



Park Ridge Community Church

November 2025

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Church Office Hours:

Monday-Friday 9 am - 3 pm

The office is closed from 12-12:30 pm for lunch.

OFFICE CLOSED Nov. 27-28 for
Thanksgiving Holiday.

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And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, having produced the

HARVEST OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Philippians 1:9-12



November 2: Sacred Worth: Legacy of Hope - ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

2 Timothy 1:2-7; Matthew 25:31-45

Holy Communion served in the pews

7:30 pm Service of Remembrance

November 9: Sacred Worth: An Impact that's Worth it!

2 Corinthians 9:6-12; Matthew 25:14-29

Baptism at 10 am

November 16: Sacred Worth: A Shiny Vision - CONSECRATION SUNDAY

One Service at 10 am w/ luncheon

Isaiah 60:1-5,19-20; Matthew 5:14-16

November 23 Christ the King Sunday

Jeremiah 23:1-6; Luke 23:33-43

Baptism at 10 am

Pastor Mollie preaching

November 30: How Can a Weary World Rejoice? We Acknowledge Our Weariness

Advent 1

Psalms 80:1-7,17-19; Luke 1:1-23





The Pastor's Note

Rev. Carol Hill, Senior Minister

pastorcarol@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



As I sit down to write this, I am actively working to create a plan to support those whose SNAP benefits are ending, working with an interfaith group on interrupting the harm of the ICE raids, detention, and deportation machine, worrying about how the climate crisis is making disastrous hurricanes and wildfires more frequent, and considering all our Saints, whose legacies continue to be a blessing.

Read, process, pray, rant, repeat. That has become my new routine. I try and listen to enough news that I am not ignorant of the violence and evil perpetrated, but not so much that it consumes me. I'm not sure I've achieved the right balance. One of the things that brought me joy recently was walking hand in hand with sweet Sophia as we raised money and awareness to combat hunger through the CROP Walk. It feels good to physically DO something. It was also a healing balm for my soul to experience this beautiful child's delight and wonder.

Joy, wonder, and delight are a form of resistance that foster resilience.

When Nehemiah was helping lead the reconstruction after the Babylonian exile, he writes "The Joy of the Lord is my Strength." The "weeping prophet" Jeremiah is reminded of the goodness of God: "I know the plans I have for you- for good and not for harm, a future that is filled with hope" - that is God's dream!

As we near the end of Stewardship and dream of this next year(s) of ministry, those words give me hope. Because no matter what is happening out there in the world, I know in the depths of my soul that God IS with us and has prepared us for such

For surely I know
the plans I have for
you, says the Lord,
...to give you a
**FUTURE
WITH
HOPE.**

a time as this (see Esther). God has used the people of Park Ridge Community Church effecting transformation in the world for almost 200 years...and God is using us now.

On Nov. 16, we join hands and hearts once again to recommit to sharing in this work together, giving what we can to be the church that we can, responding with faithfulness, determination, and unwavering hope in what God IS doing. I am so honored to be on this journey with you. We indeed have a future with HOPE because of each of **YOU!**



Board Update

Hello and Happy Fall, PRCC Friends!!

I hope this letter finds you well. As I mentioned in my Stewardship moment, this is my **favorite** time of year, where we all work together to multiply our gifts to build our dreams into next year's budget. Then we can start to transform those dreams into action! All of the gifts we bring no matter how small or big make an an important impact and your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Besides the ongoing projects happening, we have no pending issues. In fact, things are going so well that the Executive "meeting" became an email communication this month.

We continue to focus on the identified goals below. If you have any questions or ideas, you are always welcome to talk with anyone on the Board of Directors and we are happy to bring those ideas back to the group.! We are working on:

1. Engaging Our Church Body

- Growing in Numbers of Active Members
- Engaging the Faith of all ages - in Love of God & Love of Neighbor
- Empowering Ministry Involvement/Leadership
- Meaningful Connections - Small Groups
- Encouraging "Sweat Equity"

2. Invitation into Faithful Fellowship

- To Build Our Connections with one another
- Clarifying Our identity & What PRCC is about
- Projecting Our Values Outward to Invite Others In
- Broaden Our Impact on the World

3. Updating Our Resources to Facilitate Ministry

- Teaching Faithful Stewardship
- Building a Foundation for Generations to Come
- Investing in Safe and Welcoming Spaces
- Updating our Technology

*We
thank
you!*

The October 19th Leadership Team talk went very well! During our time we shared that our Shelby Software System is requiring us to change our management of the system. We need someone that is here long term and able to support others in the system with a covenant to uphold all the confidences that the system manages. The Executive Committee and Board of Directors are considering making our Senior Pastor that team member. While nothing really changes with how we operate, the Senior Pastor would have full visibility of our church systems, including giving, which is a change from how we have operated for the last few decades (at least). If you have any questions or thoughts, please reach out to anyone on the Board of Directors.

