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CATHOLIC CHURCH

January 8, 2023 • The Epiphany of the Lord



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POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

APRIL 16, 1927 – DECEMBER 31, 2022

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IN MEMORIAM

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD • JANUARY 8, 2023

INTRODUCTORY RITES

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Lumen Christi Missal (LCM) pg. 1085

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We Three Kings (SMH) #822

ORDER OF MASS

LCM pgs. 804–809

KYRIE

Deutsch Messe; Franz Schubert (1797–1828)

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have
mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have
mer - cy, have mer - cy.

GLORY TO GOD

Deutsch Messe

Glo - ry, glo - ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to
peo - ple of good will. We praise you, we bless you,
we a - dore you, we glo - ri - fy you, we give you thanks for
your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav - en - ly King, O
God, al - might - y Fa - ther. Lord Je - sus Christ,
On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us; you take a - way the sins of the world, re -
ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed at the right
hand of the Fa - ther, have mer - cy on us. For you a - continued...

lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the
 Fa-ther. A-men. A-men.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE READINGS OF THE DAY

LCM pgs. 77–79

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72 (71):2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Setting: Adam Bartlett (b. 1983)

Ord, eve-ry nation on earth will a-dore you.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION HYMN

What Star is This; SMH #827

SANCTUS

Deutsch Messe

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
 hosts. Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly
 Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are
 full, full of your glo-ry. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

MEMORIAL ACCLIMATION

Deutsch Messe



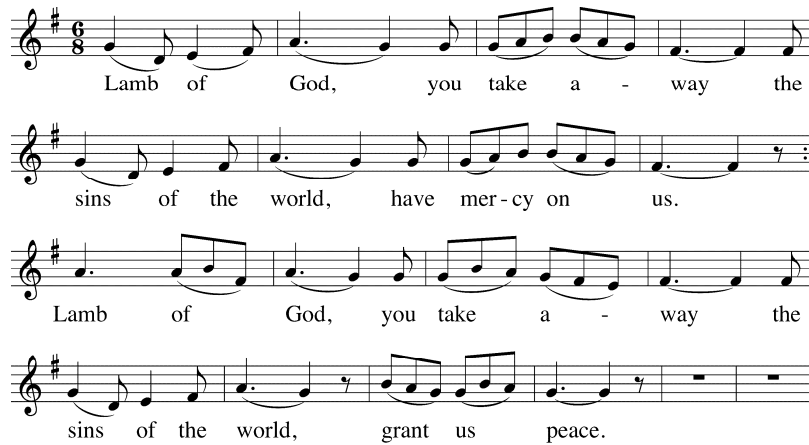
We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro -
fess your Res-ur-rec - tion, we pro-claim your Death, O
Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

THE COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer and the Sign of the Peace

AGNUS DEI

Deutsch Messe



Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world, grant us peace.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Mt 2:2 Setting: Adam Bartlett



IV
W E have seen his star in the East, and have come
with gifts to a-dore the Lord.

COMMUNION HYMN

The First Noel; SMH #780

THE CONCLUDING RITES

RECESSIONAL HYMN

As With Gladness Men of Old; SMH #435



Mass Schedule

Monday/Wednesday/Thursday
8:00am and 5:15pm

Tuesday
6:45am, 8:00am and 5:15pm

Friday
6:45am and 8:00am

Saturday
8:30 a.m. and 5:00pm (Vigil)

Sunday – Church
6:45, 8:30, and 10:30am
12:30 and 7:00pm

Tridentine (Latin) Mass
4:30pm

Sunday – Holy Family Chapel
9:00am
(Labor Day to Memorial Day)

Reconciliation/ Confession Schedule

Held in Holy Family Chapel
Located in the Ministry Center

Monday
4:15pm - 5:15pm

Thursday
11:00am - 12 noon

Saturday
3:00pm - 5:00pm

**NO CONFESSIONS ON
Monday, January 16**

Eucharistic Adoration Schedule

Held in the St. Francis Eucharistic
Adoration Chapel
Located in the St. Paul Center

Open to all:
Monday – Friday
8:00am-6:00pm

Saturday
8:00am – 3:00pm

Access code needed after hours.

