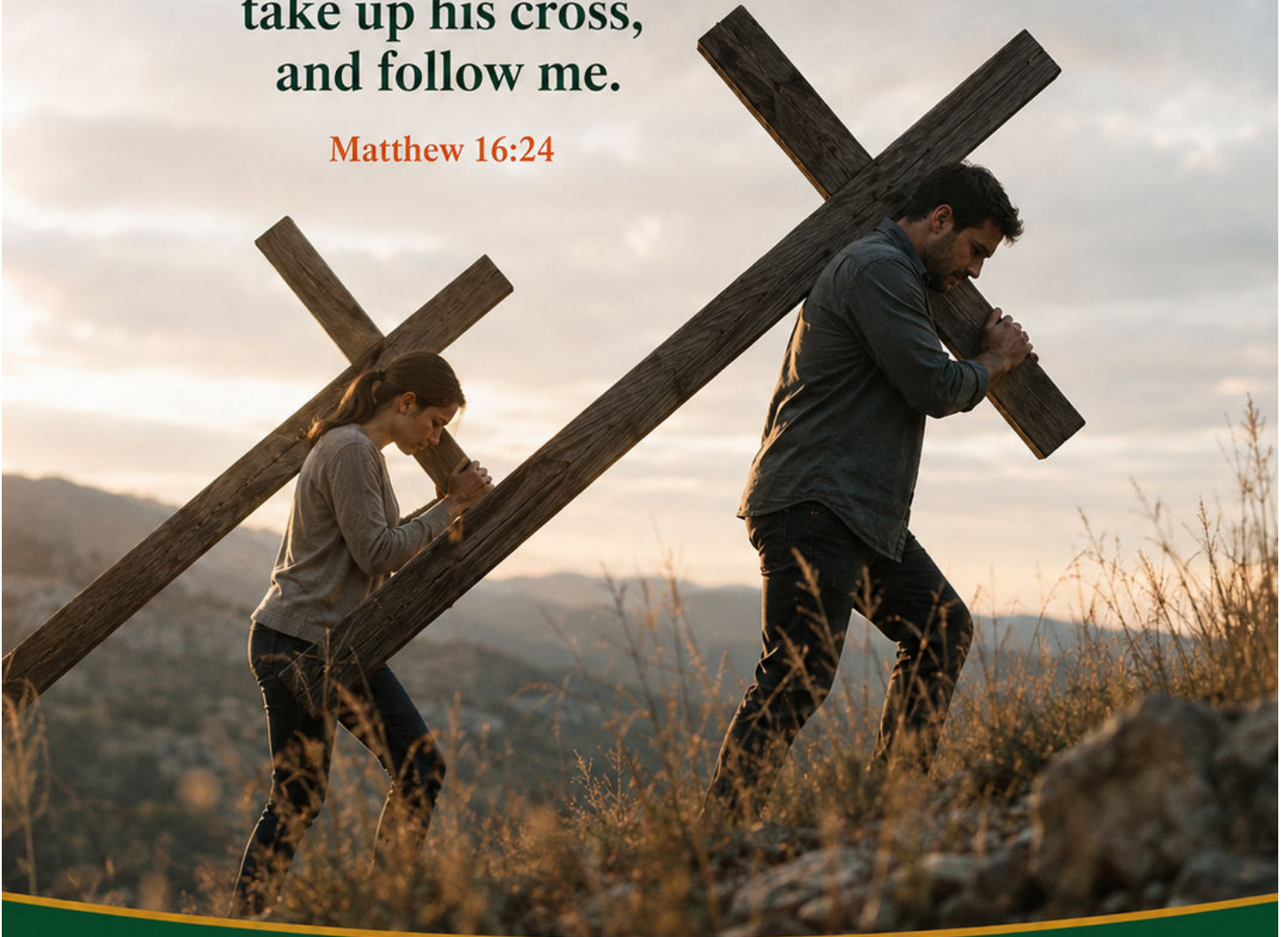


AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whoever wishes to come
after me must deny himself,
take up his cross,
and follow me.

Matthew 16:24



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*To be a welcoming Eucharistic community by providing resources for spiritual growth
and faith development, and encouraging service and discipleship to spread
the good news of God's Kingdom.*

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our outdoor Mass celebrating the Solemnity of the *Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*.



Thank you for being the Church together in faith, worship, and community.



Saint Thomas Aquinas

By John D'Anca

Born around 1225 in Roccasecca, Italy, Saint Thomas Aquinas rejected his noble family's pressure to seek wealth and power, choosing instead the humble path of the Dominicans. Despite being kidnapped by his brothers in a failed attempt to break his resolve, Thomas remained steadfast. Later, while studying under Saint Albert the Great, his quiet demeanor earned him the nickname 'the Dumb Ox'—yet Albert prophetically declared that the bellowing of Thosuns's thoughts would resound throughout the world.

Albert was right. As the intellectual giant of the Middle Ages, Thomas synthesized Aristotelian philosophy with Christian revelation in his *Summa Theologiae*, proving that faith and reason work in perfect harmony.

