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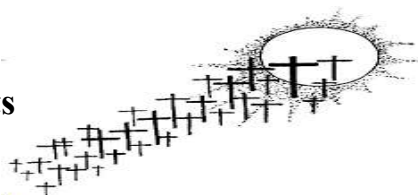
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We are called together by the Holy Spirit around Word and sacraments to glorify God the Father, creator of all things, through our Lord Jesus Christ. We trust God to nurture lives of faith and hope, as we serve and give witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Festival of All Saints November 1st



The Congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul remembers the following persons who have passed to their eternal rest since All Saints Sunday, 2023 listed here in chronological order of their death dates:

- +Annette Kozik+
- +Milan Oklepek+
- +Anita Horak+
- +Robert Kavicky+
- +Anna Gavac+
- +Mary Sordel+
- +Joshua Nardulli+
- +Dolores "Dolly" Krc+
- +Mary Frances Mason+
- +Helen Gaydusek+

On the Sunday of the Festival of All Saints, November 3rd, a table will be placed at the front of the nave near the lectern. On that day, worshipers who wish to do so may light a votive candle in memory of a deceased loved one to commemorate their dwelling among the saints who have gone before us. This invitation is especially offered to those who have had a loved one(s) pass away during the last year.

Still, Small Voice

"We do not have to look about us very far or for very long to realize the disastrous effects produced on the inner life of [humanity] by this age of noise. Spun about in the whirl of busyness, enslaved to countless technical inventions, [humanity] is severed from God and from the world of the spirit. *Non in commotione Deus*: God does not dwell in turbulence. To find [God], there must be calm within; certain senses must be hushed. Tossed around as we are, if God wishes to speak to us, [God's] voice, small and still, will be lost in the hubbub of our daily lives; the rackets and noise drowning our minds will prevent [God's] penetration into that seclusion we call 'heart'—the living witness of that life in us which is most sacred and most true: the life we call 'inner' or 'spiritual'" (Benedictine Jean Dechanet in his volume entitled *Christian Yoga*).



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posted at our website
and can be accessed at:
www.stspeterandpaulriverside.org.

Thanksgiving Day

November 28th at 10:15 a.m.

A Service of the Word and Prayers of Thanksgiving

*The monetary offering will benefit
the Chicago Food Depository.*

Dr. Bob's Humility Prayer

Humility is perpetual quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble. It is never to be fretted or vexed, irritable or sore; to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised, it is to have a blessed home in myself where I can go in and shut the door and kneel to my Father in secret and be at peace, as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and about is seeming trouble.

**Outdoor Worship with Blessing of Pets
in Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi
Sunday, October 6th**



Shown above, from top to bottom. receiving prayers of blessing and thanksgiving: "Leroy," "Obi Wan," "Bob," and "Cal" with others not shown.

Address changes...

Timothy Sender
30W008 Willow Lane
Warrenville, IL 60555-1025

David and Jenny McShane
2662 Sanford Road
Nolensville, TN 37135-9421

Memorials and Honorariums

♣ For the Church ♣

Al and Nancy Brower, in memory of cousin +Bob Kavicky+. In loving memory of beloved father and grandfather +William Stastny+ on the anniversary of his death by remembering daughter Audrey Bucz, grandson Brian Bucz, and granddaughter Adrienne Gana.
Ken and Carol Morydz, in memory of parents +Steve+ and +Irene H. Boor+.
Saturday Morning Intensive Big Book Study for facility usage.
Diane and Ben McGee, in memory of father +Steve Podzamsky+ on his 95th birthday on October 21st, 2024.
Music Studios at Sts. Peter and Paul for facility usage.

September 2024	
Current, Benevolence and Freewill Offering	
<i>Budgeted Offering: \$2,615.00</i>	
<u>Date</u>	<u>Offering</u>
9/1	\$1,995.00
9/8	\$2,260.00
9/15	\$1,380.00
9/22	\$ 565.00
9/29	\$2,120.00

November Announcements

- ★ The 2025 offering envelopes will be ready for pick up on December 6th in the lower hallway adjacent to the dining hall. Please pick up envelopes for friends or relatives. If you would like to have your envelopes mailed to you, please contact Karen in the church office.
- ★ If you will be leaving the Chicago area during the winter months for warmer climates, please notify the church office before then so the monthly newsletter can be forwarded to your temporary residence or cancelled until you return. The congregation incurs a fee for each newsletter that is undeliverable. Stopped mail delivery to your permanent residence is considered "undeliverable" and returned to the church for a fee. Thank you for your assistance.
- ★ A reminder to the congregation, especially during the months of winter weather, that complimentary cab service is available on Sunday morning for rides to and from worship services. Please contact Blue Village Cab Company at (708) 583-6900 as early as possible to make arrangements for pick up. When arranging your pick-up, please remind the dispatcher that the ride is to be billed to account number #101755.

