



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
McHenry, IL



January 24, 2024

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

***Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/ 82777413949](https://zoom.us/j/82777413949)***

Meeting ID: 827 7741 3949  
To dial in: 312-626-6799

**All are welcome!**

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**Annual Parish Meeting  
Last Sunday, January 21**

Thanks to all who attended our Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday. We enjoyed Jeff's chili and other goodies, and participated in discussions about the future of St. Paul's, St. Mary's, and St. Ann's. Going forward, there will be a special coffee hour each month to keep the parish informed. Please let the office know if you were unable to attend and would like a copy of the annual report. **Welcome to Patrice Braun as our new Senior Warden and Marilyn Bell coming on board to the vestry!**

Beth Lukas read this closing prayer at our meeting:

**In Times of Transition**

*God of Love,*

*You are with us in every transition and change.*

*As we enter into this new era with excitement and even some anxiety, we recall your deep compassion, presence, and abounding love.*

*We thank you for the gifts, talents, and skills with which you have blessed us.*

*We thank you for the experiences that have brought us to this moment.*

*We thank you for the work of others that gives breadth and depth to our own work.*

*Be with us as we move forward, rejoicing with you and supporting one another.*

*We ask this in your Holy Name. Amen.*

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***From Bishop Paula Clark***

Dear members and leaders of St. Ann, St. Mary, and St. Paul,

As you gather these coming weeks for your annual meetings, my thoughts and prayers are with you. I am so grateful for the good discerning work you are doing around partnering together. Please know that I fully support the possibility of the three churches merging into one congregation with two worshipping locations.

You are paving the way with this innovative discernment, and I greatly appreciate you setting an example for other congregations to follow. Andrea Mysen, Canon to the Ordinary, remains your primary staff contact, and I look forward to hearing more from her and you as your plans progress.

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**Ladies Lunch**

Our next outing will be Thursday, February 1 at 11:30 am. We'll meet at Olive Garden in McHenry. Hope to see you there!

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

Midweek Mass is a simple, spoken service using traditional language (also known as Rite 1). The service begins promptly at noon and lasts around 30 minutes. This is an excellent, simple discipline to help you pause midweek and remember God's work in your life. This service is also a good way to experience a new type of Eucharist if you've never heard a traditional language Mass, or to revisit the traditional-language Eucharists of earlier years if you are a long-time Episcopalian.

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**This Week's Servants**

Reader/usher - Al Robel  
Intercessor - Judy Robel  
Vestry - Judy Robel

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**St. Paul's Prayer List**

***Week of January 28 - February 3***

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.

**Current prayers:** Rory, Bonnie, Jimmy, Cindy, Bill, Willie, and Miguel

**For our MCC Scholarship recipients:** Alyssa, Gavin, Vicente, Sienna, and Yaksi

**For those celebrating birthdays:** Christian Bell (Feb 2)

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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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