



February 2, 2025 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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— LUKE 2:32 —



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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

### Sacraments, Visiting of the Sick, & New Parishioner Registration

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact Brandin Stoy 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)

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

### Bulletin Date

February 9

February 16

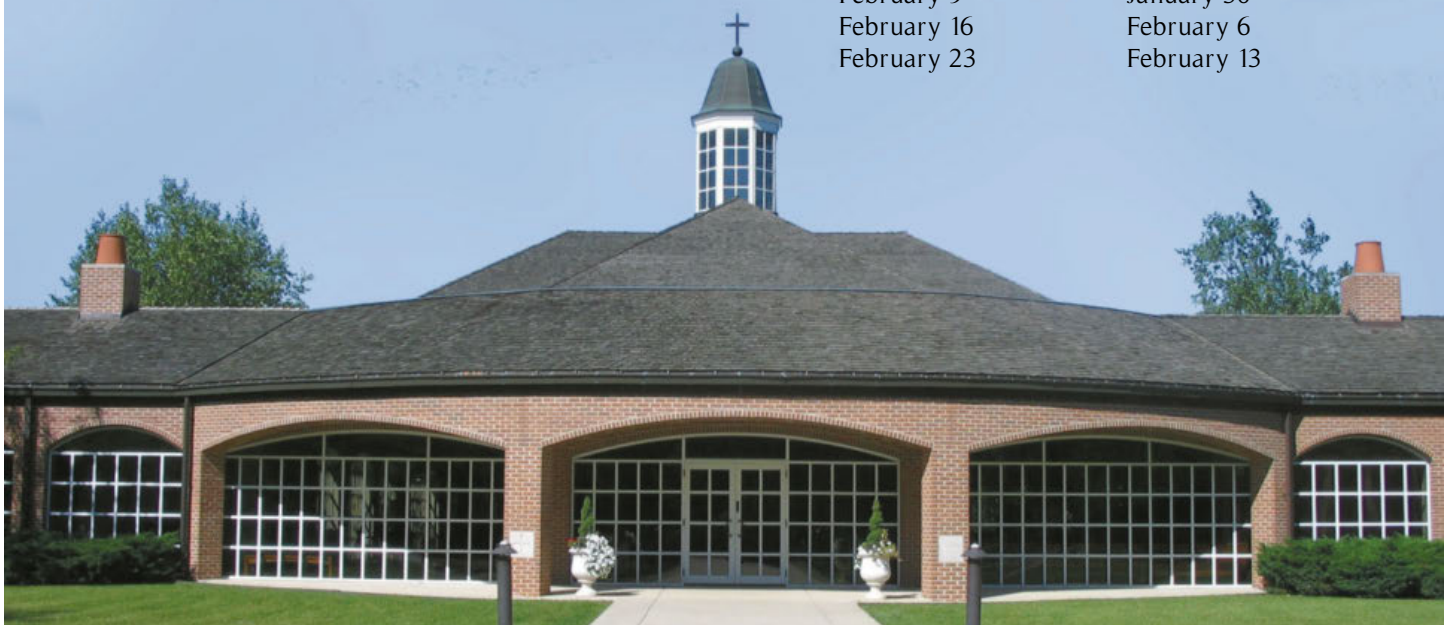
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### Due Date

January 30

February 6

February 13





February 2, 2024

## From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

Dear Friends,

The Illinois Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museums (IPAVM) was established by Cardinal Bernardin in 1993. In the structure he created, the Archbishop of Chicago serves as the Chairman of the board and appoints a priest as the Cardinal's representative. It was in my capacity as the Cardinal's representative that I accompanied a group of 32 Pilgrims to the Jubilee in Rome during this past week. Since 2009 Anne Shea has voluntarily served as the President of IPAVM. There are over 200 full members and 600 associates. For the past ten years the "Art and Faith" series of presentations and lectures has focused on the transformative power of art as a carrier of faith.

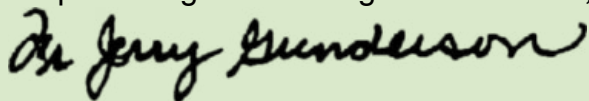
Spending four days in various parts of the Museums at the Vatican with excellent guides and behind the scenes access was a rare opportunity. At the Apostolic Palace, we celebrated Mass in the Governatorato Chapel, had a private visit to the Sistine Chapel, and had dinner with Cardinal Cupich in the Borgia Apartments. On the way to the chapel, we stopped at the balcony from which a new Pope is introduced to the world. You may recall that Pope Francis humbly asked for the prayers of the world from that balcony. At the Papal audience I had the honor to meet the Holy Father.