Parish Office Hours

Monday to Friday
8:30am - 4:30pm

**The Parish Office is closed for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
On Monday, January 16**



Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 8

6:45am: People of Saints Peter & Paul Parish

8:30am: † Rose Powers

10:30am † Anna Koza

12:30pm † Dale Knox

4:30pm: † Faustino Almaraz, Jr

7:00pm: † Margaret Thompson

Holy Family Chapel

9:00am: † Charles Weidenbach

Monday, January 9

8:00am † Costinel Barbarasa

5:15pm † Raymond DeBoth

Tuesday, January 10

6:45am: Intentions of Jay Albarran

8:00am: † Michael Bonas

5:15pm: † Edward "Jerry" Byrne

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am: David & Christine Rechenmacher

5:15pm: † Tyler Hunt

Thursday, January 12

8:00am: † Isabel Aquino

5:15pm: † Joseph Letizia

Friday, January 13

6:45am: † LaVerne Porsche

8:00am: † Paul Owen

Saturday, January 14

8:30am † Sophie C Macikas

5:00pm: † Robert Hilz

Sunday, January 15

6:45am: † Crispin Almazan

8:30am: † Barbara Odenkirk & † Jean Mann

10:30am † Pamela Walker

12:30pm † Elizabeth Griffin

4:30pm: † Faustino Almaraz, Jr

7:00pm: † Chuck Karolek

Holy Family Chapel

9:00am: † Bill Reid



Readings for the Week

Monday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38; Ps 29:1-4,
9-10; Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday

Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9;
Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday

Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45

Friday

Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8;
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17

Sunday

Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3;
Jn 1:29-34



Vocation Prayer Calendar

- 8 Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil C.M.I.
Fr. Jose Kadukunnel C.M.I.
Fr. Joseph Kappilumakkal Mathai
C.M.I. Fr. Thomas Theneth C.M.I.
- 9 Seminarian Dcn. Jared Rutnicki
- 10 Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary
Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen
Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA
- 11 Fr. Vernon Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- 12 Fr. Daniel Bachner, Fr. Raed Bader
- 13 Sr. Mary Bratsovsky, Sr. Johanna
Choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB
- 14 Seminarian Andrew Bogusz
- 15 Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene
Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday: The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday: First Week in Ordinary Time
Friday: St. Hilary
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



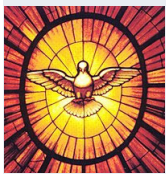
Prayer Intentions

THE SICK

Please remember in your prayers the following people who are seriously ill, and others who are suffering with long-term or terminal illnesses:

Yahir Resendiz Arguello	Grace Humphrey	Ramona Race
Judy Askew	Andy Indressano	Ray Ritter
Maria Balcita	Anthony Inzerillo	Lisa Roberts
Jeanette Barczak	Susan Isaac	Madeline Rott
Hyacinth Bracken	Chris Johnson	Donna Ryan
Kathy Brown	Diane Janovayk	Mary Sagen
Angie Brown	Jenny Kim	Pilar Salazar
Chris Bruni	Sue Koopman	Margaret Shachter
Edward Bruni	Edmund Kurzawa	Paul Sobczak
Judith Buonassissi	Nick Loyd	Amalraj Santigu
Marybeth Cesare	Tony Manzella	Jeanette Steiner
Julie Chard	Joseph Marchese	Eleanor Syoen
Joe Condon	Matilda Marchese	Don Tadda
Kathy Condon	Mike Marra	Thea Tennison
Michael Condon	Sam Marra	Carroll Treacy
Daniel Crowley	Lori McCambrey	Joann Tintera
Nancy Dabish	Jeanette McCann	Sharon Tworek
Carmen DePoalo	Kathy McConaghy	Abraham Verdiano
Finley Edgar	Callie Lauren Moore	Sonja Vogel
Margaret Egan	Luca Morreale	Katherine Vucmic
Katherine Evans	Bob Mucerino	Matthew Weidner
Jack D'Angelo	Samuel Mulay	Jim Weidner
Robert Gabler	Tracy Murphy	Maurice Willis
Tricia Gannon	Ursula Pasquerella	Pam Willis
Ken Garhan	Olivia Pate	Debra Wold
Dominick Gervasi	Ronan Perich	Bob Woulf
Roberta Grimes	Carolyn Preston	David Wulffe
Penny Holtz	Tom Priz	Georgette Wurster
Bob Hoole	Frank Prucha	

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DECEASED



We offer sympathy and the promise of our prayers to the family and friends of:
*Anna Mae Posejpal, Diane Pedersen,
Shirley Elizabeth Zyks and
Christine Flowers Sommerfeldt*

PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In your hands, O Lord, we humbly entrust our brothers and sisters. In this life you embraced them with your tender love; deliver them now from every evil and bid them eternal rest.

The old order has passed away: welcome them into paradise, where there will be no sorrow, no weeping or pain, but fullness of peace and joy with your Son and the Holy Spirit forever and ever. *Amen*

MASS PETITIONS & BULLETIN

If you would like to have the name of a family member or friend included in the Petition for the Sick, read at weekend Masses, please call the Parish Office by 9:00am on Friday.

