



August 2, 2026 • 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

They all ate and were satisfied,

and they picked up
the fragments left over—
twelve wicker
baskets full.

— ” —

MATTHEW 14:20



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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 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

Sundays 8:30am - 9:45am & Mondays 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

Sacraments, Visiting of the Sick, & New Parishioner Registration

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact Dianne Marshall at 847-234-1401

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

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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

August 16

August 23

August 30

Due Date

August 5

August 12

August 19



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Gospel (Matthew 14:13–21), Jesus has just received the heartbreaking news of the death of His cousin, John the Baptist. He withdraws to a deserted place to pray, yet the crowds follow Him. Instead of turning them away, "His heart was moved with pity for them." The Greek word used by St. Matthew conveys a profound compassion, a love that comes from the depths of one's being. Jesus heals the sick and, as evening approaches, performs one of His greatest public miracles: the multiplication of the loaves and fish. The disciples see only scarcity: five loaves, two fish, and thousands of hungry people. Jesus sees an opportunity for grace. He tells them, "Bring them here to me." This simple command is at the heart of Christian discipleship. God does not ask us to possess extraordinary resources before He can work through us. He asks us to surrender what we have into His hands. What seems insignificant in our hands becomes abundant in His.

The Fathers of the Church saw this miracle as more than an act of compassion; they recognized it as a foreshadowing of the Eucharist. Jesus takes the bread, blesses it, breaks it, and gives it to His disciples to distribute—the very actions He will perform at the Last Supper. St. Augustine observed that the One who multiplied the loaves is the same Lord who continually nourishes His Church through the Eucharist, feeding not only our bodies but our souls. St. John Chrysostom noted that Jesus first involved the disciples in the miracle because He wanted them to learn that divine grace does not replace human cooperation but perfects it. God chooses to work through willing hands. The disciples could not feed five thousand people by themselves, but once they entrusted their little to Christ, they became instruments of His abundance. This remains true today. Every act of generosity, every ministry in the Church, every work of charity begins when someone is willing to place what they have into the Lord's hands.

The saints have lived this Gospel in remarkable ways. St. Teresa of Calcutta often reminded her sisters, "God has not called me to be successful; He has called me to be faithful." When she began serving the poorest of the poor in Calcutta, she had almost nothing. Yet she offered her "five loaves and two fish," her time, her compassion, and her unwavering trust in God. The Lord multiplied those humble offerings into a worldwide mission of mercy. Likewise, St. John Bosco began with little more than a heart for abandoned boys. He frequently lacked food, money, and supplies, yet he trusted that God would provide. Repeatedly, benefactors appeared, resources arrived, and lives were transformed. Their stories remind us that the greatest obstacle to God's work is rarely our lack of resources; it is our lack of trust.

This Gospel also challenges us personally. We often tell ourselves, "I don't have enough time to volunteer. I don't know enough to teach the faith. I don't have enough money to make a difference. I don't have the gifts others have." Jesus answers each excuse with the same invitation He gave His disciples: "Bring them here to me." Bring Him your time, however limited. Bring Him your talents, however ordinary they seem. Bring Him your family, your worries, your grief, your hopes, and even your failures. Grace does not begin where our strength ends; it begins where our surrender begins. As Pope Benedict XVI wrote, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort; you were made for greatness." Christian greatness is measured not by how much we possess but by how completely we entrust ourselves to Christ.

There is another beautiful detail in today's Gospel. After everyone has eaten, twelve baskets of fragments remain. God's generosity is never wasteful, but it is always abundant. The twelve baskets symbolize the fullness of God's provision for His Church and remind us that God's blessings are never exhausted. He gives more than enough, not so that we become complacent, but so that we may continue to share with others. Every Eucharist is a reminder that Christ still takes, blesses, breaks, and gives. He takes our lives, blesses us with His grace, breaks open our hearts through love and sacrifice, and sends us into the world to feed others with hope, mercy, and the Good News.

