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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 to 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

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Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:45pm

Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

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Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

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Contact Dianne Marshall at 847-234-1401

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

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Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

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Bulletin Deadlines

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

Bulletin Date

August 31

September 7

September 14

Due Date

August 20

August 25

September 3



A Letter from Fr. Patrick Kizza

August 24, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday's Gospel (Luke 13:22-30) presents a challenging but hopeful invitation from Jesus: *"Strive to enter through the narrow gate."* The image is striking — the narrow gate is not a wide, easy entrance, but one that requires effort, discipline, and discernment. It reminds us that to follow Christ is to live with a different lens, one shaped by the Gospel rather than by the shifting values of the world.

We live in a time when we are surrounded by sweet, enticing things that promise happiness, joy, goodness etc. but often leaves us spiritually empty. As Christians, we must ask: Do I embrace everything this world offers, or do I carefully discern what truly helps me walk toward God's Kingdom? St. John Vianney once said, *"We do not keep our eyes fixed on heaven, we fall into the trap of the world."* The narrow gate demands that we see with eternal eyes, not just earthly ones.

St. Augustine reminds us: *"You aspire to great things? Begin with the little ones."* The narrow gate is entered not by grand gestures alone, but by daily faithfulness — prayer, charity, humility, forgiveness, and steadfast love. These are often small in the eyes of the world, but in God's eyes they are the building blocks of holiness.

In this journey, we take comfort in Jesus' own words: *"I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father except through me"* (John 14:6). The narrow gate is not an impersonal challenge — it is Christ Himself. Our striving is not about self-reliance, but about walking with Him, trusting His grace, and allowing Him to shape our hearts.

Let us pause this week to express our gratitude to Dawn Isaia for her tremendous work as music director in our parish. Her dedication and gift for leading us in worship have helped open our hearts to God's presence. We pray that her next step in life will be filled with blessings and joy.

We invite all parishioners to join us in offering thanks for **Dawn Isaia** by attending her **Retirement Celebration Mass on Saturday, August 31, at 11:45 a.m.** Let us gather as one community to honor her and to give thanks to God for the gift she has been among us.

Dear friends, the narrow gate may be challenging, but it is the path to life. Let us encourage one another, as St. Teresa of Ávila said: *"Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things are passing; God never changes."* May we walk with courage, with our eyes fixed on Christ, until we meet Him face to face.



Fr. Patrick

This Week

Sunday, August 24

8:00am Mass - Fr. Webb

10:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

11:45am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

Monday, August 25

Tuesday, August 26

Wednesday, August 27

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

Thursday, August 28

Friday, August 29

Saturday, August 30

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Pt0rick

Sunday, August 31

8:00am Mass - Fr. Webb

10:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

11:45am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

Monday, September 1

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah reveals to us God's plan to gather and unite all His people and witness His glory in the age to come. *What are you hoping for in the future?*

Second Reading:

The author of Hebrews offers words of encouragement for community members struggling and discouraged in their faith. *Is there a friend or co-worker you could look to support this week?*

Gospel:

Jesus speaks to the crowds of the dire consequences of rejecting his call to salvation. *What could be some effective ways to bring other to faith in Jesus?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/ Lk 13:22-30
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30
Next Sunday:	Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Finances

Due to staff schedules, financials are not available and will be updated in next week's bulletin.

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24

8:00 am

† Viola & Sabino Zanoni, req. Al & Mary Moresco

10:00 am

† J Stuart Boldry, Sr, req. Mark & Lorraine Condic

† Ken Schmidt, req. Ministers of Care

† Lynn Lenore Acerra, req. Rachel Caracci

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, August 25

8:00 am

† John R Coath, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

† Irene Napier, req. The Winn family

Tuesday, August 26

8:00 am

† Frank Keres, req. Cathe Keres

† Irene Napier, req. The Winn family

Wednesday, August 27

8:00 am

† Richard Copeland, req. Cathe Keres

† Irene Napier, req. The Winn family

Thursday, August 28

8:00 am

† The Holy souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy

† Irene Napier, req. The Winn family

Friday, August 29

8:00 am

† Graham McClean, req. The McClean family

† Irene Napier, req. The Winn family

Saturday, August 30

5:00 pm

† Tom Sullivan, req. Pat Sullivan

† Dorothy D'Souza req. Menuhin D'Souza

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

† Logan McKenna req. Lois & Phil Sheridan

Sunday, August 31

8:00 am

† Rich Freeman, req. Tim Murphy

10:00 am

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

† Patrick Bennet req. Thomas & Susan Sampogna

Special intention for Fr. Patrick in gratitude for his service and for the success of his pastoral ministry