Peace and gratitude,

Dan Smith

Chair of the Congregation



SACRED Worth

Imbued by the Creator

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it,
for God has founded it on the seas
and established it on the rivers."

Psalms 24:1-2



CONSECRATION SUNDAY

November 16, 2025

On Sunday, November 16, we will gather at one service at 10 am, and we will bring forward our commitments for the 2026 ministry year. A pledge card will be brought by each family/individual as we celebrate the Sacred Worth we have and commit to Shining God's Light into the world! After worship, we will gather in Jordan Hall to eat and celebrate all that God is doing in this place!

Why Pledge?

Our Finance Committee depends on the pledge forms received from members and participants at PRCC to prepare a fiscally responsible budget for the Board of Directors, which covers the building, staffing, and ministry needs for the year ahead.

How Can I Pledge?

Paper Form

Complete and submit in person or by mail

OR



Online Form

Complete and submit online

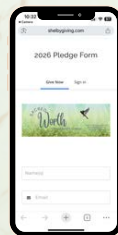


Schedule Automatic Payments (optional)

Automatic Payments can be made through ACH by completing an ACH form OR by filling in your bank account or credit/debit card information through Shelby (using the "Ministry One" Church app or www.parkridgecommunitychurch.org/give). While the Shelby system incurs a small fee, this is the easiest way to schedule your giving on your preferred dates/regularity.

ACH Form

Shelby Forms



Other Ways to Give

You can choose to give to PRCC through cash, check, Zelle payments, and/or TEXT TO GIVE.

November Birthdays!

11/01 Dave Kapolnek
 11/02 Eric Nelson
 11/03 Eleanor Anderson
 11/03 Tom Brunet
 11/04 Rick Graham
 11/04 Kevin Plach
 11/05 Jennifer Gudmundsson
 11/05 Henry Pringle
 11/06 Tom Runtz
 11/07 Preston Smith

11/12 Emerson Stewart
 11/12 Harper Tone
 11/14 Shelley O'Brien
 11/15 Isaac Blocker
 11/15 Kym Giera
 11/16 Brendan Joyce
 11/18 Ryen Desmedt
 11/18 Adam Thompson
 11/19 Jason Hinton
 11/20 Wendy Hayes

11/20 Sara Virella
 11/21 Josh Jarvis
 11/21 Karryn Swanson
 11/22 Bijoy Chacko
 11/24 Liam Krizman
 11/24 Jon Woo
 11/26 Karen Heckmann
 11/27 Mary Belke
 11/27 Evan Sullivan
 11/29 Janet Johnson

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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November 2025

If you notice an error on the calendar, please share that information with office@parkridgecommunitychurch.org.

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TURN IN YOUR 2026 PLEDGE CARDS 16 10 am ONE SERVICE 11 am Consecration Luncheon	17 6:30 pm Exec Comm Mtg. 7 pm Yoga 7:30 pm Board of Directors	18 10:15 am Chair Yoga 12 pm Kindred Spirits Café 7 pm Wall of Sound Practice	19 10 am Staff Mtg. 12 pm PRMA (Jordan) 2:30 pm Wacky Weds 3:30 pm Youth Choir 7 pm Circle 10 ABC Bunco Night	20 9 am Men's Breakfast 6:30 pm Bells on High 7:30 pm Chancel Choir	21	22
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ADVENT BEGINS! 30 8:30 am Chapel Service 10 am Worship 11 am Team Talk	<i>In all things, give Thanks</i>					

stephen MINISTRY



By: Liz Swanson

"Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." Philipians 4:8

Our recent sermon series is titled "Sacred Worth: Imbued by the Creator." As Pastor Carol said in the first sermon of this series, **IMBUED** is a great word! To be *imbued* is to be filled up with or become soaked or saturated with something. We are *imbued* – filled up with and saturated by the Divine with sacred worth. That is a truth that can sometimes be lost because we also live in a time that can *imbue* us with worldly challenges, ideas and fears. Walking with a Stephen Minister helps us find a way to be intentional about what we fill ourselves with.