As we gather around the altar each Sunday, let us hear Christ's words addressed personally to us: "Bring them here to me." Whatever little we have, a prayer, a kind word, a generous heart, a willing spirit is enough when placed into His hands. The miracle of the loaves continues whenever ordinary people trust an extraordinary God. May we never underestimate what Christ can do through a life that is completely surrendered to Him.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Kizza'.

Fr. Patrick Kizza, Pastor

This Week

Sunday, August 2

8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

10:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

11:45am Mass - Fr. Sean

Monday, August 3

Tuesday, August 4

Wednesday, August 5

8:30am Adoration - OC

6:00pm Benediction - OC

7:00pm OCIA Series - YR

Thursday, August 6

Friday, August 7

Saturday, August 8

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

Sunday, August 9

7:00am Blood Drive

8:00am Mass - Fr. Ray Webb

10:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

11:45am Mass - Fr. Sean

Monday, August 10

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

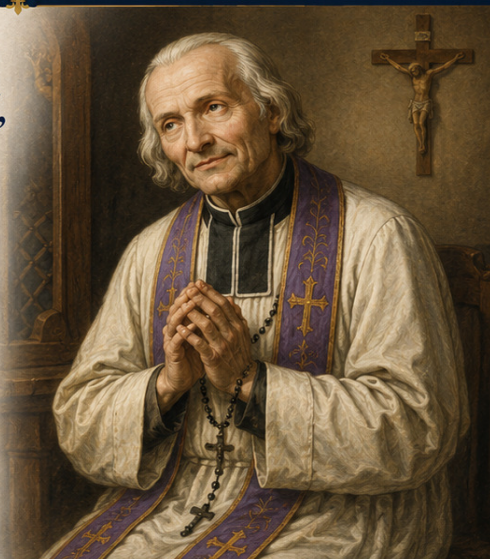
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SAINT JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Known as the Curé of Ars, Saint John Vianney spent countless hours hearing confessions and leading souls to Christ through his humility, prayer, and tireless pastoral care.

"The Curé of Ars teaches us that at the center of the priest's life must always be Christ."

— Pope Benedict XVI



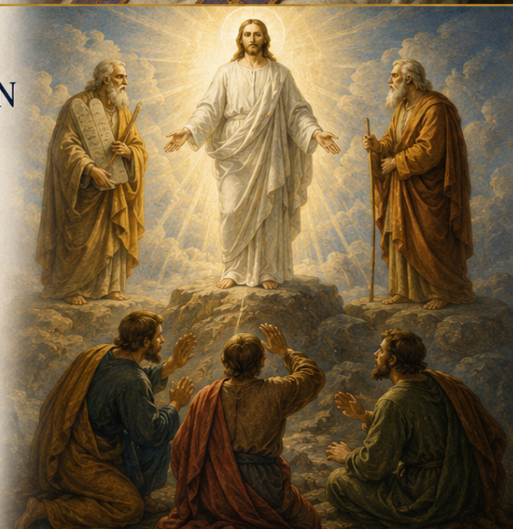
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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

On the mountain, Jesus revealed His divine glory to Peter, James, and John, strengthening them for the Passion to come and reminding us that beyond every cross lies the promise of resurrection.

"The Transfiguration invites us to open our eyes to the glory of Christ, so that we may be strengthened for the journey of faith."

— Pope St. John Paul II



THE LORD IS NEAR TO ALL WHO CALL UPON HIM. PSALM 145:18

As you know, Sunday collections are vital to the health and sustainability of SPLF. We are always so thankful for the generosity of our parishioners.

The best way to do so right now is to donate through our Give Central Portal. Please scan the QR code to go directly to our SPLF Give Central Homepage.