At the restoration labs, we learned about restoration techniques and preliminary steps taken to determine how to best preserve the art for future generations. We were also able to observe the restoration of a 15th century painting, "The Lament of the Dead Christ" by Giovanni Bellini, an important Venetian artist. Upon the completion of this restoration capping off a long career, the restorer, Marco Pratelli, will retire. The painting will be part of a special exhibition at Castelgandolfo in March. When we met with Barbara Jatta, the director of the 12 Vatican Museums and a Papal appointee, she offered to the Illinois Chapter the opportunity to make the restoration of the painting a special project of the Chapter. She also gave us a copy of the underpainting discovered during the preliminary study for the restoration. The PAVM staff in Rome were our gracious hosts.

"Pilgrims of Hope" is the theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 and months of preparation gave the entire city a fresh face. In addition to St. Peter's Basilica, we entered through the Holy Doors of St John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul Outside the Walls. There is a fifth Holy Door at the prison of Rome. For obvious reasons, that was not part of our itinerary, but speaks loudly of Pope Francis's desire that the mercy of God be extended to everyone during the observance of the Jubilee.

Castel Gandolfo is the Pope's summer villa in the Alban hills 45 minutes from Rome. Pope Francis prefers to remain in the Vatican in the summer months. So he has decided to open the grounds to visitors and to make Castel Gandolfo a center to foster the implementation of his encyclical "Laudato Si, On the Care of our Common Home". Fr. Manny Dorantes, a Chicago priest, was recently made it's director. He gave us a quick tour. On our final day we made a courtesy call to the home of the U.S. Ambassador to the Vatican.

Sometime in the next five months, in collaboration with the Illinois Patrons, I hope to be able to schedule an event at St. Patrick on the theme, "Art as a Carrier of Faith." If you would have interest in sponsoring or attending such an event, please let me know.



Fr. Jerry Gunderson

## This Week

### **Sunday, February 2**

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

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

10:50am Youth Ministry - PC

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

### **Monday, February 3**

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm 33 Days to Eucharistic  
Glory - YR

### **Tuesday, February 4**

8:30am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

### **Wednesday, February 5**

8:30am IH Prayer Group - CR

9:05am St. Mary's Mass - MC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

7:00pm Sycamore - PC

### **Thursday, February 6**

### **Friday, February 7**

6:30am Men's Group Mass - MC

2:30pm Adoration - OC

6:30pm Benediction - OC

### **Saturday, February 8**

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Wilfred  
Bwezani Phiri

6:00pm Trivia Night - PC

### **Sunday, February 9**

8:00am Mass - Fr. Webb

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

### **Monday, February 10**

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

6:00pm Men's Group Meeting - PC

7:00pm 33 Days to Eucharistic  
Glory - YR

7:30pm PPC Meeting - CR

## Scripture Questions of the Week

### **First Reading:**

Malachi prophesied a coming messenger who will purify those making offerings to the Lord. *How do you prepare for Sunday worship?*

### **Second Reading:**

Hebrews teaches that Jesus was tested and suffered so that he could be merciful and understanding with our struggles and challenges. *What are you facing this week that Jesus could help with you?*

### **Gospel:**

Mary and Joseph received incredible news from Simeon and Anna about the infant Jesus at his presentation in the Temple. *Who helps you process startling or unsettling information.*

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## This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 (1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

## Finances

YTD ending January 26, 2024

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$461,337	\$380,010	\$81,327

Nothing unites Christians as the family of God like prayer according to the Holy Spirit. We learn to recognize the needs of each individual and transform them into a shared invocation and intercession for all.