Yet Thomas's heart belonged entirely to Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. He spent hours praying before the tabernacle, resting his head against the altar door. When Pope Urban IV instituted Corpus Christi, Thomas composed transcendent Eucharistic hymns, including *Pange Lingua* and *Panis Angelicus*, and articulated the doctrine of Transubstantiation with razor-sharp precision.

In 1273, after experiencing a profound mystical vision before a crucifix in Naples, Thomas put down his pen. Asked why he left the *Summa* unfinished, he replied that all he had written seemed like straw compared to what had been revealed to him.

Today, as Catholics navigating a noisy world, we urgently need Saint Thomas Aquinas. Turn to him, ask for his intercession, and pray for a spark of his profound Eucharistic reverence whenever you approach the Blessed Sacrament.

His feast day is celebrated on January 28, and he is the patron saint of students, scholars, theologians, and Catholic schools.

Saint Thomas Aquinas, pray for us!

A Reflection from Fr. Patrick

Taking Up Our Cross and Following Christ

In today's Gospel, Jesus reveals to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, suffer, be killed, and rise again. Peter cannot accept this. He loves Jesus and wants to protect Him, but Jesus responds strongly: **"Get behind me, Satan! You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."** Peter wanted a Messiah without suffering, but Jesus teaches that the way to resurrection passes through the cross.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian discipleship is not always about choosing what is easy or comfortable. Jesus says, **"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."** Every person has a cross: illness, grief, family struggles, disappointment, loneliness, responsibility, forgiveness, or the sacrifices required to love another person. The cross is not something we seek, but when it comes, we can unite it with Christ and allow God to give it meaning.

St. Augustine taught that our hearts are restless until they rest in God. The world tells us that happiness comes from success, wealth, recognition, and comfort, but Jesus asks, **"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"** St. John Paul II repeatedly reminded Christians that we discover ourselves through the sincere gift of ourselves. A mother sacrificing for her children, a father caring for his family, a caregiver patiently serving someone who is suffering, or a Christian forgiving someone who has caused deep pain—all are examples of taking up the cross.

The cross, therefore, is not the end of the Christian story. **The cross leads to resurrection.** When we surrender our lives to Christ, we do not lose ourselves; we discover who we truly are. As St. Paul teaches, our suffering can become united with Christ and bear fruit in love.

Today, let us ask ourselves: **What cross is the Lord asking me to carry faithfully?** Instead of running from it, let us place it in the hands of Jesus. May we have the courage to think not as the world thinks, but as God thinks, trusting that every cross carried with Christ can become a path toward new life.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

Sunday, August 30

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick
Intention: † Bernie Peter, req. Sandy McBreen

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Franzman
Intentions:
† Dorothy D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza
† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan
† Gary Widman, req. Gail & Patrick Geary

11:45am – Mass – Fr. McMahon
Intention: People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, August 31

8:00am – Mass

Tuesday, September 1

8:00am – Mass

Wednesday, September 2

8:00am – Mass
8:30am – Adoration - OC
10:30am – Immaculate Heart Bible Study - PC
6:15pm – Benediction - OC

Thursday, September 3

8:00am – Mass

Friday, September 4

6:30am – Men's Group Mass - MC/PC
8:00am – Mass
6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, September 5

10:00am – Women's Retreat - MC/PC
5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Franzman

Sunday, September 6

8:00am – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey
10:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick
11:45am – Mass – Fr. Patrick

Labor Day — the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7.

BAPTISMS

Lillian Adeline Brown
Zachary & Mary Elizabeth
Cam Gregory Gerber
Erick & Nicole
Colleen Rita Flatley
Nicholas & Qi

WEDDINGS

Ryo & Joaquina Terada
Kyle & Myra O'Connor
Patrick & Gianna McGinley

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers ...

*The healing and restoration of the sick
of our parish and the needs &
intentions inscribed in our Parish Book
of Prayer & Prayer Wall.*

There is a Parish Book of Prayer & Prayer Wall to which you may add specific prayer requests. Please notify the ministry office to add a name to the prayer list if you are unable to do so directly. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR ADORATION



GIVE ONLINE

Support St. Patrick through online giving. Scan the QR code to visit our GiveCentral page.



FINANCES

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of August 22-23, 2026

Actual	\$13,643
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$4,007)

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$233,634
Ordinary Expense	\$240,558
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$6,924)



JOIN US FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION



THE INSTALLATION MASS OF

FR. PATRICK KIZZA

AS PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

Please join our parish community as Fr. Patrick is formally installed as pastor and as we pray for him and for St. Patrick Parish in this new chapter together.



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13

11:45 AM



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950 W. Everett Rd
Lake Forest, IL 60045



PLEASE RSVP

Scan the QR code or visit
stpatrick-lakeforest.netlify.app/frpatrick

We look forward to celebrating this important day with you.



