

EASTER 2017



Saint Paul
the Apostle

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

BY: MARY PENICH

When I turned to today's gospel (John 20:1-9) in preparation for this writing, my eyes filled up as I read: On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning while it was still dark... "Of course she did," I told myself. A lifetime of devotion prompted this remark regarding Mary Magdalene's behavior that first Easter morning. When my husband and I considered a possible trip to Israel, it was Magdala's place on the itinerary which compelled me to embrace this opportunity. I couldn't imagine a better way to become more closely acquainted with my childhood hero.

In Israel, when we disembarked from our bus in Magdala, I wasn't disappointed. I quickly learned that this little town boasted an excellent economy in Jesus' day. The booming fishing industry paved the way for a variety of merchants and artisans who occupied numerous shops in the marketplace. Nearby homes rested along streets arranged in grid-like fashion much like our own. Magdala's close proximity to Nazareth likely enticed Jesus to begin his ministry there. I couldn't hide my amazement as I looked upon the ruins of the synagogue where Jesus frequently taught. Perhaps Mary Magdalene had met Jesus there.

Scripture scholars tell us that Mary Magdalene was a woman of means who suffered from a serious illness. At the time, such afflictions were assumed to be caused by the sinfulness of their victims or by demons. That Mary maintained her stature and wealth in the midst of her suffering is a testament to her strong character. Though we don't know the circumstances, Mary and Jesus met in Magdala and Jesus cured her. Perhaps Mary had heard enough about Jesus to lay her troubles at his feet and to trust in his intervention. Perhaps Jesus sought out the suffering Mary just as he sought out those in pain throughout his ministry. Whatever the circumstances, this encounter resulted in a lifelong friendship and Mary's deep faith in Jesus. Mary responded by immersing herself in Jesus' work and investing her resources in providing for Jesus' and his disciples' material needs.

I share all of this today because I think it was fitting that Mary Magdalene approached Jesus' tomb so early that first Easter morning. The families of those who died visited their loved ones' tombs three days after burial and, to Mary, Jesus was family. My visit to Magdala increased my understanding of this remarkable relationship. This encounter also revealed Mary Magdalene's deep connection to us. Scripture scholars call Mary an avid believer and perhaps Jesus' closest follower. Mary Magdalene didn't become a woman of means by hiding in the shadows. Mary's bravery and devotion impelled her to do everything she did, including remaining with Jesus when rumblings of discontent filled the air around him. Our subsequent visit to the Upper Room in Jerusalem and a nearby church put everything into perspective for me. That room where Jesus ate his last supper induced a smile over all that Jesus had shared there. It also prompted my tears as I recalled all that followed. The nearby church featured a life-size sculpture of The Last Supper. Because this image drew me in, it took a moment for me to see the lone figure nestled in the shadows a few feet away. Mary Magdalene stood silently as Jesus extended his greatest gift to his disciples, to her and to us all.

This Easter morning, I find great hope for us in Mary Magdalene's relationship with Jesus. I think Mary would tell us that she was as flawed as the rest of us when she walked with Jesus. Still, Jesus loved her. It was this love which gave Mary the strength to remain with Jesus throughout his ministry and as he endured those long hours on the cross. Whenever you and I ignore the rumblings around us and set aside our own troubles to care for others, we do what Mary Magdalene did for Jesus. At the same time, Jesus does the same for us. Jesus brings us strength and his assurance that we are never alone.

My experience in Israel enriched my relationship with Mary Magdalene. More importantly, it nurtured my love for Jesus. With every step, I embraced Jesus' path more fully. With every step, Jesus embraced me with the same friendship and love he offered his friend Mary so long ago. The compassion and unconditional love Mary Magdalene enjoyed two millennia ago are yours as well, today and always. What better reason is there for us all to enjoy a most happy and blessed Easter?