Please make sure you have permission from the person you want listed, before you call us to add their name. We will add your loved one's name to the bulletin sick list the following weekend. If you add a name at Mass, please follow-up with a phone call to the Parish Office on Monday so the name can be included on the sick list in the bulletin. Call the Parish Office at 630-718-2110 to add to or remove someone from the sick list. Any names received after 9:00am on Friday will be included in the following weekend's prayers. Names will be kept on for three months unless otherwise noted.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER OUR MEN AND WOMEN SERVING IN THE MILITARY

U.S. Air Force

Sgt. Cory Bassett
Staff Sgt. Joseph Burns
2nd Lt. Daniel Caddigan
Lt. Col. Frank Girdwain
Lt. Theodore M. Jackson
Master Sgt. Mike McDonnell
Sgt. Zachary McKenty
Sr. Airman Patrick Neis
Sr. Airman Daniel Shea
Sr. Airman Amanda Shea
Sgt. Dan Steenstra

U.S. Army

PFC Sam Allard
PVT Justin Bielefeld
Captain Michael Caddigan
Major John J. Case
Major Sydney Case
Major Eileen Cassidy
Major Mary Cassidy
Major Tom Crane
SPC Joshua Adam Demerin
Col. Edward Fisher
2nd Lt. Matthew Quinton Frame
Sgt. Nick Gedvilas
Major Thomas E. Goerling
SPC Jarred Hampton
Lt. Col. Sean Hermick
Sgt. Kellen Jones
SPC Mark Keough
Major Stephen Laz
1st Lt. Connor Mulhere
SPC Steven Powell
Lt. Col. Michael Predny
Captain Daniel Rickert
1st Lt. David Rickert
SPEC 4 Harrison Ruzicka
Sgt. 1st Class Pamela Schmecht
SPC John August Sopuch IV
Sgt. Craig Vladika
2nd Lt. Joseph Zolper

U.S. Navy

LCDR Thomas Bock
LCDR Dustin Flaum
Captain Anthony Giglio
Captain Michael Jelinek
LCDR Tom Kuhrt
Commander Chris Kurgan
Lt. Patrick Marsh
SN Jenny McLaughlin
LCDR Caleb Moore
LCDR Kasey Scheel
LCDR Matthew Scheel
Ensign Michael Schmitz

U.S. Marine Corps

CPL BJ Boren
CWO2 John Crites
Major Donald J. Carlsen
Sgt. Richard DiBiao
PFC Jonathon Dragovan
Sgt. Luke Focer
CPL Ryan Goralski
2nd Lt. Eric Hovey
Sgt. Ivan Karamyev
Major Pete Keough
LCPL Matthew Prasse
LCPL Thomas Dakota Reber
Corporal Luke Russell
Corporal Joseph Taylor
Private Chris Vazquez

U.S. Air National Guard

Major Scott Paeth

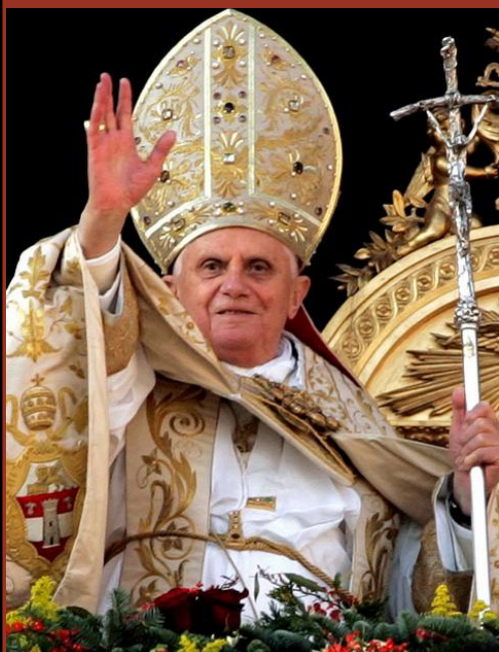
U.S. Coast Guard

P.D. John McNellis
B.M.3 Andrew Parent

U.S. Space Force

Major Nick DuPre

To arrange a welcome home for your soldier, contact Donna Morsovillo of Operation Welcome You Home at 630-302-2638 or donna@welcomyouhome.org.



Remembering Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Memorial Mass

Wednesday, January 11

at 5:15pm

Saints Peter & Paul Church

Meet and Greet with Fr. Nestor Mtweve

Saturday, January 7 at 6 p.m.
(after 5 p.m. Mass)

and Sunday, January 8 at 1:30 p.m.
(after 12:30 p.m. Mass)

Hear a short presentation on Tanzania in the Social Hall,
including Fr. Brad's 2022 visit and the ongoing projects at the
INUKA Rehabilitation Hospital. Ask Fr. Nestor questions!
Refreshments will be served.