You may know the story of the Child who said to the Elder there were two hungry, competing wolves fighting inside them. The fire wolf fights with anger, greed and fear and wants to destroy everything. The snow wolf offers love, peace and gratitude and wants to plant seeds and nurture them. The Child asked the Elder, "how do I know which wolf will win?" The answer is the one you feed or fill up with your time and energy will ultimately become stronger and win.

As people of God who have experienced the world in many ways, we can understand these competing realities. The Divine offers unconditional love, peace beyond understanding, purely motivated acceptance and so much more. This earthly place has examples of these Godly gifts, as well as illness, broken relationships, violence, greed, inequities, selfishness and many elements that are the opposite of God's ways. When we pour our attention and resources into the fire wolf, it can be difficult to remember that we have Sacred Worth. When our snow wolf gets filled with our attention and resources, it's easier to remember and then share our Sacred Worth in this broken world. There are points in our lives when we need support and need help to intentionally feed and fill up our snow wolf. That is where Stephen Ministry comes in.

A Stephen Minister helps show you that you are imbued by the Creator with sacred worth. Your Stephen Minister is there to listen to you and pray for you in a confidential setting, so you are supported in facing the world's challenges. The simple act of walking with a Stephen Minister is a way to feed your snow wolf – to know your Sacred Worth. Every Stephen Minister who has a care receiver feels blessed by the relationship so having a Stephen Minister is also a way to feed and fill up their snow wolf. By deciding to walk with a Stephen Minister, you are caring for yourself, encouraging your Stephen Minister and blessing the team of Stephen Ministers. Have you considered becoming a Stephen Minister yourself? The Stephen Ministry team is looking to begin a training soon. If you are interested in training as a Stephen Minister, or looking to walk with a Stephen Minister, please connect with Pastor Carol, Pastor Mollie or any of the Stephen Ministry team.



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Prayer Ministry



Is the idea of praying in front of others daunting?
Do you ever feel like you just don't know what to say?

Join the Stephen Ministers for **Faithful First Sundays** as we explore different approaches to prayer the first Sunday of the month. We'll meet in **Ellinger Transept** (off the sanctuary opposite the chapel) from **9:30-9:50 am** and we'll cover a different perspective each month.

On tap for Nov 2: Prayer Over Food

On Sunday, November 2 at 7:30 pm, we will hold our annual Service of Remembrance, where we will honor and remember those who have entered Life in the Resurrection over the past year. Please review the list below and if your loved one is not listed or if their name should be adjusted in any way, please let Sarah know: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org



Torre Anderson
Rosemary Argus
LaCena Bailey
Thomas Raymond
Biedke
Louise Bruyn
Vivian Bussard
Sandy Caley
Heather Cannon
Robert Cucinotta
David Douglass
Maria Down
Mia Downs
Vicki Fox
Macie Grey
Stephen

Scott Hazen
Rhoda Holland
Lou Ella Houston
Joan Jacoby
William Jarvis
Judith Johnson
Sue Laughlin
Sawyer
Char Kenzel
Richard Lenke
David Lordi
Dwayne
McClanahan
Bill Melton
Joan O'Brien
Celia O'Malley

Sam Orth
Trudy Overmeyer
Eddie Peterson
Peggy Roche
Jorge Romanach
Julia Saladino
Don Schram
Joseph M. Sell
Yvonne Shah
Dwight "Bud" Smith
Rick Sutphin
Cliff Stettler
Mary Elise Thomas
Pat Thompson
Bernadine Williams
Helen Higgins Wilson

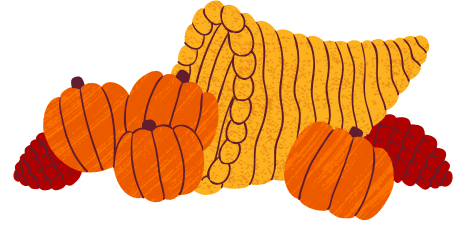
Community Candlelight Peace Vigil

Thursday, Nov. 13th at 7 pm

Park Ridge Presbyterian Church

The need for peace is as great as it's ever been before. There are currently 140 armed conflicts around the world, and as a community, there is more that we hold in common than that which divides us. Let us gather to sing, to pray, and to work for peace. From Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Russia, and the ICE terrorized streets, we cry out for peace. Join with community clergy and neighbors for this 45 minute candlelight service for peace. This service will be held at the Park Ridge Presbyterian Church with clergy leaders from many congregations, including PRCC.