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Would you like to bring Easter Joy to every new day? If you enjoy the inspiration you find in Something To Think About every week, you may want to log onto Mary Penich's inspirational posts every day. They are quick reads which take only two or three minutes to provide a positive start to your day. If interested, please go to www.marypenich.wordpress.com to check them out. If you like what you read, you can sign up to receive these reflections daily via email. Just type your email address in the space provided on the upper right corner of the webpage. Of course, you can sign up for free!





EASTER SUNDAY- EVERYTHING IS AWESOME!

When Father Dave completes a project, he sings, “Everything is awesome!” I thought that was just one of his expressions until I saw the “Lego Movie.” I’m wondering if that is what the angels were singing that first day of the week when the women arrived at the tomb (Matthew 28)? Because that is exactly what the Resurrection declares to us, that Everything is Important and, yes, that Everything is Awesome. The key word here is “everything.” Resurrection tells us that everything that happens to us during our lives is important to God, and it is the ‘everything’ of our lives that makes our own Resurrections meaningful, important and awesome.

When Jesus rises, he still carries the marks of the nails, the marks of the Cross and the mark of the spear. He carries his history into his Resurrection, and in many ways, it is his Passion, his Cross, and his Death that make his Resurrection all the more powerful and all the more meaningful.

It is the same with us. We carry the marks of our crosses into our Resurrections. We carry the joys and sorrows and successes and failures and happy times and sad times into our Resurrections. And it is all this that makes our own Resurrections all the more powerful and all the more meaningful. So when the angels sing “Everything is Awesome!” they are not only singing for Jesus; they are singing for us. Happy Easter! Everything is Awesome!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY:

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11
Mt 28:8-15

TUESDAY:

Acts 2:36-41
Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22
Jn 20:11-18

WEDNESDAY:

Acts 3:1-10
Ps 105:1-4, 6-9
Lk 24:13-35

THURSDAY:

Acts 3:11-26
Ps 8:2, 5-9
Lk 24:35-48

FRIDAY:

Acts 4:1-12
Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27
Jn 21:1-14

SATURDAY:

Acts 4:13-21
Ps 118:1, 14-21
Mk 16:9-15

SUNDAY:

Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

5:00PM: Kayla Hortelano | Shannon Killeen
Isadore, Margaret, Adam & Mary Kalinowski

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

7:30AM:

Harry and Jeanette Siuda

9:00AM: Lowell Hall | Eugene Kolaczowski

10:45AM: Steven Dulak | Stanley Dulak

12:15PM: Al and Fritz Konieczny | Valeriano Ventura
Zofia Kieta

MONDAY, APRIL 17, 2017

7:30AM: Sharon Wencka | Dorothy Lavin

TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2017

7:30AM: Jeric Cuasay

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2017

7:30AM: Fr. Gordon Mann

THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2017

7:30AM: Vincent D'Souza

FRIDAY, APRIL 21, 2017

7:30AM: Fred Perry | Wayne Stewart

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2017

5:00PM: Isadore, Margaret, Adam & Mary Kalinowski
Kayla Hortelano | Shannon Killeen

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

7:30AM: Theresa Quarino | Consolacion S. Agdeppa

9:00AM: Cesare Menniti | Janet Darlyn Long Bridgman

10:45AM: Joyce Schwartz | Sabastian Thachenkary

12:15PM: Rita & Edward Madruh | Bianca Graciela Andrade
Ray & Liz Biondi

PRAY FOR THE SICK

01/15/2017

William Geroge Quinn
Sabina Powers

01/22/2017

Ricky Barkley
Maureen Skinner

02/12/2017

Dee Curns
Jennifer Trunk
Waclaw Koluza

02/26/2017

Alessandra Faith J. Bautista

03/05/2017

Troy Quitoriano
Myron Loula

03/19/2017

Shannon Schweiger
Cheryl Reabine

03/26/2017

Ed Piggot
Nick Rewis

03/31/2017

Patty Goetz

DID YOU KNOW? OUR PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY KNITS AND CROCHETS BEAUTIFUL PRAYER SHAWLS FOR THE SICK. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO WOULD BE COMFORTED BY A PRAYER SHAWL, PLEASE E-MAIL SUE ALLEN AT :

