday at St. Paul's**

10:30 am

**Maundy Thursday, April 6**

St. Ann's, Woodstock

Agape Meal 6:00 pm, Service 7:00 pm

**Good Friday, April 7**

Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

St. Paul's, 12:00 pm

Good Friday Service at FUMC, 7:00 pm

Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy

St. Mary's, Crystal Lake at 6:30 pm

**Saturday, April 8**

Easter Vigil at St. Ann's, Woodstock, 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday at St. Paul's**

**10:30 am**

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**St. Paul's Prayer List**

***Week of March 19 - March 25***

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, and Jerry

**Current prayers:** Rory, Bonnie, Jane, Jimmy, Cindy, Todd, Justine, Bobbi, Terry, Mike, and Patty

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

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Abigail Lukas (Mar 25)

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Cartoon by Rev. Bill McLemore

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**Questions or concerns?**

Please contact our church office.

**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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