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BUT I SAY TO
YOU.

— MATTHEW 5:34 —

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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.

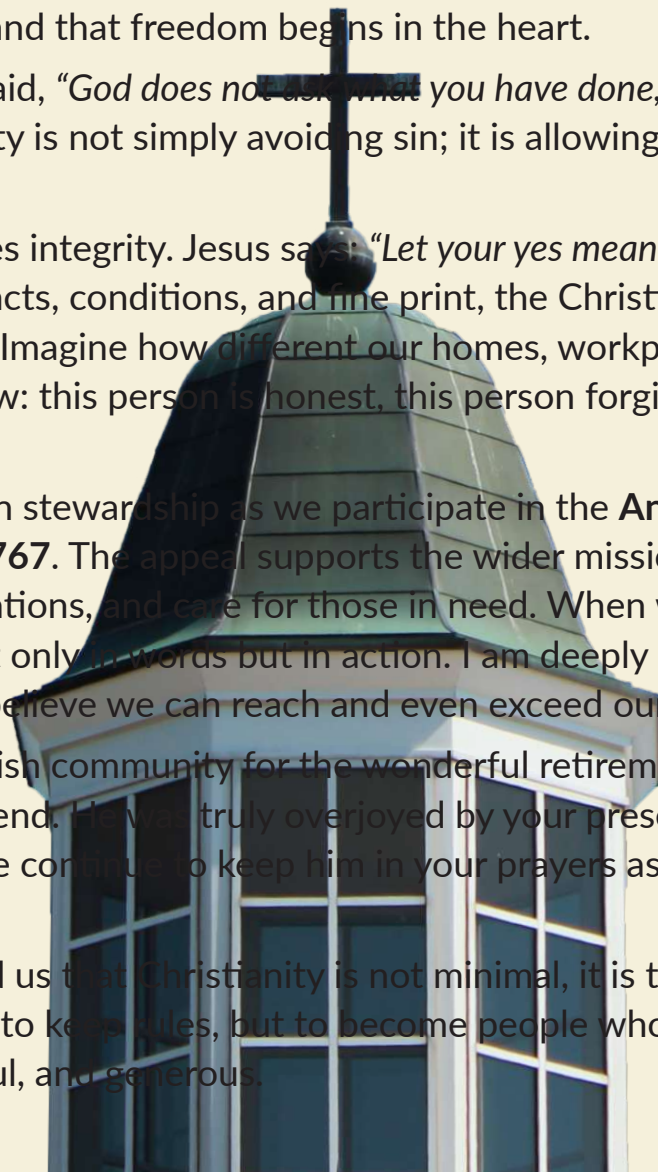
This Gospel also teaches integrity. Jesus says: *"Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no."* In a world of contracts, conditions, and fine print, the Christian should be a person whose word is trusted. Imagine how different our homes, workplaces, and parish would be if people knew: this person is honest,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



Finances

Sunday Collection for the
Weekend of Feb. 7 - 8

Actual

\$17,271

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

\$2,153

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$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

Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

Darrel Folkerts

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Martin Henson

Sheila Anderson

Jeff Neumayer

Deb Boyter

Judy Thomson

Colin Osborne

Terry Clarke

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



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GREEN!

St. Patrick Party

Friday, March 14

6:15pm - 9:30pm

In the O'Gara Center

Tickets are Complimentary

Cash Bar • Heavy Appetizers

Live Entertainment • Raffle

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

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

Calling all current 8-12th Graders!

ALTADENA, CA

Students will be help in the recovery efforts following many forest fires in the mountain areas surrounding Los Angeles with Catholic Mission Trips

SCAN QR CODE



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- dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org
Joy Pacheco- 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.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



TOGETHER WE BRING LIGHT



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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

To mail:

835 North Rush Street, Chicago, IL 60611

To give online:

annualcatholicappeal.com



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

at 2:00pm

Friday, March 13

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: _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Suggested offering: \$10 ☐ \$20 ☐ Other _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Patrick Church.)



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Lake Forest, Illinois 60045

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