-Pope Francis - follow @pontifex



# Our Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, Feb 2**

**8:00 am**

† Bob & Mary Seiler, req. Carol Haran

**10:00 am**

† Chan Po Shun, req. Fred & Lucia Chan

† Robert Seiler, req. Bill Lapelle

† Ricardo Vistrain Alba, req. His family

**11:45 am**

People of St. Patrick Church

**Monday, Feb 3**

**8:00 am**

**Tuesday, Feb 4**

**8:00 am**

**Wednesday, Feb 5**

**8:00 am**

Special intention for Kit O'Brien, req. Ann O'Brien

**Thursday, Feb 6**

**8:00 am**

† Jane S Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

**Friday, Feb 7**

**6:30 am**

**8:00 am**

**Saturday, Feb 8**

**5:00 pm**

† Dave Schilder, req. Patty Schilder Heraty & family

† John Esemplare, req. Susan & Brent Lewin

**Sunday, Feb 9**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

Special intention for Kit O'Brien, req. Ann O'Brien

† Barbara Biederman, req. St. Patrick men's group

† Myra Cazolas, req. Casandra Zarek

**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

**Ensign Owen William Platt, US Navy,**

Son of Roger and Liz Platt

**Cadet Reid Walsh, United States Military Academy,**

Son of Allison & Brian Walsh

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

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Paul Zittnan

Cindy Wakat

Ron Moskal

Tom Sullivan

Peter Andjelkovich

Mariann Gregory

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





## Are you, or someone you know, widowed?

If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been widowed for some time and need something to get you “over the hump” because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.



is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at several locations in the next few months. All are welcome!

- What:** 2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women  
**When:** **March 1-2, 2025** – University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL  
**April 5-6, 2025** -St. Mary’s Retreat House, Lemont, IL  
**June 28-29, 2025** - St. Julie Billiard Parish, Tinley Park, IL (overnight accommodations not available)

*For more information on upcoming retreats, visit our website; [www.joyfulagain.org](http://www.joyfulagain.org)  
call: 708-354-7211 or e-mail us at [joyfulagain7211@gmail.com](mailto:joyfulagain7211@gmail.com)*

## Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

**If You Need Help Call:** A Safe Place, (847) 249-4450 or (800) 600-SAFE (7233);  
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## Catholic Christian Faith Series

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for discussion. There are 10 sessions with a video, group discussions afterward, and a light meal. Everyone is welcome!

**Wednesday, February 5**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm in the O’Gara Center**

**Session 13:**

## **The Community of the Church**

Why do we need the community of Church? Is it not possible to be a Christian on your own? And if there are so many different churches, how can the Catholic Church claim that it has a special place in God’s plan? This Sycamore film helps you to explore what it means to be a Christian, and the special gift that Catholic Christianity brings to the world.

Learn more about Sycamore and RSVP on our website at

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

RSVPs are greatly appreciated so we can plan appropriately for food and seating.



# Trivia Night 2025



Saturday, February 8  
6:00 PM  
O'Gara Center

*Have fun and help raise money to support Catholic education at*

## **EAST LAKE ACADEMY**

Everyone is welcome!  
Bring your family, friends, and neighbors!

***Gather a team of up to 8 (or we can fit you in with another team) See online registration.***

Ravinia-style event!  
Bring food and drinks to share at your table. Soft drinks and water provided.

Think you're not a Trivia expert?  
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\$35 per person

Must be 21 and older to attend

**Register by February 5 at:**

[www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/trivianight2025](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/trivianight2025)



50/50 Raffle Tickets on sale after Masses on February 1 & 2  
Tickets are \$5 each or 7 for \$25.





# Adoration



**Come, pray with us in the presence of Jesus Christ**

Please join us for Adoration three Wednesdays monthly on the weeks following First Friday Adoration in the Old Church

**Wednesday, February 12, 19, and 26**

Adoration will begin after the 8:00 am Mass in the Old Church.

We will pray The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 pm, the Rosary at 5:30 pm. and conclude with Benediction at 6:15 pm. **All are invited!**



## **A Sacred Trust 3rd Wednesdays**

Has God entrusted you with the care of a disabled person - a child, spouse or family member?

**You are not alone**

Join others on a similar journey for fellowship, information sharing and support. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every Month at the O'Gara Center of St. Patrick's Church, Lake Forest at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome, please share with others.

**02/19/25 - Yes, you can take a vacation! Here's how.**

Email [Marilyn\\_Merrifield@comcast.net](mailto:Marilyn_Merrifield@comcast.net) to join and receive receive agenda and speaker notifications.

*Due to the nature of this event, we ask that only parents or guardians attend.*

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