

# St. Paul's

**April  
2024**



# THE BEACON



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# Words from Wang

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## **Words From Wang** – *The Earth is the Lord's...*

The creation story in Genesis provides us with a simple metaphor of how things came to be “in the beginning.” It illustrates how God fashioned the heavens and the earth, the birds of the air, the four legged and two legged that walk the earth, those who inhabit the waters, the lilies of the field, and the trees that *clap their hands*. The God who saw to it that all creation was blessed is the same God that expects those created in God’s image (that’s us) to tend it and to till it. In addition to the Genesis story, the Psalmist eloquently penned inspiring words in Psalm 24:

*The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;  
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*

And when the Creator made human kind, it became very clear that to “have dominion” (Genesis reference) meant to nurture and protect all that God has given for the benefit of all creation; the circle of life, the balance of nature, as it were. And history has proven that the best way for us to honor the Creator is, while we naturally draw from the land, the air, and the sea, that we consider only what is needed to sustain life. And our faithful response is to return thanks and to demonstrate a strong commitment to our custodianship of all things natural. This is our creed as inhabitants of the earth and must be practiced at every level; mentally, physically, and spiritually. The Psalmist/worship leader continues in the next verse with a question:

*Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?  
And the people answer,  
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.*

One exception to the “clean hands” metaphor is the fact that there are those among us who are willing to get their hands dirty in all the ways that we nurture and tend God’s Garden, including those who literally love the feel and aroma of “dirt” on their hands (a.k.a. the green thumb). Those same “tenders” do not really consider it “dirt” but rather, life-giving humus; that it literally possesses the decomposed past that when recycled and repurposed, literally produce new life.

I could not be happier that recent conversations during our “Let’s Talk Church” meetings have generated some newfound energy around the topic of Creation Care (see article). And anyone who does not attend church on “Earth Day Sunday” (April 21<sup>st</sup>) will miss our unofficial launch as we seek to be more intentional in educating and promoting the integrity of creation. Our planet needs our help so we trust that many of you will step up in supporting our work in this very important ministry at stewards of God’s earth.

May the growing power of this new season of rebirth only enrich and bless what we are called to do in tending and tilling the miracle of God’s creation - and as we celebrate the cycles and seasons of life.

See ya’ in church.  
Pastor Bob

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## **Music Coordinator Position Created**

St. Paul's church members have probably noticed a few changes in how we have been handling music matters in the past several months. After much discussion and deliberation, the newly revised personnel committee, with the church council's blessing, has offered Kristin Scheets an addendum to her current job as worship accompanist and vocalist.

As the "music coordinator," Kristin will manage certain administrative tasks and provide oversight to our music ministry and staff, especially as it pertains to music offered during worship services throughout the church year (i.e., choirs, ensembles, and special music). Her duties officially began during the month of March and will be evaluated on a monthly basis. She will also report to, and periodically meet with, the worship committee.

As the summer season approaches, she will be the person charged with scheduling special music while our regular choirs and ensembles take the summer off. We all certainly appreciate what Kristin brings to the worship life of St. Paul's Church, and we couldn't be happier that she will be expanding her role with us. Church members are asked to please refer any and all music concerns or questions to Kristin in the coming months.



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## Worship Opportunities

(April-May)

**April 7:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** *John 20:19-31*

**Sermon Theme:** *The Kind of Peace that Unlocks Doors*

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.

**April 14:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** *Luke 24:36b-48*

**Sermon Theme:** *Why are You Frightened?*

**April 21:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Earth Day

**Scripture:** Psalm 23, John 10:11-18

**Sermon Theme:** *Green Pastures, Still Waters, and Restored Souls*

**April 28:** 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** John 15:1-8

**Sermon Theme:** *Abiding in Divine*

**May 5:** 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

**Scripture:** John 15:9-17

**Sermon Theme:** *Friends; the Final Episode*

Note: The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be served.

