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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

### 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.

Yasmin Alba, Administrative Assistant, Religious Education Email: yalba@stpatrick-lakeforest.org	Bulletin Date October 12 October 19 October 26	<b>Due Date</b> October 2 October 9 October 16

### A Letter from Fr. Patrick Kizza

October 5, 2025

**Respect Life Month:** "... Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is Necessary"

Dear brothers and sisters; In his first address to the Diplomatic Corps of the Holy See, Pope Leo XIV reminded the world: "... no one is exempted from striving to ensure respect for the dignity of every person, especially the most frail and vulnerable, from the unborn to the elderly, from the sick to the unemployed, citizens and immigrants alike." These words echo the very heart of the Gospel and resound with urgency in our own time.

Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States observes **Respect Life Month**, beginning with Respect Life Sunday. It is a sacred moment to renew our unwavering commitment to the dignity of every human life from conception to natural death. **This year's theme**, "Life: Our Sign of Hope," flows beautifully from the Jubilee Year of Hope, inviting us to be the light in the darkness and witnesses to God's promise, that His vision of life, love and "hope will not disappoint" (Romans 5:5).

Our longing for hope is depicted in the prophet Habakkuk who is speaking to us today: "How long, O Lord? I cry for help, but you do not listen! I cry out to you, 'Violence!' but you do not intervene." He decried the breakdown of society of Judah and why God seemed to permit it. Even in our time we cry like Habakkuk; violence and strife, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, gun violence, poverty, war, and the mistreatment of the vulnerable. Yet Habbakkuk did not just complain but rather he engaged directly with honest cry to God; "How long, O Lord? Like in his time, the Lord assures us: that the righteous will live by their faith in His plan "...will not disappoint, if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late." Our faith anchors us in this promise: even in hardships, life remains God's greatest gift, and faith itself, grounded in the encounter with Christ and supported by hope, provides the authentic meaning of life and allows believers to face life's difficulties with secure trust in God's promises. "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed... it would obey you. This is the power; that even a tiny amount of true faith Jesus says can accomplish great things.

In the same faith, Christ invites us to pray as we decry like Habbakkuk against the injustices in our society today. May this Respect Life Month, be a time of interceding that all those involved in all sorts of injustices may heed to God's Voice "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts., (Psalm 95), Let us pray for the world to see life as a sign of hope as willed by God. As Benedict XVI taught us "Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is Necessary".

Fr. Patrick

### This Week

<u>Sunday, October 5</u> 8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey 10:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

Monday, October 6 4:30pm RE Grades 1-7 - PC

Tuesday, October 7

8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR 4:30pm RE Grades 1-7 - PC

Wednesday, October 8

8:30am Prayer Group - CR 8:30am Adoration - OC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

7:00pm OCIA - YR

7:00pm Wed Night Bible Study - CR

Thursday, October 9

9:30am Thursday Morning Scripture Group - PC

5:30pm Ministry of Care - PC

Friday, October 10

Saturday, October 11 5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

Sunday, October 12

8:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

Monday, October 13

Columbus Day

No RE Classes

6:30pm MG Meeting - PC

### Scripture Questions of the Week

#### First Reading:

The prophet Habakkuk is encouraged to be patient and trust in the Lord's timing. *Is patience one of your virtues?* 

#### **Second Reading:**

Paul urges Timothy to live his life of faith with courage and selfcontrol, especially in difficult situations. *How might you support a family member or friend struggling this week?* 

#### Gospel:

Jesus taught the Apostles that one way to increase your faith is to have the attitude of a servant. How would you decribe your attitude most days?

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### This Week's Readings

Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

/Lk 17:5-10

Monday: Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday: Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:5-13

Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: JI 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



Please consider this alternate safe, convenient method to make a much needed gift at any time.



### **Finances**

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of Sept. 27-28

**Actual** 

**Budget** 

Surplus/Deficit

\$10.769

\$15,118

(\$4,349)

**Ordinary Income** 

**Ordinary Expense** 

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$298,719

\$316,544

(\$17,825)

## Our Prayers

### Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 5 8:00 am

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

10:00 am

† George Lacko, req. Anthony & Marie Lacko † Maxine Turkowski, req. Walt & Peg Wade

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, October 6 8:00 am

† Joan Speranza, req. Tim & Bea Murphy

Tuesday, October 7 8:00 am

† Joan Speranza, req. Therese Ruedig

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 am

† Barbara Guynn & Mary Joyce Guynn, req. Bala Balakrishnan

Thursday, October 9

8:00 am

† Diane Tate, reg. Walter & Peg Falkowski

Friday, October 10

8:00 am

† Joan Speranza

Saturday, October 11

5:00 pm

† Dave Schilder, req. Patty Schilder Heraty family

† Tom Sullivan, req. J. Kelly

† John Phelan, req. Mary Beth & Shannon Glynn

† Patricia Grotts Kelly, req. Her family

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am

† Msgr. Frank Cimarrusti, req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti

10:00 am

† Jane S Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

† George Jackson, Sr., req. Linda & George Jackson

† William Chan, req. Fred & Lucia Chan

† Daryl Chechel, req. Mary & Al Moresco

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 Marcvan, 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

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

The Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation is dedicated to helping Veterans and their families get the military benefits they have earned. If you need help connecting with Veterans Administration or other related resources, please contact foundation representative Bob Gorman at <a href="mailto:robertegorman@">robertegorman@</a> sbcglobal.net

### Our Sick

Sheila Anderson

Jeff Neumaver

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

Alyce Gilarski

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

Eleanor Liguori Carol Hart



Dear Friends,

I am writing to express my support for the upcoming "Coats for Kids" drive organized by the Knights of Columbus Council 1268 Lake Forest in partnership with our parish. This initiative is a wonderful opportunity to provide warmth and comfort to families in need during the winter months.