NOVEMBER

Nov. 5: Jessica Drahos Collin Sender	Nov. 15: Kelly Jones
Nov. 7: Ashley Mazur	Nov. 18: Vincent Smith
Nov. 8: Philip Painter	Nov. 19: Abby Collins
Nov. 9: Jennifer Smith	Nov. 21: Joseph Decosola, Jr.
Nov. 10: John Vercimak	Nov. 23: Kristi Skudrna
Nov. 13: Ivan Durkovic Mary Ann Waychunas	Nov. 29: Mildred Londak Ty Smith
Nov. 14: Gino Decosola Dale Hawes	Nov. 30: Jacob Czerak

Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 7, 1992: Vlado and Agnes Vercimak
November 10, 2012: James and Anne Marie D'Alexander
November 23, 1984: Gary and Annette Tapak



If you would like to order a poinsettia to help decorate the chancel of the sanctuary for the Christmas liturgies, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the dining hall beginning Sunday, November 24th. You may also contact the church office to place your order. The cost per plant is \$17. The deadline for payment and sign-up is Wednesday, December 18th.

**Let's keep this sanctuary... a sanctuary:
warm and welcoming, safe and sound.**



Christmas Eve 2023

The autumn chill is a reminder of several facility needs to keep the sanctuary and building warm and welcoming as well as safe and sound during the coming months of winter and in the years ahead. The most important and pressing projects include the following:

Heating system repairs...

A section of heating pipe embedded in the second floor on the west side of the building adjacent to the gym needs to be replaced. Presently, a valve is turned off to prevent continued water damage but this leaves sections of this level, including the offices, without heat.

Looking ahead, we hope to expand the heating system in the gym which was shut off some years ago due to similar leakage and followed by a very partial replacement of baseboard units at the north end.

Sanctuary smoke detectors...

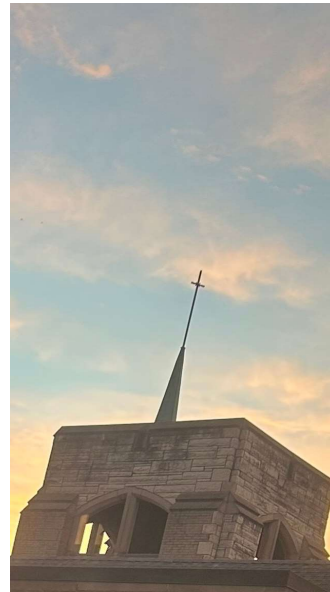
Smoke detectors, or this section of the system, located in the peak of the high arched ceiling of the sanctuary need to be replaced. This is a project which has needed attention for many years and which may require expensive installation of scaffolding.

Tuckpointing and masonry work...

Thoroughgoing tuckpointing of the building began with the east face in 2018 following the celebration of the sixtieth year in Riverside and continuing in the summer of 2023 on the northside. The completion of this work remains to be done on the west and south faces of the exterior, including ongoing safety measures to secure the limestone facade on the bell tower.

Why not start today?

The Congregation Council hopes to have more detailed descriptions and cost estimates for you as we approach the season of giving thanks and end-of-the-year donations. You may begin doing so today by using any of the following options for making your thank-offerings for the well-being of this house of worship:



Bell tower at sunset.

- Mark the "Building Maintenance" box with your gift amount on your set of offering envelopes.
- Send a check or money order by postal mail using the "Memo" line on your check to indicate that your offering is for "building repairs." Memorials and honorariums are always welcomed and appreciated.
- Use Zelle for electronic payments at the following link: donations@stspeterandpaulriverside.org

Thank you in advance for your continuous and faithful support of the congregation at Sts. Peter and Paul and for the mission to which we are called by the Holy Spirit to carry forward together.—*djl*



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Memorial Flowers

Oct. 27th: In memory of mother and grandmother +Betty Zittman+ on the 38th anniversary of her passing today by remembering family Rocky, Tina, and grandchildren.