**May 12:** 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

**Scripture:** John 17:6-19

**Sermon Theme:** *Yours, Mine, and Ours*

Note: Faith, Food, and Fellowship Sunday in fellowship hall

**May 19:** Pentecost Sunday

**Scripture:** Acts 2:1-21

**Sermon Theme:** *Praying For A Moral Pentecost*

**May 26:** 1st Sunday after Pentecost/Trinity Sunday

**Scripture:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**Sermon Theme:** *Holy to the Third Power*



# Let's Celebrate Birthdays



Nolan Lotesto	4/3	Pete Singer	4/17
Nancy Kramer	4/8	Jeremiah Wikman	4/18
Charlie Lang	4/8	Edward Bourdage	4/18
Terri Deuerling	4/8	Janet Henneman	4/19
Jamie Szabo	4/10	Eve Mertes	4/21
Greg Lucas	4/10	Brian Butler	4/22
Evelyn Winter	4/11	Ursula Kriegel	4/30
Jane Dawson	4/12		



Wendy Manser	5/6	Molly Schneeweiss	5/21
Laurie Revak	5/7	Kurt Albertsen	5/21
Kamila Kay	5/8	Jack Vogt Jr.	5/23
Sheryl Gee	5/11	Gary Gee	5/24
Steven Ticknor	5/11	Peter Kirsch	5/24
Kailee Kruse	5/14	Keith Chappell	5/25
Jack Glauner	5/14	Arlene Jezierski	5/29
Sue Phillips	5/14	Doug MacKenzie	5/29
Laura Middaugh	5/17	Sandy MacMillan	5/30
Julia Zickus	5/17		

# Church News



## Who Do You See?

Here is a photo from the past, St. Paul's softball team, the St. Paul Saints. Who can identify the MOST people in the photo? **It's a contest so don't share!**

Send your responses to [info@stpaulsucccl.org](mailto:info@stpaulsucccl.org) We will publish who had the most correct people identified in the next Beacon and who these fierce softball warriors are!





# Church News



Although the grass was wet, it didn't dampen the spirits of about 40 children as they raced off to collect eggs on Saturday!! The morning included refreshments, hearing the Easter story and a song with Pastor Bob, hunting for eggs, photos with the Easter Bunny and bringing home a goodie bag.

It's always wonderful to see some new families visit St. Paul's. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped with this event!

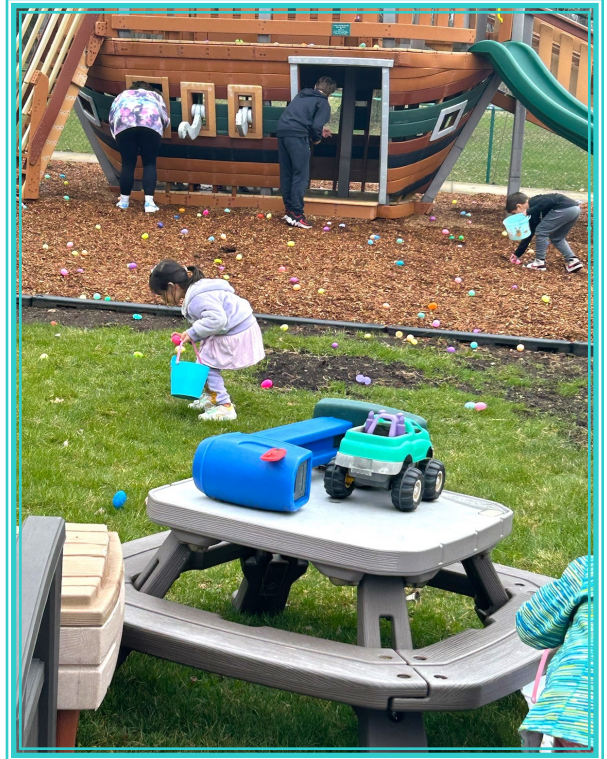
Enjoy the pictures from the hunt.

Your Church Life Ministry





# Church News





# April



## UPCOMING EVENTS

## AT A GLANCE

APRIL

14

APRIL

FAITH, FOOD &  
FELLOWSHIP  
SERVICE  
10:00 A.M. BRKF  
10:30 A.M.  
WORSHIP

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APRIL

MARY CIRCLE  
MEETING  
CWS DISASTER  
HYGIENE KITS  
1:00 P.M.

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APRIL

EARTH DAY  
SUNDAY  
SERVICE  
10:00 A.M.