PRAYER.SHAWLS
@SAINTPAULTHEAPOSTLE.CHURCH

APRIL 23 MINISTRY SCHEDULE			
SATURDAY 5:00PM	LECTORS	MACROWSKI	M WERST
	SERVERS	A LEGARRETA	A LEGARRETA
	GREETERS	V RIVELLI	N SHARAPATA
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	M SMITH B BIRCK M HENDERSON R LEGARRETA D MUMM	B PENDERGAST S RAPPE E REILLY D SKOWRON
SUNDAY 7:30AM	LECTORS	MORRILL	SAVOVICH
	SERVERS	(VACANT)	(VACANT)
	GREETERS	M CABADA	K DICELLO
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	D BROWN B LOZANO T RAFAEL-AZCUETA J RANDANT	A RICHARDT T ROBB B RODER D RODER
SUNDAY 9:00AM	LECTORS	BAKER	SEIFRIED
	SERVERS	P FINK	A POGUE
	GREETERS	TOM &	M MAUS
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	G SOULJE B BALDI C BALDI T WALKER B BARNETT J BARNETT	D BEYRER A IGNACIO C LATZA T MARINO G MARINO
SUNDAY 10:45AM	LECTORS	BAUTISTA	ROBACH
	SERVERS	H ARENDS	(VACANT)
	GREETERS	RICK & CONNIE	GRIEBER
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	J PLAMOOTTIL L GRUM M KELLEY H NICODEMUS	J REDIGER C SCHRANTZ P VERES L YOUNG
SUNDAY 12:15PM	LECTORS	CAMPBELL	DENECKE-DATTALO
	SERVERS	G GALANO	(VACANT)
	GREETERS	D CASTRO	A DONALDSON
	COMMUNION MINISTERS	G FROST J CUASAY T DENECKE-DATTALO	L GUBE R GUBE S JONES

LOW- GLUTEN HOSTS

For Holy Thursday and Good Friday masses, information sheets are available in the Sacristy for those who need a low-gluten host for communion.

Calendar of Events

SUNDAY, APRIL 16- EASTER SUNDAY

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM MASS
10:45AM MASS
12:15PM MASS

MONDAY, APRIL 17

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

7:30AM MASS
2:00PM FAITH SHARING
5:00PM FSF TUESDAY A
7:00PM SPRED- CATECHISTS TUESDAY
7:00PM PRAYER IS A POWERFUL WEAPON BOOK CLUB
7:00PM PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM WEDNESDAY AM BIBLE STUDY
12:00PM MIDDAY PRAYER
5:00PM FSF WEDNESDAY A
7:00PM BIBLE STUDY | WEDNESDAY EVENING

THURSDAY, APRIL 20

7:30AM MASS
9:00AM HOME SCHOOL CO-OP
7:00PM SPRED- CATECHISTS THURSDAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 21

7:30AM MASS
9:30AM FRIDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY
3:00PM FIRST COMMUNION SET UP
6:30PM MEN'S LEGACY MLT6

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

8:00AM FSF 1ST COMMUNION RETREAT SETUP
9:00AM WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP PLANNING AND GATHERING
10:00AM FSF 1ST COMMUNION RETREAT
5:00PM MASS

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

7:30AM MASS
8:30AM FSF SUNDAY A
9:00AM MASS
10:00AM RCIA MYSTAGOGY
10:15AM FSF SUNDAY B
10:45AM MASS
12:15PM MASS
3:00PM LIFETEEN SETUP
5:00PM LIFETEEN MASS
6:00PM LIFE NIGHT
6:30PM DIVORCE SUPPORT GROUP

God Will Delight

David Haas & Lori True
- In Concert -

REGISTER ONLINE

WWW.SAINTPAULTHEAPOSTLE.CHURCH



APRIL 28th 2017

@ SAINT PAUL THE APOSTLE
6401 Gages Lake Rd.
Gurnee, IL 60031



7:30
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\$10 Early Online Ticket Price
\$15 Ticket Price



All kids entering grades Kindergarten through 6th for 2017/18 school year are invited to join us for an awesome week of songs, crafts, games and more!