**THIS
WEEKEND**





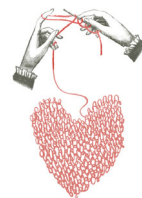
YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH GATHERING JANUARY 9

Join the YAH Group

at Noon on the 2nd Monday of each month
for a buffet lunch at Golden Corral
4270 East New York Street in Aurora.
We hope to see you there!



Prayer Shawl Ministry



We will meet on January 11 at 10:00AM in
the St. Paul Center. Please join us!
For more information, please contact
Paulette Shea 630-718-2127

Nourish is for anyone
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NEXT TOPIC REALITIES OF STRESS & LEARNING TO COPE

Thursday, January 19
7:00pm

All Welcome
No charge to attend
No reservation
needed

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Cloud of Witnesses

A Catholic Series on the Saints



NEXT SESSION
January 12
St. John Fisher
English

Each Thursday evening will include an optional
potluck from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Ministry Center's
Social Hall. The dinner themes will center around the
ethnicity of the saint. From 7 to 8:15 p.m., dessert will
be served along with small- and large-group discussion
about the featured saint.

UPCOMING SESSIONS

Feb 2	St. Teresa Benedicta	German/Jewish
Mar 2	St. Catherine of Siena, Part 1	Italian
Apr 20	St. Catherine of Siena, Part 2	Italian



Visit [QRCO.DE/SSPPCW](https://qrc0.de/ssppcw)
or scan the QR code
to sign up for the session

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*The Parish Office will
be closed on
Monday, January 16 for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.*

*There will be
NO CONFESSIONS
On Monday, January 16*

FISHERS OF MEN



Confronting the Man Within

*Are you the man others think you are?
Are you the man God invites you to be?
Do you compromise with evil?
Do you desire to master your sinfulness
and conquer your pride?*

*Saturday, January 14, 2023
Saints Peter and Paul Ministry Center*

*Come and hear about one man's story of confronting
the man within; of recognizing that Christ came to call
sinners, not the self-righteous, and of experiencing the
power of Mary, our Lady of Sorrows.*

*If you cannot join us in person a Zoom link will be
emailed this week. Email us (see below) if you
want to be added to our contact list.*

AGENDA

6:30am: Welcome, Fraternity and Prayer Need Requests
6:45am: Rosary
7:15am: Talk Theme: **Honestly and Confidently Confronting
the Man Within**
7:35am: Small-group discussions
8:05am: Wrap up
8:15am: Closing prayer
8:30am: Daily Mass at Saints Peter and Paul
Bring your own coffee and reflection guide (see email).

*Fellowship of Authentic Catholic Men Following Christ,
Leading Families to Heaven!*

New men welcomed every week!

Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, pray for us!
fishersofmensspp@gmail.com

Saint Vincent de Paul



The magi followed the light and found the Savior of the world. The magi searched, encountered, worshiped him and offered gifts. The magi demonstrated how Christianity must always show "faith in action." Believing always plays itself out in living. The pattern of our lives is that of the magi: seek, encounter, homage, self-giving. An important lesson here for living is that authentic homage (worship) naturally leads to living in the Light. Worship, then, is more than what happens in church on Sunday. It is the light of our own selves that shines throughout our weekdays, witnessing to our own encounters with the Light. Our very lives must proclaim our faith. (Living Liturgy, p.36)

Inspired by Gospel values, the Society of Saint Vincent dePaul, a Catholic lay organization, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those who are needy and suffering in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and its patron, Saint Vincent de Paul. *Call 630-718-2127 to learn more or to request assistance.*

Faithful Fathers "F2"

Faithful Fathers ("F2") - A Group for Fathers who have school-aged children.



Join other dads and Fr. Mike McMahon for 15 minutes of intercession and adoration; then, hang out with us and socialize!

January 12, 2023
**In the Holy Family Chapel
in the Ministry Center**

Please RSVP to f2.sspp@gmail.com

Join other dads and Fr. Mike McMahon for 15 minutes of intercession and adoration; then hang out with us and socialize!

Take a break, and build new friendships!

AGENDA

7:00 pm: Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament (in the Holy Family Chapel)
7:15 pm: Socialize at the rectory garage, brief talk by Fr. Mike
8:30 pm: Wrap up

St. Joseph, pray for us!

Please email f2.sspp@gmail.com to be added to our contact list.

ADORATION CHAPEL

COME ADORE HIM

St. Francis Adoration Chapel

All are welcome!