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APRIL

FEED MY  
STARVING  
CHILDREN  
11:30 A.M.

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APRIL

ST. PAUL'S  
FELLOWSHIP  
BINGO  
11:00 A.M.



# Church News

## CREATION CARE CORNER

**Every day is earth day and it is easy to be a good steward of our earth!**

Save water – reduce water usage

Appreciate nature! Spend time outside or plant a garden.

Reduce, Reuse and Recycle!

During our Let's Talk Church time, one discussion was about taking care of God's Creation.

An informal group got excited about ways St. Paul's can participate. We hope to bring facts, ways to participate and ideas about being good stewards of our planet to our church community through Beacon articles. With the springboard of Earth Day we are offering a small packet of seeds for you to plant. Planting flowers or plants that attract pollinators is an easy and fun way to help our earth.

Different flower types attract different kinds of pollinators. Echinacea, Ox-Eye Daisy, Black-Eyed Susan, and Coreopsis flowers are super easy to grow, make excellent cut flowers, and entice all sorts of pollinators to come by for a snack or a rest on those large flower heads. Don't forget to provide water for the pollinators. A small rock in your bird bath or saucer gives them a safe place to rest while drinking!







# Church News

## ADULT FELLOWSHIP VOLUNTEERING EVENT

**Where?** Feed My Starving Children  
742 East Park Ave. | Libertyville, IL 60048

**What?** Packing nutritious meal bags to be sent around the world.

**When?** Saturday, April 27th, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

**Who?** We have 25 slots available for anyone over the age of 5. All are welcome, up to a maximum of 25 people.

To reserve a slot, please contact Ann Lingner at the church or via [email](mailto:ann@st-pauls.org). To learn more about Feed My Starving Children and their mission, go to [fmsc.org](http://fmsc.org).

**We have 10 volunteers to date! If you would like to join us, there is room for 15 more people. We will be carpooling from St. Paul's for those of you who need a ride.**



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**BINGO!**

SUNDAY - APRIL 28TH  
11:00 A.M.

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for some fun, food and fellowship!

Please bring a white elephant gift, which will be the BINGO prize. A light lunch will be provided, first come, first served.

Invite your friends and neighbors for this FREE community event.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Bingo is on Sunday,  
April 28th starting at  
11:00am.*

Join us in Fellowship Hall immediately following the worship service for some fun, food and fellowship. Please bring a white elephant gift which will be the Bingo prizes.

A pulled pork lunch will be provided, first come, first served. Food donations are needed. (chips, salads, desserts) Invite your friends and neighbors. This is a free community event.

Please RSVP on the sign up sheet posted in the narthex.

Church Life Ministry





# FAMILY CAMPS



## Making Memories Family Camp

*Formerly Grandparents & Me Camp*

**July 1-3, 2024**

**Directors: Karen Karczewski  
Lorri Foockle**

**Fee:**

**First Participant—\$242.00**

**Each Additional Participant—\$132.00**



**Making Memories Family Camp** is an inter-generational camp for Grandparents & Grandchildren, Parents & Children, Aunts/Uncles & Nieces/Nephews, Godparents & Godchildren.

**All** are welcome and encouraged to come make memories to last a lifetime.



**Saturday, May 4, 2024**

**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**Fee: No Charge**

**Breakfast & Lunch included**

**Leader: Wendy Brown**

***Do you want to help restock firewood for Pilgrim Park?***

You can come just for Saturday or come stay Friday night and enjoy a delicious breakfast prior to the start of the work day. All free of charge for your generous gift of labor.