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

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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

Midshipman Joseph Remus, US Naval Academy

Son of Laura and Mark Remus

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Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

Darrel Folkerts

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Martin Henson

Alyce Gilarski

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

Marie N Cowhey, mother of Cathleen, Mary Margaret, The Honorable Virginia Kendall, James Jr & Eileen



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who might be interested?

Are you an adult Catholic wishing to receive First Communion and Confirmation?

Do you simply want to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Registration is now open for the coming year, with the pinnacle of the program being the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026.

Please contact Brad Morris at jbmorris@stpatrick-lakeforest.org or the Parish Office at (847) 234-1401.

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process by which adults, through inquiry and prayer, become members of the Catholic Church. This was formerly known as RCIA.

OCIA will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00pm-8:30pm starting on 9/10/2025 in the Community Room. A full schedule is available upon request.

In addition, we are seeking 5-10 people who would offer private prayers for the candidates throughout the year.

To learn more about OCIA visit our website at:

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/ocia



Domestic Violence Outreach Ministry

If You Need Help Call: A Safe Place, (847) 249-4450 or (800) 600-SAFE (7233);
or National Domestic Violence Hotline, (800) 799-SAFE (7233)

Dawn Isaia Retirement Mass and Celebration

August 31 at 11:45am



With a mixture of gratitude, admiration, and bittersweet emotion, we announce the retirement of our cherished Music Director, Dawn Isaia, after an extraordinary 30 plus years of dedicated service to our parish and our faith community.

For three decades, Dawn has guided our voices in song, leading our choir with unmatched passion, devotion, and reverence. Through countless liturgies, special events, and sacred celebrations, Dawn has enriched our worship experience, creating an atmosphere where music and prayer

have harmonized together to glorify God.

In those 30 years, Dawn has not only shaped the music ministry of our parish but has also touched the lives of countless individuals, inspiring both young and old alike to embrace the beauty of sacred music and the spirit of community. Her leadership and commitment have helped our choir grow into the vibrant, harmonious group we are today.

As Dawn steps into the well-deserved chapter of retirement, we extend our deepest gratitude for the years of service, sacrifice, and love shared. Though we will miss her presence each weekend, we rejoice in knowing that her legacy will continue to resonate through every note sung and every hymn played in this church.

Please join us for a special **Retirement Celebration Mass on 8/31 at 11:45 am**. Let us come together as a community to express our thanks and celebrate the lasting impact Dawn has made.

We are forever grateful to you, Dawn, for your unwavering devotion and for lifting our hearts in worship each week. May God continue to bless you in your retirement and all the years ahead.

With love,

St. Patrick Family



Football Watch Party

September 8, 2025

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Registration Now Available

Religious Education

Grades 1 - 7

Confirmation

Grades 8 - 9

Registration for our Religious Ed and Confirmation programs are now available on our website for the 2025-2026 school year. We have a few new and exciting things planned this year, but there are no major changes to our offerings or expectations. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Please also consider helping out as a catechist, co-catechist, or supporting our office during class times. Thank you for supporting the growing faith of our young people.

