



O woman,
great is
your faith!

MATTHEW 15:28

AUGUST 16, 2020
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Many people have a problem with the Church's teaching about the existence of Hell as a place of complete separation from God. They often argue that if God truly wants everyone to be saved and is working hard to make that happen, how do we explain the reality of Hell, which is a dogma of our faith? Well, it's simple, though tragic. I just think it would be good to refresh our memory about that topic.

From the
Pastor

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It's true that God wants all of us to be saved, but doesn't want to force us to be saved. To force us would be to destroy us, because it would mean taking away our freedom, without which we would no longer be human. Just as some of the angels rebelled against God, using their God-given freedom to separate themselves from God's friendship and set up their own false ideas of right and wrong, so human beings are capable of doing the same thing.

The fallen angels, Satan and his demons, rejected God's offer of fellowship. Now they still exist, but they are permanently cut off from God's love and truth. That state of existence is what is called Hell.

Human beings were also given the gift of free will. By that gift we can either choose to obey the laws of God's household and thereby enjoy the glory of His friendship. Or we can give in to the devil's lies and follow in his footsteps—as Nazi's concentration camps of World War II like Auschwitz prove.

Fr. Gabriel Amorth, longtime exorcist for the diocese of Rome, tells of an interesting experience about this point in his book, *An Exorcist Tells His Story*. Fr. Amorth's mentor, Fr. Candido Amantini, was finishing up an exorcism one day. He said to the demon, "Now go back to the Hell which God has made for you." The demon, seeing an opportunity for an insult, answered him. It said, "You know nothing! He didn't make Hell; we did."

We shouldn't deny facts. One of them is that Hell exists. Another fact is that God tells us about it, He doesn't lie. Meantime He does really do everything to get our attention by constantly inviting us to join His Kingdom—Kingdom of love, mercy, peace and justice. His Son, Jesus Christ, died on the Cross so we can see how much God wants us to choose Him in our lives over anything else.

+ Rev. Roger D. Kutzner

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COLLECTION SUMMARY August 6—12, 2020

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,295.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
Minus	\$1,070.38
Adult envelopes used / distributed	38 / 583
Children's envelopes	1 / 82
<i>Providing For Our Future</i>	\$ 70.00
<i>Assumption of Mary</i>	\$ 57.00
<i>*Includes Online Givers</i>	

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WHY PRAY?

The “foreigners” as Isaiah calls them, the “Gentiles” as Paul calls them, or the “Canaanites” as Matthew calls them are called to worship the one true God in prayer. As we listen to today’s readings, perhaps we are tempted to ask: Why pray? The question is rhetorical; it is tantamount to asking why should friends talk to one another or people in love kiss one another. Prayer is a way of relating to God, a way of talking to God. The apostles had the opportunity to talk to Jesus in the flesh. We have the opportunity to talk to Jesus Christ in prayer. Our relationship with him must be enthusiastic; it cannot be faint-hearted. John Donne, a fifteenth-century poet, knew what the qualities of good prayer were. Donne asks God to treat him differently from most Christians. The poet does not want God to merely “knock, breathe, shine, and seek to mend,” but also to “break, blow, burn, and make me new” (Holy Sonnets, XIV).

It takes a dynamic faith on our part to come to God in prayer. As Jesus once said, “Knock and the door will be opened to you” (Matthew 7:7). It may take pounding the door down, but if we are as persistent as the woman in today’s Gospel, the results will follow.

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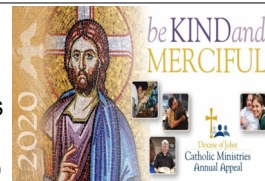
Lavergne Sigrist, Fr. Jim Lennon, Dan Mott, Charlie Kooy, Janet Guide, Bob Schwiesow, Butch Kmak, Jo Furtek, Rita Hall, Rose

Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Jeanne Gaffney, Barbara Castaneda, Kelly McVey, Lorianne Mihelic, Gerald Koldash, Irene Manning, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica, Christopher Adamsick, Nicole Mikulich, Frances Librera, Frank Woss, Ellie Wilson, Lucas Woss, those affected by COVID-19 and those that go unnamed.

Our **PRAYER LIST** has been refreshed. Names will be posted for four weeks and removed if the office is not contacted with a request to stay on the list.

Please note that only names given with permission of the person or family member will be added to the list.