Maker Fun Factory.

When: June 26-30.

Times: 9:00am—11:45am

1 child \$35,
2 children \$40,
3 or more children \$45

Fees waived for adults volunteering VBS week. Registration spots and teen volunteer space is limited, so sign up early!! Registration forms are available in the lower level of church near Room 8 and in the gathering space beginning April 22nd. In-person registration will take place April 23rd and April 30th (8:00-12:00) in the Lower Level.

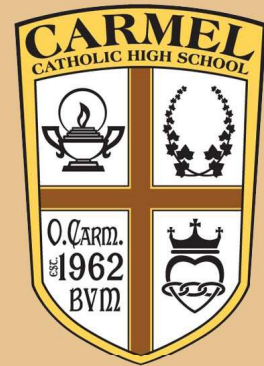
Questions? Email

Amy Russell: arussell@saintpaultheapostle.church

Laura Oslovich: loslovich@saintpaultheapostle.church
or call us at (847) 816-8677.

CARMEL CATHOLIC

If your 8th grade student did not attend the entrance exam at Carmel Catholic High School (or any other Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Chicago) that took place on January 14, 2017, they are eligible to take our spring entrance exam on either Saturday, April 29 or May 6, 2017 from 8–11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required at: carmelhs.org/springexam2017



**LIFE TEEN
2017**

LIFETEEN

ONLINE

REGISTRATION

www.saintpaultheapostle.church



BOOK AND A BUDDY

The 5th grade Family Spiritual Formation students are currently sponsoring a service project entitled "Book and a Buddy". The students are collecting new and gently used Pre-School through 6th grade books as well as new and used stuffed "buddies" (animals). All books and buddies will be donated to Beacon Place in Waukegan (www.beacon-place.org). Last year, approximately 350 books and well over 100 stuffed buddies were donated and put into the hands and hearts of children who visit Beacon Place.

The "Book and a Buddy" donation bin is located in the lower level. Donations will be accepted until Sunday, April 30th. Thank you in advance for your faithful support of this project!

FSF COMMUNICATION CORNER

*See the bulletin for Vacation Bible School information! Forms are available outside of Room 8!

*The 6th graders have been having the opportunity to share in a Seder meal during their class time.

*The 1st Communion Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, April 22nd. Student's assigned times have been sent out.



Founded in 1995 by two Jesuit priests, the Ignatian Volunteer Corps offers men and women, age 50 and older, the opportunity to engage in direct, hands-on service with the materially poor while growing in their Christian faith through personal and shared reflection.

IVC members commit to 600 hours of service per year (2 days/week, Sept.-June) and participate in a comprehensive spiritual formation program in the Jesuit tradition including monthly community meetings, individual spiritual reflection, and retreat experiences.

Currently, 60 IVC Chicago members are serving throughout Cook, Lake and DuPage counties in a wide variety of volunteer settings. Consider using your talents to experience making a difference with the Ignatian Volunteer Corps.

Please visit:
www.ivcusa.org/chicago

Or contact fellow parishioner and current IVC member,
Charlie Lucas 224-456-9933 celucas1@msn.com

Learn more and meet current IVC volunteers. Attend an information session here **at St. Paul the Apostle, Tuesday, May 16 at 2pm.**

Register by contacting Jacqueline Fitzgerald 312-961-6206 or jffitzgerald@ivcusa.org.