Volunteer Spotlight

Each month we highlight one of many extraordinary volunteers whose contributions are making a difference at PRCC!

This month we recognize

Winnie Ericksen!



Winnie became a PRCC member in 1998! She was very active in the daytime Women's Bible Study group and led it for 12 years sharing her wisdom and knowledge! Winnie has helped out on countless events such as the Rummage Sales and Christmas Bazaars. Winnie has been an active part of Kindred Spirits Cafe and a friend to many. Winnie has served with a joyful heart and generous spirit! Thank you, Winnie for helping make PRCC a wonderful place to be!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!

Dec. 12th - 13th



On Saturday, December 13, PRCC will open its doors for our community to come experience a Bake Sale, Cake Walk, Gingerbread and Tree Decorating Contests, Live Music, a full Pageant Production, AND MORE!! We need volunteers to help run the cake walk, welcome guests, bake cakes and treats for the bake sale, and be a welcoming representative of PRCC. Can you donate an hour or two? WE NEED YOU! [Sign up here!](#)

Welcome NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, October 26th, PRCC grew!! We welcomed 16 new members plus 3 children! **Please help our new members and guests to feel welcome by WEARING YOUR NAMETAG.** Nametags help us to know one another and feel welcome. Be sure you introduce yourself to those you haven't yet met! Our next New Member Sunday will be held on January 25th!

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS: Tim Anderson; Lynn Doherty; Ambrea (Beckham) Kikolski; Amanda, Al, Charlotte, and Ella Metts-DiCristofano; Megan and Tom (George and Al) Newman; Jim Davis and Scott Perlman; Bill and Sharon Peterson; Michelle Sanford and Amy Barnes; and Louis Kauffman.

Music Notes

Bells On High Practice: Thursdays, 6:30 pm

Chancel Choir Practice: Thursdays, 7:30 pm

Youth Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 3:30 pm

MEET THE

MUSIC STAFF

Each month you can look forward to learning more about our talented music staff!

Alyssa LaTragna



I'm Alyssa LaTragna and I am happy to be rejoining the Chancel Choir! I started in the Angeli Choir and Chancel Choir in 2011, continuing until I graduated high school. I then studied vocal music education at Drake University and earned my Masters in Education majoring in educational policy, organization, and leadership focusing on diversity and equity at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. While at Drake, I had the opportunity to be a member of the Drake Choir and Chamber Choir and sung across Europe and the UK. Outside of choral singing, I love to sing musical theater and pop. My favorite hymn is "Amazing Grace" and my favorite anthem is anything arranged by Moses Hogan. My favorite PRCC music memory will always be singing the Christmas Eve service by candlelight. I'm excited to be singing with Sasha and the Chancel Choir again!

WALL OF SOUND

supporting
PRCC ministries

@ Harp & Fiddle

110 Main St, Park Ridge, IL 60068

Nov 23 | 6:00 PM

Make sure to mention PRCC when you place your order!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

PARK RIDGE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP

HOSTED BY THE
PARK RIDGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION

**TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 25**

7 PM

FELLOWSHIP & DESSERT FOLLOWING

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
205 N. Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068
www.stlukespr.org

Connection Groups



Kindred Spirits Café Tuesdays at 12:00 pm

Free for lunch on Tuesdays? Join us for an hour of fun and fellowship each week in Jordan Hall! Bring your lunch and we'll provide dessert. Our programming changes monthly, so see the schedule below for our November plans. Email Sarah to be added to our email list: sarah.mccarty@parkridgecommunitychurch.org

- **Nov. 4: Celebrate November Birthdays**
- **Nov. 11: Veterans Day Remembrances - Share your stories**
- **Nov. 18: Bingo!**
- **Nov. 25: Guest Host: Pastor Mollie!**

Men's Breakfast Thursdays at 9 am

Calling Men of all ages! Join us for coffee and pastries at 9 am every Thursday in the Church Library. We chat about the latest news, check in with each other about life, and enjoy the absence of an agenda!

All are welcome! Join us on Zoom!



Circle 10 Gathering

November 19

ABC Bunco Night

Appetizers, Bunco, Cocktails!!
All are welcome to join in this fun night of fellowship, hosted by Women's Circle 10. This event supports Circle 10's bereavement ministry. Questions, call Naomi Siebert.



