



St. Paul's Episcopal Church
McHenry, IL



May 8, 2024

***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!



On Saturday, May 4, members of St. Paul's (McHenry), St. Mary's (Crystal Lake) and St. Ann's (Woodstock) gathered at the St. Mary's campus for a special parish meeting. More than 100 were in attendance on Saturday, and others cast votes during early voting. The voting members of the three parishes overwhelmingly adopted the resolution that authorizes the consolidation of the three parishes into a single parish with two campuses: one in Woodstock (St. Ann's) and one in Crystal Lake (St. Mary's).

Pending diocesan approval and filing with the Illinois Secretary of State's office, **the consolidation will take effect on January 1, 2025.**

Election Results by Parish

St. Paul's, McHenry

(23 eligible voters)

Yes: 23

No: 0

Abstain: 0

St. Mary's, Crystal Lake

(55 eligible voters)

Yes: 53

No: 0

Abstain: 2

St. Ann's, Woodstock

(82 eligible voters)

Yes: 78

No: 1

Abstain: 3

Participation of our voting members was very high: only 5 voters abstained or were unable to vote out of 160 voters. Thank you for your participation in this important decision!

What happens next?

In the short term, not much will change. Worship will continue at all three parishes, as usual, and we will continue our programs and outreach. There will be occasional times when we will gather for shared events, like worship or social gatherings (just like we do already). Mostly, though, **we stay focused on following Jesus and serving God's people.**

In the meantime:

- The results of this election will be shared with the Bishop's Office and Diocesan Convention in November. At the convention, we will be admitted as a new parish (effective January 1).
- The chancellors (attorneys) of the diocese will work with the leadership of our parishes on the legal paperwork to consolidate the parishes into a single legal entity.
- Later this year, other groups will work on the logistics of the transition as we prepare for January 1.

The clergy and vestries will make every effort to keep the congregations informed along the way. Please feel free to reach out with questions or comments.

A Prayer

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to thee, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly thine, utterly dedicated unto thee; and then use us, we pray thee, as thou wilt, and always to thy glory and the welfare of thy people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer, p. 832)



Coming up in June

FUMC will again host a Lifeline Screening Event on Thursday, June 20. A series of 4 screenings are available for \$149. For more information and to register, call 1-800-640-5307 or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC.

St. Ann's & St. Mary's Newsletter

St. Ann's, Woodstock and St. Mary's, Crystal Lake send out a combined newsletter each week. If you'd like to subscribe, [click here](#). This will take you to the website where you can see past newsletters and be put on the mailing list.

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. **Midweek Mass will continue through May 15 and will pick up again in the fall.**

St. Paul's Prayer List

Week of May 12 - May 18

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, Miguel, Judy, Kirby, Jeff, and Al

For our MCC Scholarship recipients: Vicente, Sienna, and Yaksi

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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