



St. Paul's Church by-the-Lake

*The Episcopal/Anglican Church
in Rogers Park since 1882*

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The Messenger

February 2024

WELCOME! THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU...

St. Paul's by-the-Lake is a parish family established in Rogers Park in 1882 in the Diocese of Chicago, part of the Anglican Communion of which The Episcopal Church is the American Province. Our worship to the Glory of God is catholic and sacramentally centered in the celebration of the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Jesus, commonly called The Mass. Our mission is evangelical: to bring all persons to the knowledge and love of God, respecting the dignity and freedom of every human being.

THE LITURGY

Sunday (Anglican Service Book)	8:00 am and 10:30 am
Wednesday (Anglican Missal)	10:30 am
Thursday (Anglican Service Book)	6:15 pm

Confession Sunday at 8:45 am

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FROM THE RECTOR

St. Paul's Family,

As we enter into February, we are rapidly approaching Lent. This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14. Please consider this a gentle reminder that although February 14 is also the feast of St. Valentine, it is replaced by the one of two major fasts—Ash Wednesday. There is no dispensation for Valentine's Day—so hold off on the dinner and chocolate until Thursday! Like last year, we will offer two masses for Ash Wednesday. There will be 12:00 noon Mass with imposition of ashes but no homily. This service is geared towards those who may want to come in on their lunch break from work. The 7:00 pm service will be Eucharist with homily and imposition of ashes. **If you are home bound and would like me to bring ashes to you, please let me know!** Starting on Friday, February 16 and going through March 22, there will be Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction at 7:00 pm in the Church. This year, the feast of St. Matthias the Apostle occurs on Saturday, February 24, and Mass will be held at 10:00 am in the Lady Chapel.

Fr. Garland
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PARISH REGISTER

Confirmed Communicants

Congratulations to Anthony Bennett, Jessica Fly, and Kenji Torihara who received the Sacrament of Holy Confirmation by Bishop Martins on January 7, 2024.

Holy Baptism

The next baptismal day will be March 30 at the Easter Vigil. To schedule a baptism, talk to Fr. Garland at least a month in advance.

FEBRUARY HOLY DAYS AND EVENTS

Mardi Gras Coffee Hour

Sunday, February 11 | Following 10:30 am Mass

Gumbo and king cakes will be served! Come feast with us!

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday

Sunday, February 11

We will collect cash donations for our local food pantry, A Just Harvest.

Ash Wednesday Masses

**Wednesday, February 14 | 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm Low Mass
with Imposition of Ashes**

The 12:00 pm Mass will not include a homily. If you would like to make your confession before Lent begins, a priest will be available at the confessional from 11:30-11:45 am and from 6:30-6:45 pm. Note that even though it is Valentine's Day, there is **no** dispensation for eating meat or not fasting on this day. This is one of the two major fast days in the Episcopal Church.

Fridays in Lent

Fridays, February 16 & 23 and March 1, 8, 15, & 22 | 7:00 pm

Join us each Friday of Lent at for Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Sunday in Lent

**Sunday, February 18 | 8:00 am Low Mass with Decalogue
10:30 am Solemn Mass with Great Litany**

Feast of St. Matthias

Saturday, February 24 | 10:00 am Low Mass

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Weekday Masses

Weekday Mass is no longer being offered on Tuesdays. Weekday mass times are Wednesdays at 10:30a and Thursdays at 6:15p.

Women's Lenten Study

Women of St Paul's: Join us Thursday evenings in Lent for Mass and a book discussion! Come for the Thursday 6:15p Mass and then stay for a discussion of *Lent* by Evelyn Underhill. Copies of the book will be provided if you want to join! This program will run Thursday, February 15 through Thursday, March 21. Talk to Amanda Torihara with questions or to get your copy of the book.

Welcome to America Pack

During Lent we will work on putting together a Welcome to America Pack for Exodus World Service. A list of needed items will be posted starting next Sunday and will be collected by Sunday, February 25. When the delivery is scheduled by Exodus we will ask for volunteers to come help with delivery and setup for the arriving refugee family. This will be a meaningful way for us to participate in Lenten almsgiving and is a great way to involve children/families!