7-9 pm, PRCC Great Hall

\$5 at the door suggested donation

Bring a friend!

RSVP here!



Knitting Knights



The Knitting Knights will be meeting in December to socialize and craft items for outreach and general PRCC needs. If you would like to learn to crochet or knit, please join us. We would love to have as many people as possible helping us use up the wall of yarn we have!

Join us for our Christmas Tea, Monday 12/8 at 2:00 pm. We will be meeting at Liz Swanson's home. Please connect with her for more details.



Outreach News



**BOOT
SIZES:**

**MENS:
8.5-10.5**

**WOMENS:
6-8**

Exodus World Service Winter Boutique

Let's help our new neighbors stay warm this winter! On November 22, Exodus World Service will host a Winter Boutique where refugee families can "shop" for cozy winter gear—boots, coats, and accessories—at no cost.

The Outreach Committee is donating 10 pairs of boots! All are invited to join in by providing boots, warm socks, hats, gloves, and scarves. Donations can be dropped off at Exodus World Service 780 Busse Hwy, Monday–Thursday from 9:30 am–4:30 pm or placed in the Butler Place collection bin.

Please bring items by Wednesday, November 19, so we can deliver them in time. Together, we can share warmth this winter!



AVALON PARK CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE



We will be partnering with Avalon Park Community Church to provide gifts for 100 children in their neighborhood again this Christmas! Be on the look out for the gift tags on the Butler Place Tree starting Nov. 30th!

If you like to hit up the Thanksgiving/Holiday Sales:

We will be collecting toys/items for ages 1-17. There is not a specific "wishlist", so have fun shopping for children of these ages!

Outreach News

JOIN US for a meeting and see what we're all about!

Our next meeting is Thursday, November 6th at 6:00 PM in the PRCC Parlor.

EMAIL US at outreach@parkridgecommunitychurch.org with questions or suggestions



Lincoln Park Community Shelter

November 6

We prepare and cook a healthy meal for approximately 35 adults who are experiencing homelessness on the first Thursday of each month. Our prep/cook time is 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. [SIGN UP](#) if you are available to help. We need 3 people to prep/cook and 1 person to deliver the prepared meal to Lincoln Park.



Loving Lunches

December 14

Thank you to our Youth who will assemble lunches on November 9th. The next assembly date is December 14th. Please [SIGN UP HERE](#) to help assemble 160 lunches. The Christian Outreach Committee provides lunchmeat and cheese for sandwiches as well as fresh fruit using our Committee budget (the bread is generously donated).



Ronald McDonald House @ Advocate Lutheran GH

For over 50 years, Ronald McDonald House Charities has supported families of hospitalized children with lodging, meals, and comfort during their health care journey. Since 2024, PRCC's Christian Outreach Committee has provided quarterly lunches at the Ronald McDonald Family Room at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital and now invites others to help by contributing food or snacks through the provided [WISHLIST](#).

Maine Township Food Pantry & Butler Place Food Pantry - Ongoing

We continue to collect food items to support this local pantry. At this time, they especially need flour, spices, condiments, jelly and canned soups/fruit. The cart in our Butler Place serves as a drop off spot for food items as well as empty egg cartons and recyclable or paper grocery bags.

*Cans with pop up lids preferred.



Children's Ministry

Morgan Tone, Director of Children's Ministry

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Sunday School News

It's hard to believe fall is already in full swing and we're back into the rhythm of the school year at Sunday School! The children have been learning a lot while having fun.

Recently, our Sunday School children decorated 20 pumpkins and made cards for our seniors, which Senior Contact delivered. This annual tradition is something the children look forward to, and it brings joy to our seniors.

Please remember to encourage your child to bring their offering to Sunday School each week. We're focusing on stewardship and learning how to care for our church community.

Mark your calendars for these upcoming dates:

November 2:

Sunday School: Jesus Feeds 5,000

November 9:

Sunday School: Manna, Quail & Water

November 16:

Sunday School: God Calls Samuel

November 23:

Kids Club: Thanksgiving Project

November 30: Advent 1

Sunday School: The Angel Visits Mary



Children's Ministry



SAVE THE DATE: ADVENT FESTIVAL – DECEMBER 7TH!

Join us for a family-friendly Advent Festival at PRCC! Come and experience the joy of the season with activities, fellowship, and fun for all ages.

