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BUT I SAY TO  
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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# St. Patrick Church

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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

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

312-534-5254 [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org)

## Bulletin Deadlines

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

### Bulletin Date

March 1

March 8

March 15

### Due Date

February 19

February 26

March 5



## From The Desk of Fr. Patrick

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks words that are both comforting and challenging: *"I have come not to abolish the law but to fulfill."* The people listening, expected religion to be about rules, what to do and what to avoid. But Jesus goes deeper. He moves the law from the outside to the inside, from behavior to the heart.

He says it is not enough simply not to kill; we must also let go of anger. Not enough to avoid adultery; we must guard our thoughts and intentions. Not enough to avoid lying; our simple "yes" or "no" must be trustworthy. Jesus is teaching that holiness is not about appearing good, it is about becoming good.

We see this in daily life. A person may never shout at their family yet carry silent resentment for years. Someone may never steal yet constantly compare and envy others. A worker may never lie openly yet bend the truth just enough to benefit themselves. Outwardly, nothing seems wrong, but inwardly peace is missing. Jesus wants freedom for us, and that freedom begins in the heart.

Saint Augustine once said, *"God does not ask what you have done, but from what love you have done it."* Christianity is not simply avoiding sin; it is allowing love to shape every action.

This Gospel also teaches integrity. Jesus says: *"Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no."* In a world of contracts, conditions, and fine print, the Christian should be a person whose word is trusted. Imagine how different our homes, workplaces, and parish would be if people knew: this person is honest, this person forgives, this person seeks peace first.

Today we also reflect on stewardship as we participate in the **Annual Catholic Appeal**. Our parish goal is **\$66,767**. The appeal supports the wider mission of the Church, education, charity, vocations, and care for those in need. When we give, we live what Jesus teaches: faith not only in words but in action. I am deeply grateful for your generosity, and I truly believe we can reach and even exceed our goal together.

I am grateful to our parish community for the wonderful retirement celebration for Fr. Hennessy last weekend. He was truly overjoyed by your presence and by the love you showed him. Please continue to keep him in your prayers as he begins this new chapter of his life.

May this Gospel remind us that Christianity is not minimal, it is transformational. Christ does not ask us merely to keep rules, but to become people whose hearts look like His: honest, faithful, merciful, and generous.

-Fr. Patrick

## This Week

### Sunday, February 15

8:00am Mass - Fr. Webb  
10:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*  
11:45am Mass - Fr. Franzman

### Monday, February 16

*President's Day*  
Office Closed  
No RE Classes

### Tuesday, February 17

No RE Classes  
6:30pm Speed of Joy - YR

### Wednesday, February 18

*Ash Wednesday*  
8:30am Prayer Group - CR  
8:30am Adoration - OC  
9:00am Bridge Group - PC  
6:15pm Benediction - OC

### Thursday, February 19

9:00am Scripture Group - PC

### Friday, February 20

6:30am MG Stations of the Cross - MC  
4:00pm Stations of the Cross - MC  
6:30pm Stations of the Cross - MC

### Saturday, February 21

9:00am 1st Communion Workshop - PC  
5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

### Sunday, February 22

*1st Sunday of Lent*

8:00am Mass - Fr. Webb  
10:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick  
*Children's Liturgy of the Word*  
11:45am Mass - Fr. Sean Koehr  
4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

### Monday, February 23

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

## Scripture Questions of the Week

### First Reading:

Sirach speaks of the human freedom to choose between good and evil and of God's desire for us to act justly. *What good could you do this week for a friend or family member?*

### Second Reading:

Paul teaches that God reveals His wisdom to us through the Holy Spirit. *How might you be more open to listening to the Holy Spirit in your daily life?*

### Gospel:

Jesus offers stern warnings against breaking the commandments, holding grudges, committing adultery, divorcing your spouse, and falsifying oaths. *Why do you think Jesus holds us to such high moral expectations?*

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## This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/ Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37
Monday:	Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday:	Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
Friday:	Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday:	Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday:	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

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 Feb. 7 - 8

Fiscal Year to Date

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$17,271	\$15,118	\$2,153
Ordinary Income	Ordinary Expense	Surplus/Deficit
\$895,049	\$849,515	\$45,534

# Our Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 15**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

† Diane Lapelle, req. Bill Lapelle  
† Jane S Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

**11:45 am**

People of St. Patrick Church

**Monday, February 16**

**8:00 am**

† Raymond D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza

**Tuesday, February 17**

**8:00 am**

† Judy Heraty, req. Dick Heraty & family

**Wednesday, February 18**

**8:00 am**

† James Russell Wall, req. Therese Ruedig

**12:00 pm Prayer Service**

**6:30 pm**

† Giuseppina Antonello, req. Luca Zaramella & family

**Thursday, February 19**

**8:00 am**

† The Holy souls in Purgatory, req. Therese Ruedig

**Friday, February 20**

**8:00 am**

† Joseph P Silk, req. Marc & Jennifer St. Amand

**Saturday, February 21**

**5:00 pm**

† Stephen Conway req. Ken & Mary Billings

**Sunday, February 22**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan  
† Catherine Horgan, req. Eileen & Thomas Horgan  
† Jessie Dawson, req. Eileen & Thomas Horgan  
† Yvonne Songy, req. Eileen & Yvonne Horgan

**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

**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

**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

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 [robertegorman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:robertegorman@sbcglobal.net)

## Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Darrel Folkerts

Joseph Zitnan

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Nicole Tallarico

Martin Henson

Carolyn Welby

Sheila Anderson

Jennifer Mikell

Jeff Neumayer

Gianfranco Isaia

Deb Boyter

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

Judy Thomson

David Kozak

Colin Osborne

Patricia Tivnan

Terry Clarke

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

Names added to the prayer requests will remain for

1 month. To add or re-add a person please email [jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org](mailto:jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org) or call

the ministry office at 847-234-1401.