ATTENTION NURSES:

The Counsel of Catholic Nurses of Lake County are having their Spring Program event on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Church of St. Mary in Lake Forest, IL. Mass will be at 8:00am in the church with a pot luck brunch to follow. Admission is free to members, and \$5.00 for guests. If you have questions or would like to R.S.V.P., please contact Ginny at 847-680-8775 or Marian at 847-548-1309

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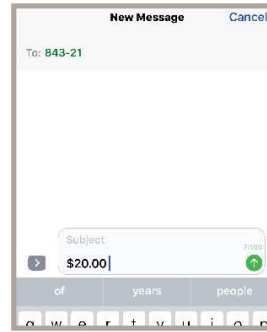
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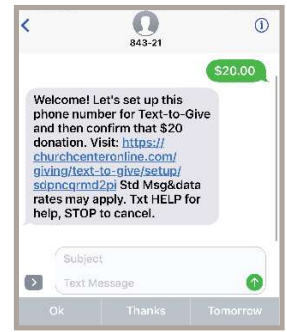
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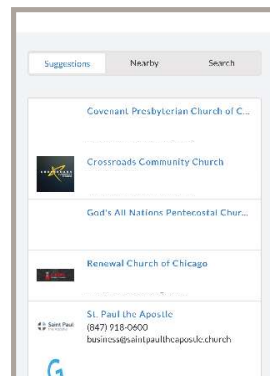
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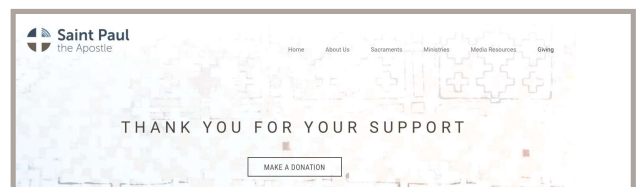


**3) SELECT SAINT PAUL THE
APOSTLE FROM THE LIST OF
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**4) COMPLETE THE PROCESS
USING AN EMAIL ADDRESS
AND PAYMENT INFORMATION**

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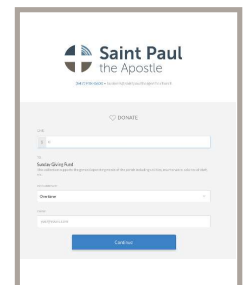


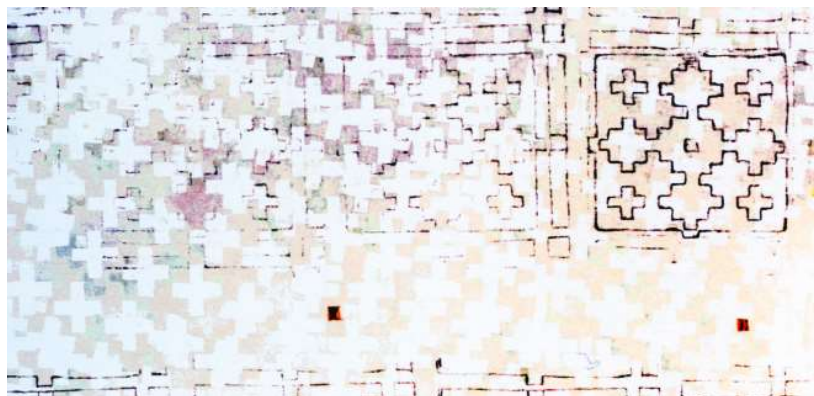
1) NAVIGATE TO: WWW.SAINTPAULTHEAPOSTLE.CHURCH

**2) SELECT "GIVING" FROM THE NAVIGATION BAR AT THE TOP OF THE
WEBPAGE.**

**3) UNDER THE HEADER "THANK YOU FOR
YOUR SUPPORT" YOU CAN CLICK THE
'DONATE NOW' BUTTON.**

**4) A WINDOW WILL POP-UP WHICH
WILL ALLOW YOU TO QUICKLY COM-
plete the donation process. (NOTE:
POP-UPS MUST BE ENABLED ON YOUR
COMPUTER. WE USE THIS APPROACH TO
ENSURE A HIGHLY SECURE TRANSACTION
CAN OCCUR.)**





A New way of supporting Saint Paul's

You've been seeing quite a few changes around the parish recently. A new mixing board, new microphones for the choir, lectors, and priests, automatic doors, a new website and data management platform, just to name a few...