We're also looking for volunteers to help plan and run the event—if you'd like to get involved, we'd love your help!



PRCC CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

We're excited to announce that our beloved Christmas Pageant will be offered twice this year! Join us for a special performance during the Park Ridge Christmas Stroll on December 13th and at our traditional pageant during the 10:00 am worship service on December 14th.

Children from preschool through high school are invited to participate in singing or speaking roles. Each child will wear a beautifully handmade costume by the talented Ann Swindell. This heartwarming, joy-filled pageant is carefully scripted and rehearsed under the direction of Sasha Gerritson, and there's a role for everyone!

An important rehearsal will be held on Saturday, December 13th from 11 am–1 pm, and songs will be practiced during regular music time in November and December. We will also need many adults to help make these productions a success!

[Register your child\(ren\) to participate here.](#)



PRCC Youth 6TH-12TH GRADES



**PICKWICK
THEATRE
PARK RIDGE**

November 30th

An afternoon at the movies!

Stay tuned for the showing time
and movie selection

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

JUNE 6-13, 2026

All youth who will have completed 6-12 grades are invited to attend a transformational service week this June! In partnership with Praying Pelican, we will serve and learn in various ways in the city of Portland, Oregon! Stay tuned for cost and registration!

A circular graphic with a green border. Inside, there's a cityscape at sunset with a mountain in the background. The word "PORTLAND" is written in large, white, bold letters across the middle of the cityscape.

PORTLAND

PRCC Youth: 6TH-12TH GRADES



High School Holy Chow

November 23

11:45 am-1:00 pm

We will gather in the Butler Place Entry and walk Uptown for a meal together with meaningful discussion with Pastor Mollie!
No money needed!



November 9

All Youth

11:00 am-12:15 pm

Loving Lunches

Come on down to Jordan Hall and help pack lunches for those who are in need!



Wednesdays

2:30 - 3:30 pm

Open gym and homework time!
All Middle Schoolers are welcome!

Youth Choir Practice: 3:30 pm-4:45 pm
*NO WW ON 11/26/25



NOV. 15:

Field Trip

St. Moses the Black Parish
2:30-6:30 pm

As a class we will experience a Catholic Mass, beginning at 4:00 pm, and have a moment to reflect with Father Matthew O'Donnell following.

colaborate



NOVEMBER:

2- STAY IN WORSHIP / COMMUNION DAY

9- JOHN

16- ACTS

23- PAUL & EARLY CHURCH

30- ADVENT 1

Celebrating Our Story



Sunday Night Supper



Eleanor A. sending love!



Forest Preserve Clean Up



CPR Training from PRFD



Pastors Appreciation



CROP Walk 2025!!



PRCC working for justice in Park Ridge and Chicago!

Our Prayer Ministry

As we enter this season of thanksgiving, we are reminded each day of God's abundant love that surrounds and sustains us. Gratitude fills our hearts for the ways prayer binds us together as one body of faith—rejoicing with those who celebrate and offering comfort and strength to those in need. With thankful hearts, let us lift before God the joys, concerns, and blessings of our community, trusting that every prayer is received with care and grace. We especially remember those on our long-term prayer list:

Laura Beaudion, Tom Berry, Evan Curtis, Amber Douglass, Wylie Douglass, Jon Forsythe, Ginny Feurer, Kym Giera, Christine Kotecki, Michelle Leach, Joey M., Tommy Mack, Michael McDonough, Tracy McKenzie, Kappy Muenzer, Pete Muenzer, Sandra, Brian Stevens, Kathleen Weller, Joyce Wright, Bernice Zabawski

General Prayers

- We hold Sandra, a neighbor of Elaine Z., in our prayers as she and her family seek physical, emotional, and economic healing.
- We pray for Jim and Scott as they grapple with an emotionally and financially stressful situation.
- Janet J. asks for prayers for her friend Pam who is dealing with developing dementia.
- We pray for the CPS students and our neighbors who are afraid of ICE.
- We pray for our 8th grade students who are experiencing Washington, DC that they would learn a lot and return safely on Monday.
- An anonymous member of our community asks for prayers for a loved one who has been asked to leave her church because she is a transgender woman: for her to be secure in God's love for her despite the hurt inflicted by this church.
- We hold in prayer a son who is in search of work and a career.
- We give thanks for the "Getting to Know You" Session, at which those interested in membership got to know one another, this church, Fellowship's Square dance, the Moms and Babies Bloom group, and all the ways we are connecting across his congregation!
- We celebrate the peaceful protests with faith leaders and community leaders uniting to hold our elected leaders accountable to caring for all people in this country!
- We pray for the CROP Walk and our commitment to eliminate hunger around the world.
- We pray for a loved one waiting for results from a biopsy this week.
- We pray for those who are traveling near and far, as well as those who have been sick, that God would be present with each just as they need.
- We pray for a family member in search for a job.
- We give thanks for the New Members joining our church today and the seeds that have been planted by the variety of ministries of PRCC.
- We pray for Liz E. as she relocates to her new home in Peoria near her daughter Dawn.
- We hold Tom K. and family in our prayers as his mother nears the end of her life.
- We pray for new member Amy as she begins a 3 month training in San Antonio.