CMAA PLEDGE REPORT for ST. PAUL the APOSTLE



Monthly pledge payments for CMAA pledges should be made in the next few days. It is very important that these pledges be paid so that our parish will reach our goal. Since we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

Results through Sunday, August 9, 2020:

PARISH GOAL	\$17,600
AMOUNT PLEDGED:	\$25,538
AMOUNT PAID:	\$20,588
REMAINING BALANCE	\$ 4,950
DONOR COUNT:	121
2020 REBATE:	\$ 2,092



Turn to the LORD for mercy: to our God, who is generous in forgiving. — Psalm 51:16

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available by appointment.

Please call the parish office at 708 258-6917 or e-mail StPaulOffice@att.net.



Are you a Catholic man 18 years or older? Do you want to volunteer for your church and community? Are you ready to put your Faith into Action? Come learn about the Knights of Columbus! You can obtain information by contacting Membership Coordinator Brian Grismer at 630 567-0957 or bgrismer34@gmail.com; contacting Grand Knight Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or mottd@rushenterprises.com; visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at www.kofc.org.

The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him, live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

MASSSES SCHEDULED for August 15—August 23, 2020**A reservation to attend Mass in person is necessary.****Please visit www.eventbrite.com/e/holy-mass-at-st-paul-the-apostle-in-peotone-tickets.****If you do not have access, please call the parish office at 708 258-6917.**

Sat	8/15	4:00 pm—	+ <u>Max Wicker</u>	req by Family
			<u>People of the Parish</u>	
Sun	8/16	10:30 am—	+ <u>William Regan and +William Beierman</u>	req by the Hagemaster Family
Mon	8/17	7:15 am—	+ <u>Marianna Kutzner — 1st Anniversary</u>	
Tue	8/18	7:15 am—	<u>Communion Service</u>	
Wed	8/19	7:15 am—	+ <u>The repose of the soul of Dr. Ed Feyereisen</u>	req by Al Cleve
Thr	8/20	7:15 am—	+ <u>Arlene Joanne Kwain</u>	req by Family
		6:00—8:00 pm	<u>ADORATION</u>	
Fri	8/21	7:15 am—	+ <u>Therese Kelly</u>	req by the James Kelly Family
Sat	8/22	4:00 pm—	+ <u>Tom Adamsick, +Rosemary & Rudy Adamsick;</u>	
			+ <u>Estelle & Wilbur Zirzow;</u>	req by Family
Sun	8/23	10:30 am—	+ <u>Joe Fitzgerald</u>	req by Family
			<u>People of the Parish</u>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION / FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATIONS for this fall are being accepted.**If you cannot access the form in the email you were sent, please contact the RE Office!**

We plan on beginning Sunday, September 13, 2020. Because of the virus and social distancing, changes will be made in the schedule to accommodate all of the students safely at church.

We are looking for a 5th grade teacher, subs for all classes and aides.

God Bless all of you! Stay safe and we hope/pray for your safety and good health and to see you all once again!

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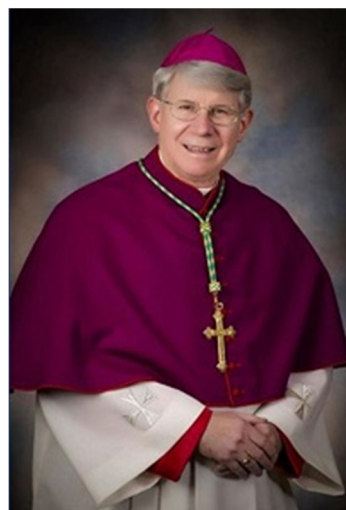
The Peotone Senior Assistance Center is in operation the third Thursday of the month, **this Thursday, August 20** from 10am—3pm **by appointment only** at St. Paul the Apostle. Calls will be returned to messages left at 708 258-6917.

This is part of our **Respect Life Ministry**, whose mission is to protect the vulnerable and provide seniors, low income and disabled persons with assistance from county state and federal programs, including Medicare, Social Security, Illinois License Plate Discounts, and services offered through Catholic Charities. We are also a certified SHIP site (Senior Health Insurance Program). The center is staffed by three volunteers who serve the community without cost.



Matthew Gordon Culver
and
Hannah Evangeline Day

Additional volunteers are needed to help at each weekend Mass! Please contact the parish office if you are available to greet, usher and / or sanitize.



Mass of Appreciation for Bishop R. Daniel Conlon, Fifth Bishop of Joliet

The Diocese of Joliet sends its thanks to Bishop Conlon for nine years of service. A Mass of Appreciation will take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus this Friday, August 21, at 7pm.

Due to local, state and diocesan event restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, attendance at the Mass for Bishop Conlon will be very limited and there will be no reception before or after the Mass.

The event will be **live-streamed** from the Cathedral through the YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/diocesefjolietil.

Please sign the guestbook at www.diocesefjoliet.org/bishop/content1.php?secid=89