I'd like to do more and expand our mission a bit. For example, we have a number of assisted-living facilities opening in the neighborhood where I'm hoping we can regularly offer Communion services and mass. I'd like to see a young adult ministry. I'd also like to see an outreach to FSF parents (education, workshops, maybe a newsletter?). And I'd like to see the bereavement ministry restarted.

Beginning today, as part of the new website, we're offering a user-friendly way to support Saint Paul's. On-line giving. Yes, I know that we're currently using an on-line donation website called GiveCentral. But ours is *much* easier to use, it will be even more secure.

In light of these new opportunities available to us, these are my requests:

- 1) For faithful envelope users, consider using our electronic donation system to set up a recurring payment
- 2) and for those who don't use envelopes consider giving regularly. Setting up a online account is easy and helps us *greatly*.
- 3) and for everyone, please consider on-line giving by moving the way you support your parish to saintpaultheapostle.church

Yours, always with gratitude,
In Christ,
Fr Greg

CONTRIBUTIONS

Sunday, April 2, 2017-

Sunday Collection: \$16,372

Sharing Parish- \$4785

GiveCentral- March 2017

Sunday Collection: \$11,562

Sharing Parish: #1,177

TAX CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

For a statement of your contributions for 2016, fill out a request at the desk in the gathering space. There are two binders: one for U.S. Mail requests and one for e-mail requests. The letter will be sent to you during the week after your request is received.

WHAT ABOUT GIVECENTRAL?

Greetings from the business office. We are excited about the new giving platform and would like to request our current online givers to adopt this new platform.

If you are currently using GiveCentral and would like to switch to the new St. Paul website giving platform, simply follow the instructions below.

You can delete your payment information by logging into Give Central, click on "My Profile", click the edit box, and delete your name, credit card or bank account number, CVV, and zip code and hit save. Repeat this for all accounts.

As an added measure, you can also delete your giving events on the "My Account" page by clicking the trash can next to each event.

If you have any questions, contact Bob Sekany in the business office.

25TH Anniversary

SAVE THE DATE

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Saint Paul Fest

Mark your calendar to celebrate our
25th anniversary with us in an
evening with Mass, Meal and Music.



Rev. Gregory Houck, O.Carm
Pastor

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FSF Administrative Assistant



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Saint Paul the Apostle

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**IN AN ABSOLUTE EMERGENCY, YOU MAY USE THIS CELL PHONE
NUMBER AS A DIRECT LINE TO THE PASTOR: 847-485-9297**

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKDAY MASS:
7:30AM

SATURDAY EVENING:
5:00PM

SUNDAY:
7:30 | 9:00 | 10:45 | 12:15 | 5:00PM

Crisis Support Resources

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

847-347-0832

Emergency and transitional assistance, Fiscal support, help with locating available resources and other services aimed at addressing all issues a person or family may be facing with the intent of supporting sustained positive change.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

A safe Place Hotline: 847-249-4450

Sexual Abuse: 847-872-7799

PREGNANCY SUPPORT:

Aid for Women: 847-249-2700

POST-ABORTION

EMOTIONAL SUPPORT:

Project Rachel: 800-SWE-CARE

EMERGENCY SHELTER:

PADS: 847-698-4357

Catholic Charities: 847-748-4000

FOOD PANTRIES:

Avon Township: 847-546-1446

Holy Family: 847-782-4166

Saint Anastasia: 847-623-2112

Warren Township: 847-244-1101

COUNSELING:

Holbrook Center: 312-655-7725

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Emergency: 911

800-411-0103

440-953-8255