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Finances

Sunday Collection for the
Weekend of July 25-26, 2026

Fiscal Year to Date

Actual

\$13,118

Ordinary Income

\$134,465

Budget

\$17,650

Ordinary Expense

\$110,032

Surplus/Deficit

(\$4,532)

Surplus/Deficit

\$24,433

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 2

8:00 am

† The deceased members of the Lidral family, req.
Therese Ruedig

10:00 am

† Rosanne Barrett, req. Ted & Liz Brandt
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
† Harry Haack, req. Rosemary Haack

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, August 3

8:00 am

† Paul & Mary Elizabeth Lidral, req. Therese Ruedig

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 am

Special intention for: 1st Lt. Emilia Puszynski, req. Her
grandparents

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 am

† Robert Valentis, req. Menuhin D'Souza

Thursday, August 6

8:00 am

Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 7

6:30 am

† Joe Alaimoi, req. Paul Lipka & The men's group

8:00 am

† Raymond A Novak, req. Madeleine McCoy

Saturday, August 8

5:00 pm

† Joan Speranza, req. Bernard & Sharon Toussaint
family

Sunday, August 9

8:00 am

† Bernice Neumayer, req. Judy Kozak

10:00 am

† Norberta Perez Orgaya, req. Pat & Vicky Correa

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

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

Captain Colt Marcyan, US Army

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 Navy,

Son of Roger and Liz Platt

2nd Lt. Reid Walsh, US Army

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

**Midshipman Hugh Wilson Ludington, US Merchant
Marine Academy**

Son of Sarah and Steven Ludington

Lt. Emily E. Phelps, M.D. Medical Corps, US Navy

Daughter of Tom & Kim Phelps

Spc. Daniel Masnik, US Army

Son of Zofia & Chet Masnik

Emilia Puszynski, 1st Lieutenant United States Air Force

Granddaughter of Ron and Chris Puszynski

Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

Darrel Folkerts

Martin Henson

Jeff Neumayer

Deb Boyter

Judy Thomson

Colin Osborne

Terry Clarke

Wojciech Slodowy

Michael Scichili

George Jackson, Jr.

James Coath

Ken Jacobsen

Alan Sutton

Roger Risher

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

LIVE FROM
LAKE
FOREST

St. Pat's SHAM ROCKIN' SUMMERFEST

FOOD ★ MUSIC ★ COMMUNITY
A DAY OF FUN, FOOD, MUSIC & GOOD VIBES!

☘ SUNDAY ☘
AUGUST 16,
2026
☘ 1PM – 6PM ☘



LIVE BAND
The Big Cover

DJ
KEEPING THE
GOOD VIBES GOING!

DUNK TANK
WITH
FATHER PATRICK!
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!

FOOD TRUCKS
BEER TENT

☘ FUN FOR
ALL AGES!



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THE EVENT BY SCANNING THE QR CODE.

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LET'S CELEBRATE!

GAMES

BINGO

MUSIC

COMMUNITY

☘ Come for the music. Stay for the community. ☘

WE REJOICE IN THE

Baptisms

— OF THESE CHILDREN OF GOD —

✙ John Vincent Murphy
son of John & Allison

✙ Hadley Grace Hodan
daughter of Patrick & Abigail

✙ Theodore Dominic Muglia
son of Peter & Michaela



Never Give Up Foundation

Join us for our 3rd Annual Backyard Fundraiser to benefit the Never Give Up Foundation and its mission of supporting orphans and seminarians in Uganda. Featuring live music from:

HEARD IMMUNITY



Our Mission



Friday, August 14th 2026

*weather permitting
6:30-9:30pm



1301 Prairie Lawn
Glenview, IL 60026

Never Give Up Foundation is a non-profit 501 (c) charity dedicated to the education and health of orphaned and under privileged children in Uganda.

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OUR WEBSITE AND VIEW
OUR DONATION OPTIONS



WEBSITE

www.nevergiveupuganda.org



Celebrate

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**American
Red Cross**

St. Patrick's Church Blood Drive

Sponsored by the Men's Group

O'Gara Activity Center

950 Everett Rd.
Lake Forest, IL 60045

**Sunday, August 9, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

For an appointment call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and use sponsor code: LakeForestStPatricks

Bring a photo ID or your blood donor card, or two other forms of ID.

You can save up to 15 minutes when you donate blood by using RapidPass! Visit RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass for more information.



Come to give blood in August for a \$20 Amazon Gift Card by email. Terms: rcblood.org/August.