Coffee Hour

A new coffee hour sign-up sheet has been posted in the atrium. If you'd like to host coffee hour, please check the sign up for upcoming open Sundays. If you have questions about hosting, please see Amanda Torihara or Polly Zimmerman.

2023 Donation Letters

If you gave financially to St. Paul's in 2023 and have not yet received a proof of donation letter, send an email to our treasurer, Tina Kemp, at finance@stpaulsbythelake.org.

Rector's Study

The Rector's Study has resumed. Classes are held from 9:30 – 10:15a on Sundays in the rector's office. The Rector's Study will read and discuss Fr. Martin Thornton's book, "Christian Proficiency." Father Thornton (1915–1986) was an Anglican priest, mainly serving in the Diocese of Truro in England.

Sunday School

Sunday School takes place at the end of 10:30a mass, in the library on the second floor of the parish house building.

5 years old – 2nd grade: children go up to Sunday School immediately following Communion

3rd grade and up (including altar servers): children go up to Sunday School following Mass

Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Lamps

If you would like to give Altar Flowers or Sanctuary Lamps, send a check to the church with "Flower Fund" in the memo line. Please include a note with the date and the memorial or other occasion, so that we can include that in the bulletin. Flowers are \$60 for 2 Vases, the High Altar Sanctuary Lamp is \$5, and the Chapel Shrine Lamp is \$5. The cost may be split among several people.

Giving

To give to the work and ministry of St. Paul's, use one of these options:

- In person:** during Mass, via the offering plate.
- Online:** Go to our website at www.stpaulsbythelake.org/giving and click on the Donate button. Funds will arrive quickly to St. Paul's.
- Checks by mail:** Mail your checks to the parish office (7100 N Ashland Blvd, Chicago, IL 60626). Checks should be made out to "St. Paul's Church by-the-Lake."
- Bank account bill pay:** Look for this option on your bank's website. Many banks will allow you to set up St. Paul's as a Payee, and then the bank will send your pledge or giving to us ... no stamps necessary!

Additionally, if you are interested in committing an amount for 2024 to the work of St. Paul's Church in our community, this helps our financial planning and is greatly appreciated. You can do so now at our website at www.stpaulsbythelake.org/stewardship.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING SUMMARY

On January 28, we held our annual meeting in the Parish Hall. The agenda included appointments, election of three new vestry members, thanks and appreciations for many within the parish for work and support last year.

New vestry members were elected, with Bertha Nyirenda, Dr. Paul Lartey, and David Roeder elected for '24-'27 terms, and Koji Torihara as Senior Warden for another two-year term. Jared Magill continues as Junior Warden for the second year of his term. We shared appreciation for Leigh Ferguson, Marisa Newsom and Polly Zimmermann for their faithful service as their vestry teams expired. Continuing on Vestry are Joanna Hazelden, Femi Aderupatan, Jared Magill, Sherian Lammey, Br. Kirt Gerber, and Suzgo Nyirenda.

Tina Kemp was appointed to continue as Treasurer, Polly Zimmermann as Clerk, and Jonathan Dreslinski as Bookkeeper. A special thanks to John Atwood for his many years as Assistant Treasurer was shared, and he will continue on as a member of the Finance Committee to advise on accounting and financial strategy.

Tina Kemp walked through the 2023 financial report. We finished the year in a good financial position with a slight net deficit driven by not using the fully budgeted withdrawals from our long-term Investment Fund income. This was achieved through disciplined cost management. For 2024, the proposed budget of \$309,800 for the Operating Fund was approved. This budget is built on a successful Stewardship campaign that includes an increase in the number of pledging units, and incorporates new account groupings aligned with our ministries our newly deployed accounting system enables.

The wardens shared their reports, including celebrations and appreciations for so many after a good but challenging year. Jared highlighted the numerous projects completed on our property, as well as shared the methodical approach being utilized for building and maintenance needs.

