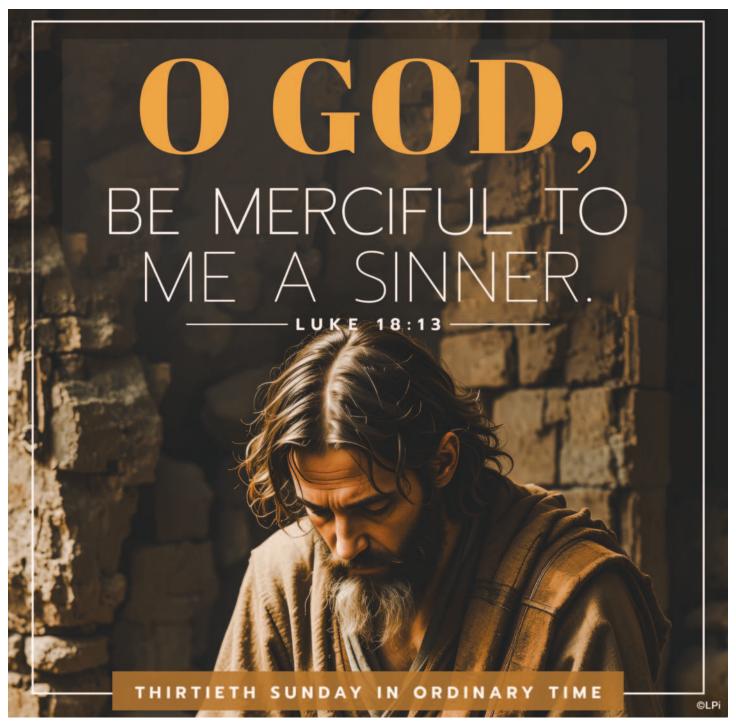


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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am in the Main Church

Daily Masses:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am in the Little Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the Main Church

or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays: 1:00 pm

Arrangements must be made in advance of the date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must to be made at least six to eight months prior to wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact Fr. Patrick Kizza at 847-234-1401

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Children's Religious Education and Formation

Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

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Sacrament of Confirmation

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OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

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Bulletin Deadlines

All articles must be submitted by noon of the deadline date. Please contact the parish Ministry Office.

Bulletin Date November 9 November 16 **Due Date**

October 30 November 6



A Letter from Fr. Patrick Kizza

October 26, 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"O God, Be Merciful to Me, a Sinner" — Living Humility in Everyday Life

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a parable about two men who go to the temple to pray—a Pharisee and a tax collector. The Pharisee stands proudly before God, listing his virtues and comparing himself to others. The tax collector, however, stands at a distance, eyes lowered, and simply prays, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." Jesus concludes: "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

At first glance, it's easy to distance ourselves from the Pharisee. Yet if we're honest, there are moments when his spirit lives quietly within us. We might think, "At least I'm not like that person," or "I do more than others in the parish." In today's world, where social media, competition, and self-promotion dominate, humility can feel out of place. But Jesus reminds us that true prayer and righteousness come not from comparing ourselves with others but from standing truthfully before God.

The tax collector teaches us how to pray from the heart. He doesn't justify himself or hide behind excuses; he opens his heart in simplicity and trust. As St. Augustine once wrote, "Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds? Lay first the foundation of humility."

In our daily lives, humility means recognizing that everything we have—our talents, family, health, and opportunities—are gifts from God. The humble person does not think less of themselves; rather, they think of themselves less, as C.S. Lewis reminds us. Humility is shown in the mother who quietly serves her family, in the worker who performs duties faithfully without praise, and in the student who admits mistakes and keeps trying.

St. Teresa of Ávila once said, "Humility is walking in truth." It's being honest about who we are before God—our strengths, our weaknesses, our sins, and our need for mercy. When we approach prayer like the tax collector, acknowledging our dependence on God, we open our hearts to His transforming grace.

As Christians, we are called to mirror Christ, who humbled Himself even to the point of death on a cross. In a world that rewards pride and self-promotion, the humble heart shines with quiet beauty. Jesus shows us that God listens not to the proud words of the self-satisfied, but to the silent cry of the contrite heart.

May we, like the tax collector, find the courage to pray each day: "Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner." For it is only when we humble ourselves before God that we are truly lifted up in His love.