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION *of the* BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

• SATURDAY, AUGUST 15TH •

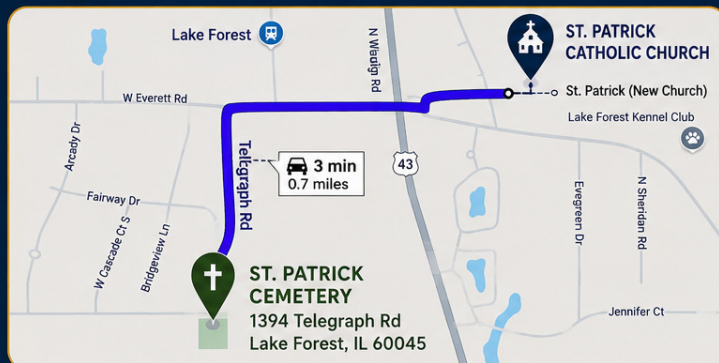


**8:00 AM MASS
IN THE MAIN CHURCH**



**12:00 PM
OUTDOOR MASS
AT THE CEMETERY.**

Bring a chair or blanket.



“For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.”

— LUKE 1:48-49



2nd collection for both Masses
that will be offered to
“Friends of Chikwa Parish”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION *News*

Students from our Lake Forest Catholic parishes gathered for **Faith Adventure Week**. This years theme was *Around the World with Mary* where students learned about different Marian Apparations from around the world. They were immersed in lessons on culture as well as Scripture but the highlight of the week was our food pantry drive competition in which we collected **1,748** items for **Blessed Trinity Parish**.

We are grateful to all the students who joined us and to all the high school and middle school students who assisted us.



SUMMER *Inquiry Series*

The Search by the Augustine Institute



WEDNESDAYS
7:00pm – 8:30pm



YOUTH ROOM
Open to all adults



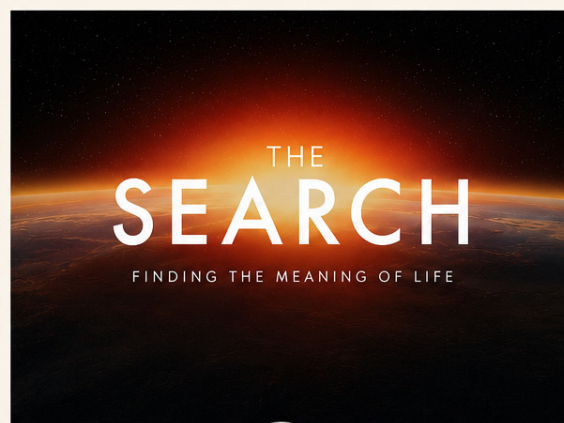
Open to all, especially geared toward those interested in learning about the Catholic Faith or who are considering OCIA* in the fall.
No registration is required; no need to attend all sessions.



Please contact Deacon John Morris at jbmorris@stpatrick-lakeforest.org or the Parish Office at (847) 234-1401 if you have any questions.



*OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process by which adults, through inquiry and prayer, become members of the Catholic Church. This was formerly known as RCIA.



JULY 22

Why a God?

JULY 29

What's our Story?

AUGUST 5

Who is Jesus?

AUGUST 12

Am I Saved?

AUGUST 19

Why a Church?

A LECTURE SERIES PRESENTATION



Catholicism's Impact on America

— Tuesday, August 18 • 6–8 PM —

*From Illinois Farm Boy to
International Multi-Media Evangelist*

The enduring impact of Fulton J. Sheen
on America and the world

SPEAKER

Dan Cheely

Director of Evangelization and Catechesis
Church of St. Mary of the Angels, Chicago

LOCATION

St. Patrick's Catholic Church — O'Gara Center

950 W Everett Rd
Lake Forest, IL 60045



Refreshments will be provided

Please RSVP by Thursday, August 13

847-234-1401 or jmanarik@stpatrik-lakeforest.org



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"Lecture Series"



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and to register online,
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Help and encouragement
after the death of a spouse,
child, family member,
or friend.

Thursdays, August 20 - November 12

6:00 - 8:00pm

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Parish Center Conference Room
175 E. Illinois Road • Lake Forest, IL 60045



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