Oct. 20th: In loving memory of beloved father and grandfather +William Stastny+ on the anniversary of his death by loving daughter Audrey Bucz, grandson Brian Bucz, and granddaughter Adrienne Gana.

News from Riverside Preschool at Sts. Peter and Paul

Happy Thanksgiving! This month we will be talking about Veterans Day, Pilgrims, Indians, and Thanksgiving.

—Lisa Manganiello, Preschool Director

Prayer for Veterans



Dear Lord,

Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety, and our country's heritage, for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

—by Joanna Fuchs

All of Grace

Matthew 20:1-16

*Like sun that shines the same on every face,
both vineyard and the work, the owner's gift.
We learn at end of day it's all of grace.*

*Upon the earth each person has their place
as surely as each star its nightly shift,
and sunlight falls the same on every face.*

*By mercy we're all winners of the race;
by mercy every lowly gets a lift:
by mercy do we learn it's all of grace.*

*God's vineyard spans the globe; there's lots of space
for all who hear God's call to heal its rifts
like sunlight chasing pain from every face.*

*Let none begrudge the width of God's embrace
which reaches from the safe to those adrift.
We learn at end of day it's all of grace.*

*Until our human love can keep apace
with God's, may labour be a sharing of the gift
that shines like sun the same on every face.
At end of day, we praise: it's all of grace.*

—by lectionary poet Andrew King



NOVEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

November 3rd:

Greeter: Ann Kmet
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: Tom Myers
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: John Kostelny

November 10th:

Greeters: Larry Crachy and Karen Kubik
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: John Kostelny
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Janet Broussard

November 17th:

Greeters: Betty Harden and Staci Harden
Assisting Minister: Beverly Tarbox
Lectors: Paul and Carrie Watkiss
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: Rafael Martinez

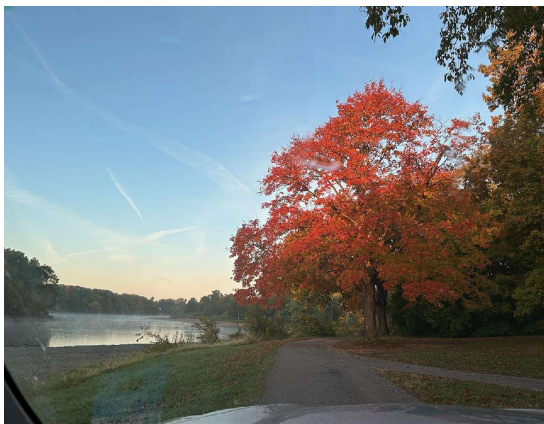
November 24th:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
Assisting Minister: Charles Matthies
Lector: Fred Kuzel
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Walter Cudecki

Thanksgiving Day, November 28th:

Greeters: Fred Kuzel
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: George Valek
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher: Fred Kuzel

Sacristan and Altar Care: Beverly Tarbox



Autumn at Lake Story near Galesburg. Photo by Carolyn Lauritsen Sward.

DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVERS

December 1st:

Greeter: Edward and Joanne Sefara
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: Joanne Sefara
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

December 8th:

Greeter: Betty Harden and Staci Harden
Assisting Minister: Vicki Michaels
Lector: Kristine Boike
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: George Valek

December 15th:

Greeters: Walter and Judith Cudecki
Assisting Minister: John Broussard
Lectors: Gary and Jocelyn Drahos
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Walter Cudecki

December 22nd:

Greeter: John and Shirley Kostelny
Assisting Minister: Carrie Watkiss
Lector: Beverly Tarbox
Live Stream: Fred Kuzel
Usher:

December 24th, Christmas Eve

Greeter: Philip and Linda Painter
Assisting Minister: Beverly Tarbox
Lector: Fred Kuzel
Comm. Ministers: Vicki Michaels and Carrie Watkiss
Live Stream: John Broussard
Usher: Janet Broussard

December 25th, Christmas Day

Greeter: Fred Kuzel
Assisting Minister: Brandon Michaels
Lector: Jane Lauritsen
Live Stream: Charles Matthies
Usher: Fred Kuzel

December 29th:

Greeter: Carrie Watkiss
Assisting Minister: Tom Myers
Lector: J. T. Tarbox
Live Stream: Paul Watkiss
Usher: Rafael Martinez

Sacristans and Altar Care: Jane Lauritsen and Fred Kuzel



Sunday, November 24th
following worship until 2 p.m.

Share this date with your
family, friends and neighbors!

Homemade baked goods drop-off
Saturday, November 23rd
between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