Please come visit our Lord Jesus and stay for a while! Consider joining this beautiful and special ministry!

Perpetual Adoration—Monday
8:00am—Saturday 3:00pm

Access code is not needed during the following hours:

Monday—Friday 8:00am-6:00pm

Saturday 8:00am-3:00pm

Contact Kathy with questions or to sign up adorerkd@gmail.com or 630-818-7897.

VESPERS on THURSDAYS at 6pm

Join us in the St. Francis Eucharistic Adoration Chapel every Thursday evening starting at 6:00 p.m. for evening prayer of praise and thanksgiving!

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING

We sincerely thank everyone for their generosity and support.

Please note the next parish sacrificial giving update will appear in the January 15, 2023 bulletin.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRAY THE ROSARY

- Mondays – 2:00pm Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet at Planned Parenthood in Aurora, For information call Deacon Joe Verdico at 630-718-2155.
- Tuesdays after 5:15pm Mass in the church
- Wednesdays after 8:00am Mass – Rosary for Life.
- First Saturdays after the 8:30am Mass

Youth Group

**Sundays 6 to 8 p.m.
Saint Paul Center**

Bring a friend!

Our nights include prayer, scripture, large and small group discussions, games, activities, and so much more.

**Encounter God,
make new friends,
and have fun!**



To see what we are doing this Sunday and beyond, check out our webpage: sspeterandpaul.net/high-school-youth-ministry

Questions? Contact Daniel Obendorf
dobendorf@sspeterandpaul.net, 630-718-2154

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 8
9:00am – 1:00PM
MINISTRY CENTER**

Sign Up To Receive Our Emails

Visit www.sspeterandpaul.net and click on the sign-up link at the bottom of the page. Receiving our emails will keep you up-to-date on the latest Saints Peter and Paul happenings. You will also receive our online bulletin.

Open House

Preschool to 8th Grade

Sunday, January 29

1:30–2:30 p.m.

2023–2024 Enrollment Dates

Current Families 01/06/2023
SSPP Parishioners 01/20/2023
Non-Parishioners 02/03/2023

Fill out an admissions interest form, attend the January Open House, or schedule a tour of our beautiful school campus.



201 E. Franklin Ave., Naperville, IL 60540
630-355-0113 | sspeterandpaulschool.com



Saints Peter and Paul Religious Education



CONFIRMATION RETREAT REMINDER!

The Confirmation retreat for Confirmation 2 students is **Saturday, January 28, from 9:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Ministry Center.** The retreat is mandatory for all students planning on being confirmed this spring.

Religious Education Confirmation students were busy during the last class before Christmas break. Confirmation 1 students painted “Kindness Rocks” to be used in the future prayer garden in front of the Ministry Center. ➤



Confirmation 2 students made “Saint Tins,” depicting their chosen Confirmation saint. ▼





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JOIN THE DIOCESAN MISSION TRIP TO THE NAVAJO NATION IN JUNE

The Diocese of Joliet is pleased to announce its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 3-16 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

"It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson.

The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during 2020 and 2021 because of the coronavirus pandemic. The trip resumed this past summer.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 or Jan. 18 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.

'MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID' COURSE @ ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mental health crises in today's world are probably just as common as physical emergencies like heart attacks. Would you be able to recognize such a crisis or know how to help a person struggling with a mental illness or a substance use disorder?

"Mental Health First Aid," a course offering valuable information about what to do in such situations, will be offered from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville.

The program includes tips on how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. Participants also will learn basic skills needed to reach out and provide initial support to someone who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and to help connect that individual with appropriate care.

After completing a two-hour, self-paced online class, participants will meet, in person with an instructor, in a six- to seven-hour class at the church that will include breaks. Instructors include Diane McQueen, a member of the Linden Oaks Hospital Mental Health First Aid Consortium that is sponsoring the course. Linden Oaks Hospital is a partner of Edward-Elmhurst Healthcare.

Cost of the program is \$26.18. Continuing Education Units also are available. Registration is required by Monday, Jan. 16. For more information about "Mental Health First Aid," contact Diane McQueen at dmcqueen@stapostle.org.

There is hope.



If you or someone you know needs support now, call or text **988** or chat **988lifeline.org**

988 SUICIDE & CRISIS
LIFELINE



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Bishop Hicks' Column



January 2023: Peace be with you

Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a "peace pole" on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace. The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth
Peace for our Nation
Peace within our Church
Peace in our Hearts

As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on January 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: "We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater

community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavour to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word "peace" is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the "Our Father," the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus' message throughout the Gospels, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a "peaceful" place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let's begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to "go in peace." And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, "Thanks be to God!" ✝



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