



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



March 22, 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



## 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.



## For all the Saints

### **Blessed James DeKoven, 1831-1879**



James DeKoven was born in Middletown, Connecticut in 1831. At the age of 12 he composed an Epiphany hymn and at the age of 15 published a book of poems. He was valedictorian of his class at General Theological Seminary in 1854. Upon graduation he accepted the position of chair of Ecclesiastical History at Nashotah House Seminary in Wisconsin.

DeKoven was rector of St. John Chrysostom in Delafield, Wisconsin and warden of St. John's Hall, a prep school designed to prepare boys to enter seminary.

- At the age of 28, he left Nashotah House and became the Warden of the newly-reorganized college in Racine. Under his leadership, Racine College became the most distinguished school of higher education west of the Alleghenies.
- In 1868, DeKoven was elected deputy to the General Convention for the Milwaukee Diocese. This convention marked the onset of three years of ritualist controversy that included processional crosses, candles, colored vestments, and reverences to the altar.
- In 1871 the House of Bishops introduced canonical change that would limit ritual to "the Canons of the Church of England agreed upon in 1603." DeKoven ridiculed those Canons stating they required clergymen to wear high button shoes and black night caps." He went on to argue that too much reverence on the part of clergymen was not the issue; as most were "very wretchedly and dreadfully irreverent."
- The House of Bishops ended by passing an even worse Canon prohibiting any act of reverence that might imply a belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Sacrament.
- Again DeKoven argued, "I believe in the Real, Actual Presence of our Lord, under the form of bread and wine, upon the altars of our churches...because I see, hidden behind all material forms, Him, my own Savior, Whom I believe in, and love, and adore..."
- With regard to candles at the altar, DeKoven said, "...they typify here on earth the seven lamps of fire which burn before the throne of God, which no Canons and no General Convention can ever put out; for there, there is the worship of heaven!"
- With this work and similar work at the 1874 Convention, DeKoven became the central figure in the Church, but at a price. His supporters attempted to have him elected bishop in five different dioceses and in every instance his opponents blocked the attempts.
- DeKoven declined several prestigious calls from Trinity Church, NYC, Church of the Advent, Boston and St. Mark's, Philadelphia. He stated, "Much as I would like to accept, I shall never leave Racine. My duty is here."
- In the winter of 1879, he fell on the ice outside the Milwaukee Cathedral and sustained a broken ankle. He lay in the street, unable to summon help for nearly an hour. Four weeks later, seated in his wheelchair he died suddenly from a heart attack.

- DeKoven's Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by the Bishop of Milwaukee. A huge crowd gathered including eight bishops. DeKoven left Racine College everything he owned.
- DeKoven's shrine is on the grounds of the DeKoven Center in Racine, Wisconsin.

*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, 7:00 pm

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

10:30 am

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## **St. Paul's Prayer List**

**Week of March 26 - April 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, 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

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"I am afraid our new priest  
is losing his mind... Sunday he said that the day before  
Good Friday is Monday Thursday!"

*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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