Fr. Garland then shared the statistics report aligned with recently updated TEC categories, shared some further ministry updates, and fielded questions.

Thank you to all who attended the meeting, all who helped prepare and put on the meeting, and all who supported in time, giving, and prayer in 2023.



... TIP OF THE BIRETTA

To **Stephanie Fly, Polly Zimmerman, and Virginia Mampre** for providing lunch for the Annual Parish Meeting, and **Amanda Torihara** for providing childcare.

To **Marisa Newsom, Leigh Ferguson, and Polly Zimmerman** for their service on the vestry the past three years.

To **John Atwood** for his service as assistant treasurer the past several years, to **Jonathan Dreslinski** for being our bookkeeper, and **Polly Zimmerman** for serving as parish clerk. To **Tina Kemp** for serving as treasurer and for all her hard work bringing us into compliance with modern practices.

To **Jared Magill and Tina Kemp** for choosing and implementing our new church management software.

To our junior warden **Jared Magill** for all his time and hard work caring for our church buildings and rectory.

To **Amanda Torihara** for helping out with coffee hour and her wonderful leadership and dedication to teaching Sunday School.

To **Laura Nordell** for laying out and printing the bulletins, and for making sure the Messenger gets out.

To **Jacob Dier** for faithfully folding the bulletins every week.

To **John Ngugi** for making sure the buildings are safe every night.

To **David Mattocks** for keeping the spaces clean and looking good week after week.



God willing, the next Messenger will be published in March. Contributions to content are welcome and encouraged. Announcements need to be submitted by February 15, and may be submitted in writing to the parish office or by email to bulletins@stpaulsbythelake.org.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
Legend		Ushers	Lectors				
abs – abess abt – abbot ap – apostle arbp – archbishop Bl – blessed bp – bishop ECW – Episcopal Church Women	c – confessor d – deacon evan – evangelist f – friar feria – weekday k – king	m – martyr mat – matron n – nun pt – priest q – queen r – religious St – saint	10:30a Mass 4 – J. Ngugi, K. Fly 11 – S. Nyirenda, J. Ngugi 18 – P. Zimmerman, S. Nyirenda 25 – J. Ngugi, S. Nyirenda	10:30a Mass 4 – J. Glick 11 – E. Lemi 18 – A. Torihara 25 – K. Gerber	St. Brigid, abs. 1 6:15p Low Mass & Holy Uction	2 PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD/ Purification of the BVM/Candlemas <i>NO Fast or Abstinence</i>	3 St. Anskar, arbp./ St. Blasius, bp. & m. 10:00a Altar Guild
Epiphany V 4 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Mass <i>Candles and throats will also be blessed at the Masses today.</i>	Martyrs of Japan 5	St. Titus, bp. 6	Feria 7 10:30a Low Mass	Feria 8 6:15p Low Mass	Feria 9 <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	St. Scholastica, abs. 10 10:00a Altar Guild	
Last Sunday after the Epiphany 11 8:00a Low Mass 9:30a Rector's Study 10:30a Sung Mass 11:30a Sunday School 12:00p Mardi Gras Coffee Hour 12:00p Sudanese Dinka Prayers	Feria 12	Bl. Absalom Jones, pt. 13	ASH WEDNESDAY 14 12:00p Low Mass with Ashes (No Homily) 7:00p Low Mass with Ashes (With Homily) <i>Strict Fast & Abstinence</i>	Lenten Feria/ (Bl. Thomas Bray, pt. & c.) 15 6:15p Low Mass 7:00p Women's Lenten Book Study	Lenten Feria 16 7:00p Stations of the Cross & Benediction <i>Fast & Abstinence</i>	Lenten Feria 17 10:00a Altar Guild	
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The 10:30 Sunday Mass will be live-streamed from our Facebook page. To watch, go to www.facebook.com/StPaulsChurchByTheLake and scroll until you see the live video feed. A link will also be available on our website (www.stpaulsbythelake.org), and note that a Facebook account is not required to watch the video.