



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



March 29, 2023

***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

Palm Sunday Coffee & Conversation

Please note, this Sunday, Palm Sunday, we will not have Coffee and Conversation. At the close of our worship we will read the Passion Narrative and then leave the church in silence. We will resume our Coffee and Conversation on Easter Sunday. Thank you.

Holy Week at St. Paul's

**Palm Sunday, April 2
10:30 am**

**Good Friday, April 7
Stations of the Cross and Good Friday Liturgy
11:00 am**

**Easter Sunday, April 9
10:30 am**

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal and Service

**April 6 at St. Ann's, Woodstock
Agape Meal 6:00 pm, Service 7:00 pm**

If you are planning to attend, please let the office know so we can give an account to St. Ann's for meal planning.



Our next outing will be Thursday, April 13. Please note the date change! We'll gather at Brunch Cafe at 11:30. See you there!

United Women of Faith Field Trip Thursday, April 13

The UWF of 1st United Methodist are going on a field trip to Olive Tap in Crystal Lake to learn the health benefits of olive oil and to sample different oils and vinegars. The time is 10:00. Let Pat Wilson (patmwilson72@comcast.net) or Karen Doran (kdoran48@aol.com) know if you are attending, so the Olive Tap can adequately prepare. This invite is open to all.

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 John Donne, 1572-1631

John Donne was born a Catholic during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I. He was educated at home under Catholic tutors until the age of 12 when he entered Hart Hall, Oxford. He left three years later as he was not willing to take the Oath of Supremacy which recognized Queen Elizabeth as the Supreme Head of the Church of England. However, by 1568 he decided to conform to the Church of England and became the private secretary to the Lord Chancellor, Sir Thomas Egerton.

- Donne was on his way to a remarkable diplomatic career when he made the strategic error of secretly marrying the underage niece of the Chancellor's wife. Donne was fired and thrown into prison. The best man and priest were also imprisoned.
- Then followed years of scant employment opportunities. Donne, his wife and growing family (one child per year), lived in poverty, relying on the charity of friends.
- Donne took up writing satirical and controversial essays to support his family. His writing brought him to the attention of the Bishop of Durham, Sir Robert Drury, and King James.
- He attended to the King in the year after Queen Elizabeth died and he and the King became friends. King James pointedly suggested that Donne be ordained, and finally, after three years of delaying, he allowed himself to be ordained in 1614. He was immediately given the post of royal chaplain.
- Donne thanked God for his experience of poverty which he stated gave him the opportunity to feed on God in his Sacrament. His conversion was deep and sincere and soon he became famous for his preaching.
- In 1615, Donne visited Cambridge to discover the King had arranged for him to be awarded the degree of Doctor of Divinity.
- That same year, his wife died leaving him with seven surviving children. Donne took an oath to 'never bring his children under the subjection of a step-mother'. He kept his oath and never married again. His children were cared for by his mother. The loss of his much-loved wife brought him to a new depth of spirituality.
- In 1621, the King made Donne the Dean of Saint Paul's Cathedral in London. He preached there, at the royal court and all the major festivals. His preaching became famous nationwide. He was easily credited with being the greatest preacher of the age.
- On February 12, 1631, the first Friday in Lent, Donne, although grievously ill, preached his final sermon before the King.
- Although a man of the church, he is perhaps best known for his poetry. His poem "For Whom the Bell Tolls" is one of his most well-known works.

*Each man's death diminishes me,
For I am involved in mankind.
Therefore, send not to know
For whom the bell tolls,
It tolls for thee.*

- John Donne died on March 31 and was buried in Saint Paul's. His monument, and his alone, survived the Great Fire of London in 1666.

Deacon Deborah Lang

Lenten Opportunities

Centering Prayer

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

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Details: Tuesday nights 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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Saturday, April 8
Easter Vigil at St. Ann's, Woodstock, 7:00 pm

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10:30 am

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of April 2 - April 8

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



"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

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

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Tuesday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Thursday 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

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