

May 2017

Spirit

Your Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) continues to work alongside Father David and is adding many reasons to become more involved at Saint Paul the Apostle. Along with our parish organizations, the PPC continues to build and inspire community spirit.

Saint Paul the Apostle
Parish Pastoral Council **UPDATE**

Celebrating Mary in the month of May

May Devotion: Our Lady

Feasts: Ascension

Other: Mother's Day, Memorial Day

Pope's Intention: Christians in Africa

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.



Since Woodrow Wilson issued an official proclamation in 1914, we celebrate **Mother's Day** the second Sunday of each May to honor our mothers. We hope you had a chance to celebrate the Moms in your life.

Additionally, the entire month of May is dedicated to the devotion of Our Heavenly Mother, the Virgin Mary. It was during the early 17th century that the Catholic Church began to consecrate the month of May to special celebrations honoring the Virgin Mother. These celebrations included observances of May Crownings in many parishes. Additionally, there was a tradition of creating a "May Altar"—a table with a Marian picture, candles, and decorated with many flowers. As May Altars grew in churches, the custom spread to set up this type of "altar" in the home for family devotions.

We as Catholics are doubly-blessed to have two mothers we can honor—our earthly mother who brought us into this world and our Heavenly Mother who brought our Savior into this world—and who guides us as we journey toward Heaven.

So during the month of May, take some time to remember those who have been a mother to you, and pray for them.

—Deacon Bob Bonomi

Let us pray

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the gift of mothers.

We thank you for our mothers and all mothers among us, good or bad, for saying "yes" and giving us the gift of life. Guide them in the ways of motherhood, and strengthen them for the challenges of raising a child.

We thank you for the mother figures that you have placed in our lives that have cared for and guided us. Grant them your heavenly mercy and love.

We thank you for all mothers-to-be who have accepted the vocation of motherhood. Strengthen them and give them the wisdom and grace to raise strong Christian children.

We thank you for our mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory. May they rest in the peace and joy of your Presence.

We pray for all mothers who have lost children or who are separated from them because of war, poverty or circumstances of life. Wipe away their tears and console them with your love and mercy.

Dear Mother Mary, thank you for your "Fiat" which brought your Son Jesus, our savior, into our world. We ask you to intercede for all of our mothers by asking your Son to grant them the daily grace for their sacrifices of love. May their love and witness be a source of great inspiration for all of us called to follow your Son.

Amen

Oh Mary, we crown Thee with blossoms today, Queen of the angels, Queen of the May.

Summertime NEWS @ Saint Paul

School registration is open

Saint Paul School admission and registration is open for the 2017-2018 school year. Please contact the school office 972-235-3263 or visit our website www.spsdfw.org for additional information.



Focus on family



A tale of faith and family centered at 720 South Floyd

After graduating from Saint Paul School in 1998, Kit Shepherd attended Bishop Lynch and went on to get her degree in Kinesiology from Texas A&M. Kit and Michael, who attended Oklahoma University, were introduced by a mutual friend and the rest reads like a fairy tale come true: Father David married them in November 2011. Kit and Michael baptized their first-born son, Patrick, at Saint Paul and are awaiting the birth of their second son, Francis, in September.

Michael manages the strategy group for Moni Smart Security, a local Dallas security company. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and serves as Financial Secretary for the Saint Paul Council.

The couple commented, "Saint Paul always just felt like home to us. It has a very down to earth welcoming feel. We do plan on sending our kids to school there too."

Next time you see the Darlings at Sunday 8 am Mass, say "howdy" to them. Big brother Patrick will surely give you a happy return greeting!

CALENDAR Go to saintpaulchurch.org for more info

- May 25** Feast of the Ascension
- May 31** "school's OUT for summer"
- June 5-10** Youth group will participate in **SHINE Catholic Work Camp** in McAllen, TX
- June 11** Parish celebration in honor of Father David 3 - 5 pm in Parish Center
- June 16-18** Vocation Awareness Program @ University of Dallas
- June 17** Women's Morning of Reflection 9 - 11:30 am
- June 18** Father's Day
- June 26-30** Vacation Bible School



- July 10-13** **Saint Paul Youth Community Outreach**
- July 12** Women's Guild Summer Social 6:30 pm in Parish Center



COMING SOON to a pasture near Saint Paul



A mother was teaching her children how to behave in church. "Why should we always be quiet during Mass?" she asked. Little Annie piped up: "Because people are sleeping!"

God: Whew! I just created a 24-hour system of alternating light and darkness on Earth.

Angel: Awesome! What will you do next?

God: I think I'll call it a day.



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