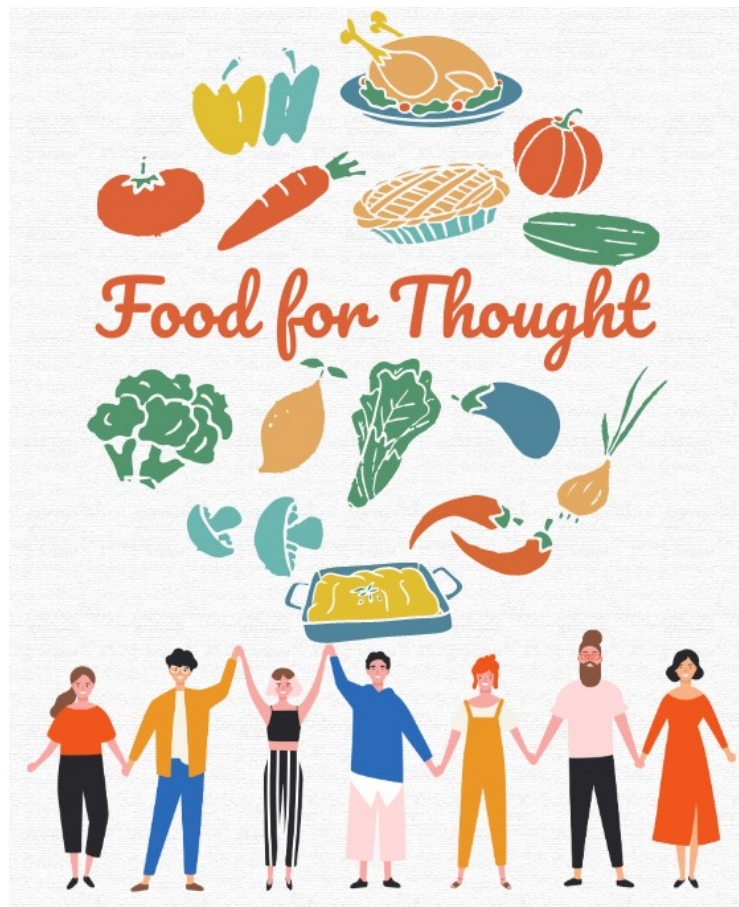


Items you should bring: work gloves and a water bottle. If you have a chainsaw and/or loppers they would be helpful. Please plan to wear long sleeved shirt and long pants along with closed toed shoes.

No matter if you cut, split, or stack the wood, your help is needed and greatly appreciated.

**Register at: <https://outdoorministries.campbrainregistration.com/>**

# Church News



There are many hungry people in Crystal Lake, which we hate to admit, so we would like to make sure St. Paul's does our share to alleviate some of the hunger. Traditionally, the first Sunday of every month is the day to bring your items to donate, so we are hoping to have a special donation on **Sunday, May 5th**. Bags will be handed out the last two Sundays in April, with a list attached for the most requested items. If you aren't able to donate food, monetary donations are always welcome.

St. Paul's was one of the founding members of the Crystal Lake Food Pantry, and we have always had a representative on the board and volunteers to cover the days that are assigned to us. We have lost many of our volunteers due to age and health restrictions, so if you are available to volunteer at the pantry to serve clients, you would be welcome. You can work all or part of the day. If you are interested, contact either Laurie or Cheryll so you can be added to the volunteer list.

*Laurie Revak and Cheryll Triefenbach*





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## Mother's Day Appreciation

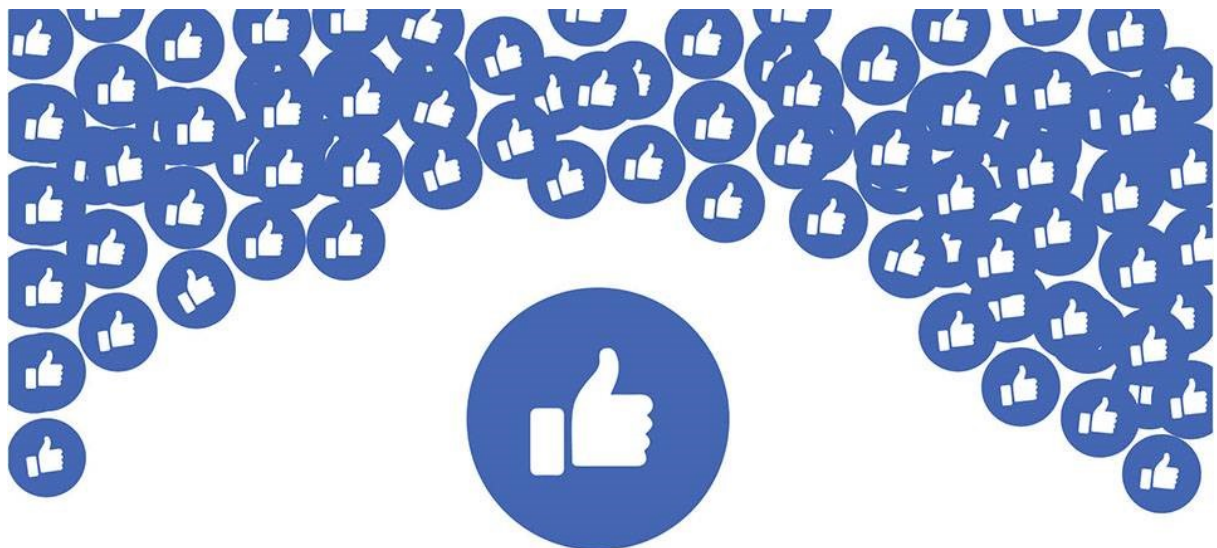
- Who:** Men of St. Paul's
- What:** Organize, prepare, host and clean-up for the Faith Food & Fellowship
- When:** Sunday, May 12, 2024
- Where:** Fellowship Hall
- Why:** To honor the women of St. Paul's and all mothers on Mother's Day