Fr. Patrick

This Week

Sunday, October 26 8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

10:00am Mass - Fr. Hennessey Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick

Monday, October 27 4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Tuesday, October 28 8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Wednesday, October 29 8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

7:00pm 1st Communion Parent Meeting - PC

7:00pm OCIA - YR

7:00pm Wed Night Bible Study - CR

Thursday, October 30 9:30am Thursday Morning Scripture Group - PC

Friday, October 31

Saturday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick 8:30am EM Training - MC

10:30am Sacrastin Training - MC

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Franzman

Sunday, November 2

All Souls Day

8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

10:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick

4:00pm Confirmation Class - PC

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Patrick

6:00pm Youth Group - YR

Monday, November 3 4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Sirach teaches us that God cares deeply about our desire for justice. Can you think of a time when you fought against an unjust situation?

Second Reading:

As Paul nears the end of his life, he shares with Timothy how he fought hard for th faith, ever grateful for the Lord's support. As you look back on your life, can you see where God has been present?

Gospel:

Jesus teaches the crowds about the importance of humility. *Does humility come to you naturally or do you have to work at it?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8,

16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30

Thursday: Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/

Jn 6:37-40

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Finances

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of Oct. 18-19

<u>Actual</u>

Budget

Surplus/Deficit

\$9.952

\$15,118

(\$5,166)

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$369,489

\$418,317

(\$48,828)

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 26 8:00 am

† Msgr Frank Cimarrusti, req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti

10:00 am

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan Special intention for the family of Jim Monroe, req. Walt & Peg Wade

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, October 27

† Angelo Bressanelli, req. Leo & Meg Bressanelli

Tuesday, October 28

8:00 am

† Graham McClean, req. The McClean family

Wednesday, October 29

8:00 am

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

Thursday, October 30

8:00 am

† Bernard H Sullivan, reg. Ted & Liz Brandt

Friday, October 31

8:00 am

† Lost Souls in Purgatory, req. Bruce & Beth Barger

Saturday, November 1

8:00 am

5:00 pm

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special intention for Bob Mack, req. his family

Sunday, November 2

8:00 am

† Mrs. Edward McCaskey, req. Glen Wilke & Midtown - Metro Achievement Centers

10:00 am

† Deceased priests from St. Patrick Church, req. The Alaimo families

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

5:00 pm

Those Serving Our Country

Lt. Col. Patrick Burke, Jr., US Air Force Son of Patrick and Patty Burke

Col. Patrick J. Fahey, USMC

Son of Tom and Marilyn Fahey

Lt. Col. Michael J. Koob US Air Force Son of Mike and Donna Koob

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Son of Ana and Carl Marcyan

Major General Stephen L. Davis, US Air Force, Son of Karen Davis

Staff Sgt. Section Chief Joseph D. Whitley, US Army, Nephew of Cathe Keres

Ensign Owen William Platt, US Navv.

Son of Roger and Liz Platt

Cadet Reid Walsh, United States Military Academy, Son of Allison & Brian Walsh

Lt. JG Matthew Croisant, US Navy

Son of Tom & Kim Croisant

Midshipman Joseph Remus, US Naval Academy

Son of Laura and Mark Remus

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Our Sick

Jeff Neumayer

Deb Boyter

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

Darrel Folkerts

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Martin Henson

Sheila Anderson

Names added to the prayer requests will remain for 1 month. To add or re-add a person please email jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org or call the ministry office at 847-234-1401.

Our Deceased

Religious Education News Faith Formation for Grades 1-9

Grades 1-7

Our next class is **October 6&7**. Then we will have a week off due to the Columbus Day holiday. Parents in Year 2 if Communion Prep, don't forget our parent Reconciliation meeting on **Oct 22 @7pm**

Confirmation

Don't forget to sign up for one of our Confirmation Commissioning Masses. Either Oct 18 @5pm or Oct 19 @10am. Forms to sign up were emailed. Our next class is Tonight!

Staff

Dianne Marshall - dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org Director of Formation for Youth and Children

Yasmin Alba - yalba@stpatrick-lakeforest.org Administrative Assistant to Faith Formation

Youth Group

In coordination with St. Mary's, we will be having a brand new youth group for all students in 9th - 12th grades. Join us for faith, fun, and of course some food! All high school students are welcome.

