



March 30, 2025 4th Sunday of Lent

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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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: 4:15 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. Gunderson 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

Contact Brandin Stoy at 847-234-1401

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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

April 6

April 13

April 20

Due Date

March 27

April 3

April 10



From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

March 30, 2025

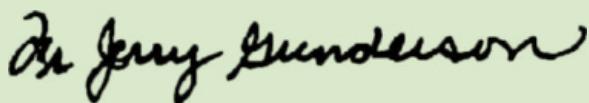
Dear Friends,

For Lent, I am trying to keep the Triduum as a sharp focus, because deep within it is the Paschal mystery. Today I will share the reflections of Pope Francis regarding Good Friday.

Good Friday is the day of penance, fasting and prayer. Through the texts of the Sacred Scripture and the liturgical prayers, we will gather as though we were on Calvary to commemorate the redemptive Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. In the intensity of the rite, through the Liturgical Action, the Crucifix will be presented to us to adore. Adoring the Cross, we will relive the journey of the innocent Lamb sacrificed for our salvation. We will carry in our minds and hearts the sufferings of the sick, the poor, the rejected of this world; we will remember the “sacrificed lambs,” the innocent victims of wars, dictatorships, everyday violence, abortions.... Before the image of the crucified God, we will bring, in prayer, the many, the too many who are crucified in our time, who only from Him can receive comfort and meaning in their suffering. And nowadays there are many: do not forget, ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself, God’s love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness. Because the world is in darkness. Let us make a list of all the wars that are being fought in this moment; of all the children who die of hunger; of children who have no education; of entire populations destroyed by wars, by terrorism. Of the many, many people who, just to feel a bit better, need drugs... There are small “islands” of the people of God, both Christian and of all other faiths, that hold in their heart the desire to be better.

But let us tell the truth: in this Calvary of death, it is Jesus who suffers in his disciples. During his ministry, the Son of God disseminated life by the handful, healing, forgiving, reviving... Now, in the hour of his supreme Sacrifice on the cross, he brings to fulfillment the task entrusted to him by the Father: he enters into the abyss of suffering, he enters into these disasters of this world, to redeem and transform. And also, to free every one of us from the power of darkness, of pride, of resistance to being loved by God. And this, only God’s love can do this. “By his wounds we have been healed.” (see 1 Pt 2: 24), the apostle Peter says, by his death we have been reborn, all of us, the crucified of our time... Ever since Jesus took upon himself the wounds of humanity and death itself, God’s love has irrigated these deserts of ours, he has enlightened our darkness. Because the world is in darkness. Let us make a list of all the wars that are being fought in this moment; of all the children who die of hunger; of children who have no education; of entire populations destroyed by wars, by terrorism. Of the many, many people who, just to feel a bit better, need drugs... It is a disaster; it is a desert! There are small “islands” of the people of God, both Christian and of all other faiths, that hold in their heart the desire to be better.

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Fr. Jerry Gunderson

This Week

Sunday, March 30

4th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

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

10:50am Youth Ministry - CR

11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

Monday, March 31

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Tuesday, April 1

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm Lenten Reconciliation
Service - MC

Wednesday, April 2

8:30am IH Prayer Group - CR

9:05am St. Mary Mass - MC

7:00pm Sycamore - PC

7:00pm Wed Night Bible Study -
CR

Thursday, April 3

9:30am Thursday Morning
Scripture Group - PC

Friday, April 4

6:30am MG Mass - MC

2:30pm Adoration - OC

4:00pm Stations - MC

6:30pm Benediction - OC

Men's Retreat - offsite

Saturday, April 5

Men's Retreat - offsite

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Webb

Sunday, April 6

5th Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

Monday, April 7

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

6:15pm Men's NCAA Watch Party
- PC

6:30pm Liturgy Com - CR

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

As Israel settled into the land of Canaan (the Promised Land), they learned God removed the "reproach" of Egypt from them and they could freely eat from the land. *What have you discovered about yourself or others during this season of Lent?*