Men of St. Paul's, let's put our "best foot forward" this Mother's Day and show the women and moms in our lives that we honor, love, and support them. We will also be giving the Church Life and Coffee Hour committees a break, as they have been providing the work and effort to make the FFF the success it has been. I will set up a sign-up sheet outside the sanctuary; please let me know how you will be able to help with this event. Questions? Give me a call at (847) 877-1503 or email me at

[kckruse@comcast.net](mailto:kckruse@comcast.net)

Kevin Kruse  
Worship Committee

# Church News



## FOLLOW OUR NEW FACEBOOK PAGE

[St. Paul's New Facebook Page](#)



We have a new St. Paul's UCC Facebook page. This new page will be the one to use for updates, events and watching live stream videos. The current Facebook page will be deactivated very soon, so please make sure to LIKE and follow the new page.



# Thank You

The Altar Guild would like to acknowledge and say a huge thank you to all the people who donated lilies. Our church looked lovely on Easter because of your generosity. Below is the list of donors.

The guild is deeply grateful for your continued support as we work to create a beautiful and welcoming place of worship.

Warmly,  
The Altar Guild



## Easter Lilies

Name	In Memory Of
John Arvidson	Marlene Arvidson & Myrtle Phillips
Janet Bucher	Jean Lubovich, Frances Bucher, Arthur Bucher, Janet Maurer
Ruth Costello	Virginia & Clarence Costello & Ernest Mauck, Jr.
Jane Dawson	Heather Jane Bryant
Dick & Jean Hautzinger	Darold Linden (Brother of Jean)
Nancy Kramer	In Loving Memory of my Husband George
Ann Lingner	My Mom Louise Koenig
Wendy Manser	Bill, Bettyann & Kathy Manser
Janet Martin	My Parents Glen & Evelyn Yerkey
Sondra Matterness	My Husband Tom Matterness
Donna Reber	My Husband Bob Reber
Lon & Cathy Schmidt	Remembering Loved Ones
Steve & Margaret Tobin	Those We've Lost
Bob & Judy Wang	In Loving Memory of John & Gretchen Wang




## Easter Lilies

Name	Given in Honor of
Linda Bichler	My Family
Michael & Jan Czosnyka	Our Family
Ken & Karen Hansen	Happy Easter to our Church Family
Nancy Kramer	My Wonderful Family
Regina Lombardo	Our Family
Allen & Karen Radovich	Our Family
Rob & Laurie Revak	Our Family
Donna Reber	My Family
Nancy Schmitz	Loving Family
Barb & Ken Thrun	Our Family
Steve & Margaret Tobin	Family & Friends
Cheryll & Gordie Triefenbach	Our Family




# Thank You



The Altar Guild will be losing a member at the end of this month. Arlene Tuscano has been a faithful member for many years, but she feels it is time to step down. She has been an asset to the committee and will be missed by the rest of the guild for all the extra things she has done to help with the duties of the commit, and she has agreed to substitute if necessary.

Thank you, Arlene!

The Altar Guild.