- Oct 5, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Patrick's
- Oct 19, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's
- Nov 2, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Patrick's
- Nov 16, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's
- Dec 14, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's

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COR NIGHTS

6:00pm-7:30pm first & third sunday of the month

OCTOBER 5th @ St. Patrick OCTOBER 19th @ St. Mary

NOVEMBER 2nd @ St. Patrick NOVEMBER 16th @ St. Mary

Advent Party

December 14th 6:00pm-7:30pm St. Mary Parish Center



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Help us keep the altar in our Main Church beautiful with fresh flowers each week as a visible sign of our love, gratitude, and devotion to Jesus. Your gift to the "Flowers for Jesus Fund" will ensure that our parish continues this tradition of reverence and beauty, lifting hearts in prayer and drawing our eyes toward Christ. Please prayerfully consider making a donation today. Together, we can keep our worship space adorned with fresh blooms that honor Him who gives us new life.

Make a donation on our Give Central page by scanning the QR Code:





Saturday, November 1
Mass at 8:00am in the Main Church

All Souls Day

Saturday, November 1 Mass at 5:00pm in the Main Church

Sunday, November 2 Mass at 8:00am, 10:00am, and 11:45am in the Main Church

A special mass will be held at 5:00pm on Sunday, November 2 in remembrance of our parishes' deceased loved ones. All Masses will be celebrated in the Main Church. If you would like to display a picture of your loved one at the 5:00pm Remembrance Mass, please bring and place it on the table in the assigned area. Please take the photo with you at the end of the celebration Mass.



The Book of Remembrance for our departed loved ones will be available in the Family Gathering Room on the next two weekends. Please enter the names of your loved ones whom you would like to have remembered in prayer during November, and also at the 5:00 p.m. All Souls Day Liturgy on November 2nd.



Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion and Sacristan Training

Saturday, November 1, 2025 8:30am - 11:30am in the Main Church

Training for new and current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is planned for Saturday, **November 1st**, after the 8:00 AM Mass. This training welcomes new ministers and experienced EM's for this refresher. Please plan to attend from **8:30 AM to 10:30 AM**.

In addition, we are also offering training for Sacristans this same Saturday, **November 1st**. Sacristans assist before and after Mass with set-up and preparing for the next Mass. Fr. Patrick wishes to have two Sacristans at every Mass. This training will be about an hour, from **10:30 to 11:30 AM**.

Register to attend by visiting our website at: www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/em-sacristan-training



"Uncorking for a Cause"

Stock up on wine for the holidays and support our parish!

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Vin Chicago, a family-owned wine shop, for their third annual "Uncorking For a Cause" weekend. When you visit their stores on **November 7th**, **8th**, **or 9th**, or shop online at <u>vinchicago</u>. com, 10% of your purchase will be donated back to St. Patrick Church.

Just make sure to mention "St. Patrick Church Lake Forest" when you check out, or put it in the comments field if you shop online. This is a perfect chance to stock up on wine for Thanksgiving and the rest of the holidays.

Vin Chicago, 1350 Old Skokie Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035



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All women of the parish and their friends are welcome.

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Use the driveway just west of the winery for convenient parking.

Register online by November 8, 2025

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/ladies-night-out

Questions? Contact khealan@gmail.com







Sharing Tree

Hello St. Patrick Families!!

Once again, we have two opportunities for families to participate in the Sharing Tree program this year.

One option is to take an ornament from the trees located in the back of the church the weekends of November 1/2 and November 8/9 and return gifts to the O'Gara Center by Sunday, December 7th. These gifts will be for the children of families we receive from Catholic Charities.

The second option is to donate \$50 Walmart or Target gift cards that will be distributed to children and families through Most Blessed Trinity food pantry. There are a couple of options for contributing gift cards (PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL \$ OR GIFT CARD COLLECTIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30th):

1. Drop off Walmart or Target gift cards or checks made out to St. Patrick Women's Group in the locked offertory boxes identified as "Offertory St. Patrick's Parish" in the gathering area of the church. The doors to the church are open Monday-Friday from 10am-2pm.

 Send a check made out to St. Patrick Women's Group to the parish office (991 S Waukegan Rd, Lake Forest, IL 60045).
 We will purchase gift cards with money received.

3. Make an online donation via credit card on our website at: www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sharingtree. The funds collected will be used to purchase gift cards.

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