Joys

- We celebrate the forest preserve clean up and our ongoing efforts to care for God's creation.
- We celebrate all the birthdays and anniversaries, including Sophia J. who's 4 years old!
- We celebrate the baptism of little Jordan!
- The Smith family celebrates the 50th anniversary of Will's parents on Oct. 12! Congratulations!
- We celebrate with Rick & Jill W. on the arrival of their new grandchild, Callum River Adams.
- We celebrating Karen and Bruce's 45th wedding anniversary!
- We celebrate that Charlie had a good doctor's visit with vaccinations this week.
- We rejoice with Pastor Mollie that she was able to go to her hometown in Kansas this weekend for Homecoming celebrations.
- We celebrate with Sarah M. at the joy of her brother's wedding ceremony that was held yesterday and we pray God's blessing upon Andrew and Victoria and their lives together.

Our Prayer Ministry

Healing & Recovery

- We pray for Elaine Z. as she battles fatigue and respiratory problems.
- We pray for Kym whose cataract surgery has been delayed and her brother Richard as he deals with pain.
- We pray for Sasha's father Steve who's in the hospital, another father beginning hospice, another preparing for upcoming tests, and yet another seeking employment.
- Jim and Pete M. ask for prayers for their Aunt Kappy as she deals with cardiac issues following receiving a pacemaker.
- We continue to hold Julie B.'s nephew AJ in prayer as the bone marrow transplant process continues.
- We hold in prayer several friends of Tim and Sally M: Sue B., who was recently diagnosed with breast cancer; Lisa, who is experiencing an early onset of dementia; and Andrea, who is undergoing treatment for pancreatic cancer.
- We hold Dan S.'s mom, Marianne, in prayer as she heals from knee replacement surgery.
- We hold Jeff C. in our prayers as he recovers from pneumonia and prepares for jaw surgery to remove a rare tumor.
- We pray for Mark, brother-in-law of Paula & Bob M., as he undergoes surgery and treatment for colon cancer..
- We hold in prayer Rick B.'s longtime friend, Robin, who is undergoing a mastectomy.
- Ryan M. asks for prayers for his brother, Kevin, who has been experiencing unexplained pain and will have his gallbladder removed this week.
- We pray for Diane as she heals from surgery on her hand.
- We give thanks that Janet's husband Gary's eye surgery went well as did niece Linnea's back surgery and pray for continued healing mercies.
- We pray for Winnie E. as she struggles with difficulty walking.
- We pray for Dick C.'s niece Amy whose kidney transplant is failing and is experiencing pain.
- We pray for Janet's friend's 1 year old nephew Callum, who is preparing for surgery on his airway, as he is unable to breathe.
- We pray for Connie W. who fell and broke her arm and wrist.
- We pray for Tom C. as he recovers from a surgery this past Thursday.

Life in the Resurrection

- We hold the Clapper family in our prayers after the loss of their son and brother Eddie Peterson.
- We pray for Anthony S. and his family as they mourn the passing of his Uncle David, who entered Life in the Resurrection on Oct. 11.
- On Fri., October 10, at 100 years old, Char Kenzel entered Life in the Resurrection. Her family is grateful for her long and full life and sends their thanks for the love and friendship she experienced at PRCC.
- We hold the Shah family in our prayers, as Yvonne Shah, PRCC member, mother of Devan, Monalee, and Tara, entered life in the resurrection on Friday after battling Alzheimer's and kidney failure.
- We pray for the loved ones of Richard Guzior, a customer of Dan S. who entered life in the resurrection.
- We hold the loved ones of former member Gail Melick in our prayers as he entered life in the resurrection.



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