Second Reading:

Paul taught that reconciliation with God and with each other was key to being a "new creation". *How often do you experience reconciliation with God or with others?*

Gospel:

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, in a real sense, both sons are lost. *How might you help a lost family member or friend this week?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Scrutiny: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
(1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2,
10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11
Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/
Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Finances

YTD ending March 9, 2025

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$572,339	\$481,346	\$90,993

Let us continue to pray for peace, especially in the countries wounded by war: tormented Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

-Pope Francis - follow @pontifex



Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 30
8:00 am

10:00 am

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan
† Anthony E Lacko, req. Anthony & Marie Lacko
† Lynne Mynatt, req. Liz & Ted Brandt

11:45 am
People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, March 31

8:00 am

† Stephen Chan, req. Fred & Lucia Chan

Tuesday, April 1

8:00 am

† Deceased members of the Shanahan family, The Morris family

Wednesday, April 2

8:00 am

† Jack Gregg, req. Michael & Margaret Funchion

Thursday, April 3

8:00 am

† Colleen Braig, req. Therese Ruedig

Friday, April 4

6:30 am

† Ron Rucolas & Sivewright Carden, req. Paul Lipka

8:00 am

Saturday, April 5

5:00 pm

† Edna Knox Sullivan, req. Ted & Liz Brandt
† Humberto Espinel, req. Nadia Ardalan
† Diane Czech, req. Ken & Mary Billings
† Mike Rubison, req. St. Patrick choir

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am

† Mary Jane Bressanelli, req. Leo & Meg Bressanelli

10:00 am

† Elaine Fleury Brandt, req. Liz & Ted Brandt
† Noreen Folkerts, req. Anthony & Marie Lacko
† Susan Wittig, req. Robert Wittig
† Harlin Bachmann, req. St. Patrick Women's Group board

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

Lt. 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

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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

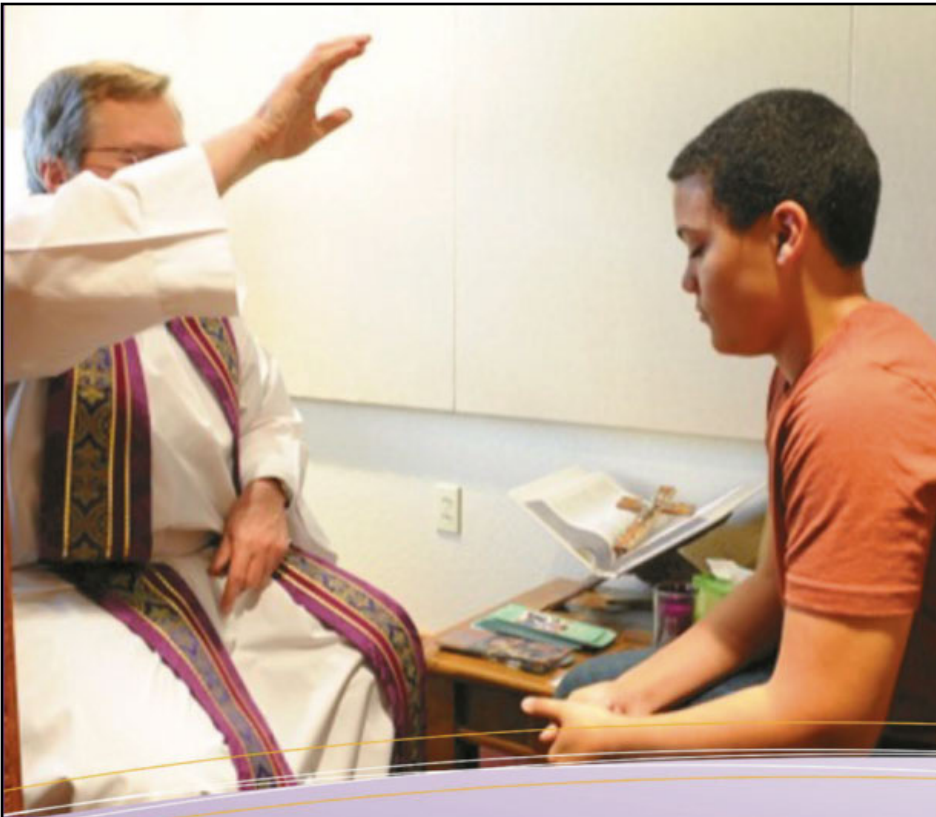
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Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins
Joseph Zittnan
Nicole Tallarico
Carolyn Welby
Florence Gatti
Jennifer Mikell
Gianfranco Isaia
Cindy Wakat
Ron Moskal
Tom Sullivan
Mariann Gregory
Michael Kozak
Trish Tivnan
Hannah Hodgson
Gina Wessel
Lore Nugent
Jeff Neumayer
Bob Mack