## Our Deceased



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YOUR  
GREEN!

# St. Patrick Party

Friday, March 14

6:15pm - 9:30pm

In the O'Gara Center

**Tickets are Complimentary**

Cash Bar • Heavy Appetizers

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Must be 21 years and older to attend

Total Registrations are restricted to 250 people

Register to attend on our website at:

[www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/party](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/party)

Deadline to register is March 3



## LEO FROM CHICAGO



The Vatican media documentary about the roots of Robert Francis Prevost in his native United States. It follows an itinerary that begins with his childhood in Dolton, through the memories of his brothers Louis and John, and continues among schools and universities, communities and parishes, featuring the voices of confreres, teachers, classmates, and longtime friends. A production of the Vatican Dicastery for Communication, in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Apostolate El Sembrador Nueva Evangelización (ESNE), broadcast on the official channels of Vatican Radio – Vatican News. Just search for "Leo from Chicago" on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nYzssRwE7Gg>

# mission trip

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JUNE 22-27, 2026

## Cost

The total cost per student will be \$1600. However, we will be doing fundraising to lower this cost per person. Students with financial concerns should contact Dianne or Joy.

## Stay

We are blessed to be staying in a former convent!

## Transportation

We will fly into Los Angeles and travel by vans during the week.

## Faith Building

Each day will include witness talks, prayer, and reflection time led by missionaries.

## More Information

For more information, contact:  
Dianne Marshall- [dmmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org](mailto:dmmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org)  
Joy Pacheco- [jpacheco@churchofstmary.org](mailto:jpacheco@churchofstmary.org)

## Registration

Use the QR code above to register today! A non-refundable \$100 deposit is required to secure your spot. Registration closes Feb. 23 and spots are limited, so don't wait!

A joint mission trip for the Church of St. Mary and St. Patrick Parish.



# TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT



2026 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme for 2026 is *Together we bring light*. It stems from Jesus' words to his early disciples and to us: "You are the light of the world." (Matthew 5:14) We understand our responsibility to bring light to a world that seems often covered in darkness. Contributions to the Appeal enable us to bring light to those in need. We do not do this alone but together as the Body of Christ. Our Church finds the fulfillment of her mission when we support the Appeal and the ministries of teaching, sanctifying, and bringing pastoral care to those in need. Truly, together we do bring light.

Please consider supporting this year's Appeal. Your generous contribution will be a source of blessing for many people, for yourself, and for your loved ones.

**To make a gift by phone:** 312.534.7959

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# St. Joseph's Table



## Sunday, March 1

**After All Masses in the Main Church Gathering Space**

Celebrate life and the abundance of God's gifts  
in the middle of Lenten fasting and sacrifice.

# Lent Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent

4:00pm & 6:30pm in the Main Church

**Friday, February 20**

**Friday, March 20**

**Friday, February 27**

**Friday, March 27**

**Friday, March 6**

**Good Friday, April 3**

**Friday, March 13**

**at 2:00pm**



## Lenten Mission

With Fr. John Kartje, President and Rector of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

### “The Brutal Honesty of the Cross: Daring to Drink from Jesus’ Cup”

**February 28**

**5:00pm Mass**

**Homily by Fr. Kartje**  
**Church of St. Mary**

**March 1**

**8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Mass**

**Homily by Fr. Kartje**  
**Church of St. Mary**

**March 2**

**7:00pm**

**Reflection by Fr. Kartje**  
**St. Patrick Church**

**March 3**

**7:00pm**

**Reflection by Fr. Kartje**  
**St. Patrick Church**

**March 3**

**7:00pm**

**Reflection by Fr. Kartje**

Church of St. Mary  
175 E. Illinois Rd.

St. Patrick Church  
928 W. Everett Rd.



Our parish will be offering parishioners the opportunity to make a donation for the lilies that beautify our church during the Easter season. The donation may be in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you would like to make such a memorial, please fill out the form below and place it along with your gift offering in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Lily Donation" and return it in the Sunday Collection basket or to the Ministry Office. The names of those you wish memorialized or honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season unless otherwise requested. Donors' names, however, will not be published. When making your donation for flowers via our

Give Central system, please make certain that a flower donation form is completed and submitted to the Ministry Office. Simply indicate on the form that payment was made via GiveCentral. You may feel free to call the Ministry Office as well.

### **Easter Flower Donation**

Name of Donor: \_\_\_\_\_

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In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested offering: \$10  \$20  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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