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*Please volunteer for our new ministries and any
events you would like to help with.*

Faith · Friendship · Service

*All women of the parish are invited to register for the
St. Patrick Church Women's Group and our new Welcoming
and Hospitality Committees!*

Welcome to the 2026–2027 season of the St. Patrick Women's Group. We encourage you to register for our new parish ministries and the Women's Group so that we can build community and accomplish our mission of supporting our church and each other by sharing Faith, Friendship and Service. There is no charge to register — we simply ask for an email address so we can invite you to our activities and service projects.

Representatives of the Women's Group will be available after all the Masses on
August 29th and 30th to answer questions and to register new members.

Please mark your calendar for our opening event on

Thursday, September 17th

We will attend Mass together at our church at **10:00 AM**, followed by refreshments in the Parish Center. The event is free for all women of the parish.

Questions? Email Kathy Healan at khealan@gmail.com or Peggy Gaier at peggy.gaier@outlook.com.



MEN OF ST. PATRICK

Join the St. Patrick Men's Group

*Grow in faith, fellowship, and service with
other Catholic men of the parish.*

The St. Patrick Men's Group brings men together
to support the parish community through
Spiritual, Service, and Social opportunities.
New and longtime parishioners are welcome.

SPIRITUAL • SERVICE • SOCIAL

1ST FRIDAY MEN'S MASS

Join us on the first Friday
of each month for Mass and fellowship.
Held at the Main Church / Parish Center

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Held in the Community Room

All men of the parish are invited.

ShamRockin' SummerFest

A look back at a joyful day of faith, fellowship, and fun.



Scan to see
all the photos

Religious Education Registration

2026–2027 School Year | Grades 1 through Confirmation

Classes start in September. Register soon. Some classes are filling up.

Help your child grow in faith, deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ, and build a strong foundation in the Catholic faith.

Classes meet Sundays 8:30–9:45 AM or Mondays 4:30–5:45 PM.

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- A Baptismal Certificate is required to submit registration.
- Tuition: 1 child \$375 | 2 children \$600 | 3 or more children \$675
- 2nd Grade Sacrament Fee: additional \$60
- Early Bird pricing ends July 1. After that, fees increase by \$100 per family.
- Tuition assistance is available. No child will be denied enrollment because of financial hardship.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Students preparing for First Communion and Confirmation must be enrolled in the program for two years before receiving the sacrament.

Confirmation begins in grade 8 at the earliest.

Scan to Register



Register online: stpatrick-lakeforest.org/reregistration

Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office

Dianne Marshall | 847-234-2179 | dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org

We are also in need of catechists. Please contact the Faith Formation Office if you are interested in teaching.

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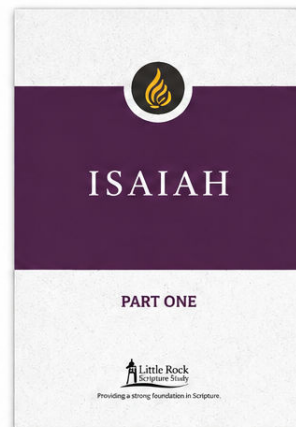
Little Rock Scripture Study

 Wednesday nights • Sept. 9 through Dec. 9

 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

 Materials provided and distributed at the opening session

 Cost: \$15.00 per book



Isaiah, Part One



Isaiah, Part Two



Discover the powerful message of Isaiah through poetry, prophecy, judgment, justice, hope, and redemption. This study includes commentary, reflection questions, prayers, and access to online lectures. Part One covers Isaiah 1–39 and Part Two covers Isaiah 40–66. 6 lessons in each book.



To respond regarding attendance, contact Chris Genge



cgeng7@gmail.com



847-293-0710

Based on the Little Rock Scripture Study series.

Women of Wisdom: Living Our Name
—with Sr. Carrie Miller, SLW

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00pm
St. Edna Church
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd.
Arlington Heights, IL



We are living in times marked by chaos, disagreement and confusion. Silence is not an effective answer.

As People of Wisdom, how are we called to respond? How might the Words of Scripture be our resource? How do we follow the love and example of Jesus to guide our words and actions?

“Pope Leo has recently reminded us that ‘We are made for these times.’ So the search always continues as to how the Words of Scripture can guide us in making our response to God’s invitations/nudges to us.” -- Sr. Carrie

We welcome Sr. Carrie to an evening of guided discussion. We will share questions, lived experiences, and a Blessing Prayer to live the Word as we go forth.

Join us! All are Welcome!

Witnessing the faith-in-action of people around her, Sister Carrie has an ongoing search of connections between the Words of Scripture and the realities of life. Her ministry work includes Retreats, Spiritual Direction, Counseling, Parish Ministry, and serving on the Leadership Team of the Sisters of the Living Word.



Questions?

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5:00 pm | Meet our Medical Director:
Presentation and Q&A with Robert Lawler, MD
5:30 pm | Benefit Reception
6:30 pm | Dinner & Program

For more information, reservations and
sponsorship information, visit the event page at
helpaidforwomen.org/dinner2026



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SACRAMENTS AND RESOURCES

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

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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