Since its inception in 2009, the Knights of Columbus have made a remarkable impact with its "Coats for Kids" drive by donating over one million coats nationwide. The partnership with St. Pat's leverages our outreach capabilities alongside their resources ensuring many local families will benefit from this effort.

I would like to encourage parishioners to get involved by sponsoring one child for just \$25 or twelve children (via an entire case of new coats) for \$300. Additionally, contributions can be made to support a teen or an adult for \$30 each or twelve teens/adults for \$355. The coats are of the same quality as last year and we will have coats on display in the coming weeks.

Again this year, coats will be distributed to the Roberti Community House and Most Blessed Trinity Parish. Donations can be made in cash or by check payable to St. Patrick Church and placed in the collection baskets or in the box in the Gathering Area. For additional information, please contact Jennifer Boldry in the Ministry Office at 847.234.1401 or John Mastro, KofC, at 847.309.1945.

In Luke 10:27, we are told: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."

Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in our community. Together we can ensure that everyone stays warm this winter.

God Bless,

Fr. Patrick

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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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## Youth Group

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Youth ministry is open to all students in 9th-12<sup>th</sup> grade. Follow us on instagram or contact Dianne Marshall dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org for more info on this and other events.

### **COR NIGHTS**

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

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> @ St. Patrick OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary

NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> @ St. Patrick NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary

## **Advent Party**

December 14<sup>th</sup> 6:00pm-7:30pm St. Mary Parish Center





St. Patrick Women's Group is happy to invite all men & women to

### "Sacred Spaces in Chicago: A Fully Guided Tour of the Art and Architecture of Four Historic Catholic Churches!"

Travel by luxury motorcoach (w/restroom onboard) from St. Patrick parking lot, departing at **9:00am**, on **Tuesday, October 21**.

### We will visit four churches (subject to change):

St. Mary of the Angels in Bucktown St. Mary of Perpetual Help in Bridgeport Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in East Garfield Park Assumption Catholic Church in River North

Art Historian, Jeff Mishur, will give us commentary aboard our motorcoach en route to Chicago, and during travel time between the four historic churches. Commentary at each church will also be provided. Tour includes a box lunch at The Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in their social hall.

Cost is \$75, which includes a donation to each of the four churches. We are limited to the first 50 people who RSVP through the link below, by October 14!

Questions: peggy.gaier@outlook.com

To register visit www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sacred-spaces





### **Ministry of Care at St. Patrick Church**

The Ministry of Care at St. Patrick Church is a vital expression of our parish mission to bring Christ's presence to those who cannot join us at Mass. Rooted in Jesus' words, "I was sick and you visited me" (Matthew 25:36), this ministry ensures that our homebound, hospitalized, and senior parishioners remain closely connected to their faith community.

Currently, 24 parishioners serve as Ministers of Care, though the number fluctuates throughout the year as some members are temporarily unable to serve and others travel during the winter months. Our ministers faithfully reach out across the communities of Lake Forest, Lake Bluff, and Lincolnshire.

Our ministers regularly visit Lake Forest Place, the Sheridan, and Green Oaks senior communities, serving between 40–50 residents each week through individual visits or Eucharistic services. We also serve Balmoral Rehabilitation Facility and bring Communion to homebound parishioners. Altogether, the Ministry of Care brings Communion to 50–65 people each month.

At the same time, there are facilities that we cannot serve. Neither St. Patrick nor St. Mary currently has enough ministers available to cover all the senior communities in our area. With more volunteers, we could extend Christ's presence to these communities as well.

This ministry not only nourishes those we visit but also enriches the spiritual lives of our ministers, who find joy and grace in these encounters. If you feel called to serve as a Minister of Care, we would love to welcome you. Your "yes" could make it possible to bring Christ's love to even more of our neighbors. To learn more — or to request a visit — please contact the parish office.

### **Congratulations!**

Please join us in welcoming into our parish family those newly baptized in August

Mariana Micaela Vela, daughter of Rodrigo & Diana Winnifred Heather Magill, daughter of Matthew & Clare



## Ministry of Care Training

Are you called to serve others through compassion, prayer, and presence? Join us for the upcoming Minister of Care Training

Organized and offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the training prepares laypeople to bring the Eucharist and companionship to parishioners who are homebound, in hospitals, or in nursing homes.

#### The training covers:

- Spirituality of ministry
- · Ministry to the aged
- Pastoral listening skills
- · Theology of suffering, dying, and death
- The Rite of Communion to the sick

#### **Training Option 1:**

- Who: Offered by Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.
- Where: Hickey Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview
- When: Two consecutive Saturdays,
   October 25 and November 1, 2025, from
   8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

#### **Training Option 2:**

- Who: Offered by Deacon Joe Yannotta
- Where: St. Therese Parish in Palatine
- When: Two consecutive Saturdays, November 8 and November 15, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

For more information or to register for either training, contact the parish office or marianne.seiler@comcast.net



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