



# **St. Paul Catholic School**

## **Newsletter**

### **10.26.23**

**FEEDBACK:** Please let your voices be heard regarding the proposed parish models that were released several weeks ago. The current proposal states that St. Paul and St. Patrick parishes will be merged together, with St. Patrick Church being the recommended primary site for Masses and St. Paul Church not in use. We are hoping to change the minds of those at the Diocese and have St. Paul Church stay open as a secondary site. You can find additional information about the proposals at [www.growingdisciplescdop.org](http://www.growingdisciplescdop.org). Please get informed and **PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK**. Attached is a sheet you can fill out and return to school. Feedback can also be provided at the above website. The deadline for feedback is November 22 so don't delay! **Again the schools will be evaluated at a later time.** Please continue to do your part to support St. Paul Church so that it can stay open and continue to serve our school. It is important to have a church in town for our students.

**LETTERS:** Can you write an additional heartfelt letter on the importance of keeping our beautiful church open? Besides the provided feedback sheet, we NEED parents, students, grandparents, alumni, etc. to write letters supporting St. Paul Church. These letters will be hand delivered to the Diocese of Peoria, and we would love to send as many as possible. Imagine "Miracle on 34th Street" when the post office delivers the letters for Santa Claus to the courthouse :) Need help composing your letter? Feel free to call or email the school and we will be happy to help.

**CONTEST:** We had a nice crowd of students and families at our last Mass. Please keep it up! Remember, students that go to church three out of the four weekends of the month will earn a ticket. Each ticket earned will go into a drawing, and the winner of the drawing will get to pie Mr. Morehouse in the face during Catholic Schools Week in January! Students need to let their teacher know Monday morning if they attended at St. Paul or at any other church.

**SPEECH:** Best of luck to Isla Davis and Michael Josefik as they compete in the IESA Speech Contest Saturday at El Paso/Gridley Middle School!

**FALL RAFFLE:** Only **TWO** weeks until the Raffle & Steak Dinner, and we still have 143 tickets remaining. Please help us make a final push so we can sell out before that Saturday. If you have any questions or need additional tickets, please contact the office.

**CHEESE:** Chuck's Cheese orders and money are due NO LATER than this coming Monday, October 30. Thank you!

**HALLOWEEN:** Next week is our annual Halloween parade and party! Since the parade and party won't be until the afternoon on Tuesday, students in grades **1-8** will need to **BRING their costume** to school to change after lunch. **PreK and Kindergarten** students may wear their costumes to school, but they must be able to go about their normal day, i.e. sit at their desk, play outside, go to the restroom by themselves, etc. **As a reminder, weapons are not allowed with costumes. Neither is fake blood or other gory make-up or costumes.** Thank you to party chair Missy DeLong for planning a fun afternoon!

**PARADE:** The route for our Halloween parade (weather permitting) will be the same as in years past. Students will leave St. Paul School just before 1:00 p.m and walk east on Elk Street towards Lobo's, north on Wauponsie towards Cafe 110, west on Tremont towards 66 Licks, and then south on West Street back towards the church and school. Family and friends are welcomed to watch from anywhere on the route.

**NO BUS:** There will be NO OGS dismissal bus this coming Tuesday the 31st. Students will need a ride at dismissal or can stay in after care if need be. St. Paul buses will run as scheduled.

**SCHOOL MASS:** Next week, our daily Mass schedule will vary from the norm. We will celebrate All Saints' Day with Mass on Wednesday, November 1 at 8:30. Thursday will be an extra special day as we welcome Fr. Luke Spannagel and the Diocese of Peoria's Traveling Monstrance. Mass will be held at 10:00 with adoration to follow. All are welcomed and encouraged to join us.

**UPDATE FROM MRS. LOVELL'S ROOM:** Our 7th and 8th graders have been busy in the class and out! The Civics Club organized a root beer float sale and purchased mini pumpkins for the school Halloween party. The 7/8th graders have moved onto studying the Illinois Constitution and have begun a novel study on Projekt 1065. Finally, our class submitted essay entries into the Dwight VFW Patriot's Pen contest. 5th and 6th graders have been immersed in reading and words, diving head first into vocabulary practices and learning the higher level reading strategies. They have been studying the geography of Canada in Social Studies and moved onto pronouns in English class.

*"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." - Colossians 3:23*

#### **UPCOMING ST. PAUL CALENDAR:**

✠ Friday, October 27.....	School Mass @ 8:30 - Grades 1/2 leading
✠ Friday, October 27.....	Fire Drill
✠ Saturday, October 28.....	IESA Speech Contest
✠ Sunday, October 29.....	Rite of Covenant Mass for Confirmands
✠ Monday, October 30.....	Chuck's Cheese Orders Due
✠ Tuesday, October 31.....	Halloween Parade & Party
✠ Tuesday, October 31.....	No OGS Dismissal Bus
✠ Wednesday, November 1.....	All Saints Day Mass @ 8:30
✠ Thursday, November 2.....	Traveling Monstrance Mass @ 10:00
✠ Tuesday, November 7.....	Picture Retakes
✠ Saturday, November 11.....	Fall Raffle & Steak Dinner
✠ Sunday, November 12.....	Stewardship Mass @ St. Paul Church