# Usher Schedule

**May  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.**

## ***USHERS***

### ***May 5th***

Ken Hansen - Captain  
Karen Hansen & Don Roxworthy  
Greeter: Wendy Domanico  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***May 12th, Mother's Day***

Ken Thrun - Captain  
Gene & Lynn Virzi  
Greeter: Mary Katenhusen  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***May 19th***

Sheryl Gee - Captain  
Gary Gee & Bill Berghorn  
Greeter: Gene & Lynn Virzi  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***May 26th***

John Whetham - Captain  
Wendy Manser & Jane Dawson  
Greeters: Bill & Shirley Berghorn  
Liturgist: TBD

**June  
Sunday Worship  
10:00 a.m.**

## ***USHERS***

### ***June 2nd***

Ken Thrun - Captain  
Kevin Kruse & Nancy Bellis  
Greeter: Joe & Jan Rickard  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***June 9th***

Rob Revak - Captain  
Lauren Revak & Jack Vogt  
Greeters: Debbie Patterson  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***June 16th, Father's Day***

Gary Voss - Captain  
Carla Voss & Don Roxworthy  
Greeters: Jan Bordignon  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***June 23rd***

John Whetham - Captain  
Bill Berghorn & Jane Dawson  
Greeter: Elizabeth Speros  
Liturgist: TBD

### ***June 30th***

Sherly Gee - Captain  
Gary Gee & Wendy Manser  
Greeters: Bonnie Goldman & Hazel Kriegel  
Liturgist: TBD

# St. Paul's Prayer List



## St. Paul's Members

n/a

## St. Paul's Homebound Friends

Arlene Kopsell

## Deceased Members and Friends

n/a

## Friends

Wendy Woosnam , Fred Albrecht, Jim Emrich

## Military - Stateside

Todd Whetham, Beth Roxworthy

## Sponsored Children

Alberly (Dominican Republic), Andrian (Indonesia), Daniel W. (Indonesia), Nicole V. (Bolivia), Nicole S. (USA), Tran Thi Chin (Vietnam), Breny (Columbia), Alfred (Tanzania), Isack S. (Tanzania), Maria, Jobenta M. (Haiti), Emyli (Guatemala)

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**Sunday Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

Via Facebook Live or streaming on website.

**Church Office Hours | 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday**



## St. Paul's Vision

Call to serve

Our

Neighbors' and Members'

Needs by

Engaging as

Christ's people

Through service and Love

## Follow Us on Social Media!

Keep up with St. Paul's latest news, information, and connection. LIKE and share our on social media.



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# Give the Gift of SCRIP



## IN STOCK SCRIP CARDS as of March 25th, 2024

Amazon	5 @\$25
BP Amoco	2 @\$50
Best Buy	1 @\$25
Buffalo Wild Wings	2 @\$25
Carter's	4 @\$25
Chili's	3 @\$25
Chipotle	3 @\$10
Darden (Olive Garden)	4 @\$25
Dunkin'	6 @\$10
Home Depot	3 @\$100
IHOP	1 @\$25
Jewel	15 @ \$100
LL Bean	1 @\$100
Mariano's	4 @\$50
Menards	4 @\$100
Panera	5 @\$10
Red Lobster	4 @\$25
Shell	6 @\$50
Speedway	4 @\$25/1 @\$100
Starbucks	10 @\$10/ 4 @\$25
Steinmart	1 @\$25
Subway	3 @\$10
Target	3 @\$25
TJ Maxx (Sierra, HomeGoods, Marshall)	1 @\$100
Walmart	4@ \$100   5 @\$250

Cards are available most Sundays at the Market Place in the narthex. If you need any of the above cards, they can be dropped off at church for pick up. If you want to order a specific card, please let me know. As always, checks are made payable to St. Paul's. **Karen Radovich**  
[nuknees@mc.net](mailto:nuknees@mc.net)

## EASY AND CONVENIENT

These products make it easy to earn on the go.

### PrestoPay™

The secure online payment system for families that lets them pay for orders and receive e-gift cards and reload their cards immediately.

### MyScripWallet™

Our mobile website where families can buy physical gift cards, reloads, and eGift cards. Directly onto their phones great for when you are in line at a store. you can reload or buy cards to go straight to your phone!