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



**Communal Celebration
of the Sacrament of
Reconciliation
For Lent**

Tuesday April 1, 2025

**7:00 PM.
Main Church**

President: Fr Jerry Gunderson
Gospel Reflection: Therese McCall

"We must celebrate because one who
was dead has come back to life again,
he was lost and is found." Luke 15:32

All are encouraged to attend!

St. Patrick Church

991 S. Waukegan Road
Lake Forest, Illinois



Spring Luncheon

Save the Date

Save the Date for the St. Patrick Women's Group Spring Luncheon,
on Friday, May 16, at Conway Farms Golf Club.





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.)

First Friday

Eucharistic Adoration

April 4, 2025

Please drop in anytime between 2:30pm and 6:30pm



Welcoming families with children after school at 3:30 to 4:00 pm

Experience the reverence, awe and beauty of Jesus' REAL PRESENCE in the Blessed Sacrament and the power of prayer for you and your families in this holy devotion. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3:00 p.m. Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 6:30 p.m.

Presents
Music Ministry **Song & Supper**
“Love Divine”

April 5 after the 5:00pm Mass

Please join our choir for a new evening of Song and Supper. This year's program is called “Love Divine”. It is a beautiful work that takes its theme from the bible verse John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son”. This 35 minute program is an emotional examination of the Passion of Christ, taking listeners from Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem to the last Supper, to his prayers in the garden, his arrest, trial, crucifixion and miraculous resurrection. Immediately following we will provide a Lenten meal in the Parish Center. We will have several different types of soup along with salad, bread, and cookies for dessert. This is a free event but any free will donations would be greatly appreciated! Reservations will be taken on our website from March 17 to April 2, 2025.



www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/songandsupper

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**Retreat
2025**

Begins Friday, April 4 at 7:00pm
Ends Saturday, April 5 at 4:00pm

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Fr. Daniel Korenchan

Retreat Theme:
St. Joseph: Our Father

Cost:

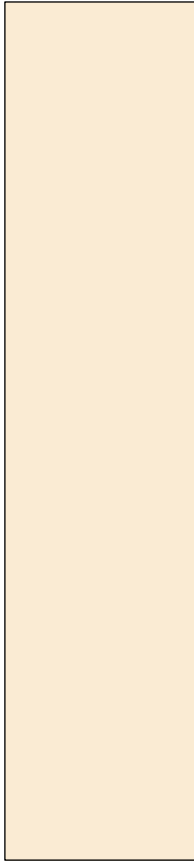
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Register:

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April 6, 1:30 PM

APRIL 6, 2025, 1:30 PM
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WATCH PARTY!

CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Monday, April 7

Doors Open at 7:00pm • Tip Off 7:50pm

Watch the game on the Big Screen!

Chili Cook-Off Championship

St. Patrick Church O'Gara Center

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after Mass, or at the Door



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