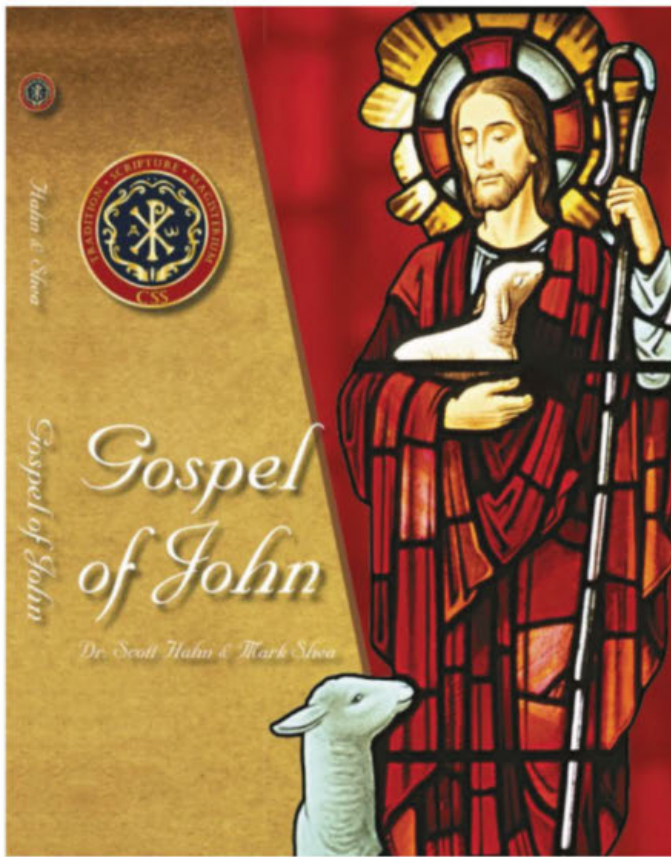


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Immaculate Heart Bible Study GOSPEL OF JOHN Registration Form



We are thrilled to embark on a study of this most beautiful of Gospels—and we think you will be too.

Each of the four evangelists is traditionally represented by a symbolic creature that reflects the character of their Gospel. Fittingly, St. John is symbolized by the eagle, for his Gospel soars to the heights of heaven in its revelation of Jesus' divine identity and mission. While the three Synoptic Gospels share much in common, John's account stands apart as the most unique and profoundly spiritual of the four.

In our study, we will explore St. John's revelation of God as a family and our relationship to Him through grace. We will recognize Jesus' divinity in the seven "signs" highlighted throughout the Gospel, as well as in the glory revealed in His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Every page radiates the theme of Divine Love.

This Gospel is rich with symbolism, sacramental imagery, Marian insights, fulfillment of Old Testament feasts and sacrifices, and theology of breathtaking depth. We can rightly expect that our journey through St. John's Gospel will draw us into deeper faith, firmer hope, and greater love.

Immaculate Heart Bible Study meets in St. Patrick's O'Gara Center

Wednesday mornings from 10:30am - 12:00pm

Our first session is Wednesday, September 10th.

*Please make checks payable to **St. Patrick Church**; note **IHBS** on memo line.*

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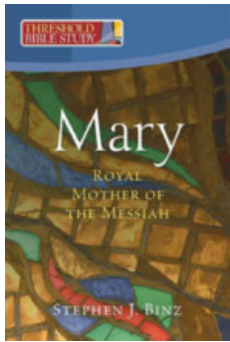


Wednesday Nights

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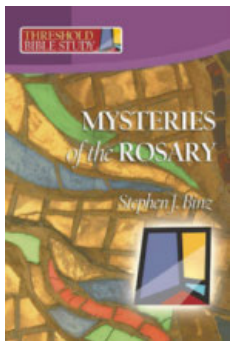
Community Room

Mary, Royal Mother of the Messiah Sept. 17 - Oct. 22



Studying and contemplating Mary through the Scriptures enables us to encounter her as mother, counselor, and inspiration. She is the surest path to knowing and loving Jesus, for all her dignity and greatness comes from him alone. Pondering her many regal titles as well as her simple humanity, we come to know her as a strong, resilient woman and the royal mother of God's people. **Mary shows us the path to be redeemed, sanctified, and glorified.** By following her, we too will live and reign with Christ, receiving the imperishable crown of glory.

Mysteries of the Rosary Oct. 29 - Dec. 10



This study explores the biblical roots of each of the mysteries of the rosary and the meditative tradition of this popular prayer. Enhance your reflection on the joyful, luminous, sorrowful, and glorious mysteries by understanding their biblical underpinnings.

These sessions will be from Threshold Bible Study authored by Stephen Binz. Materials will be provided at the first introductory session. Cost is \$10.00 per book.

All interested please contact:

Chris Genge, 847-293-0710 (C), email: cgenge7@gmail.com

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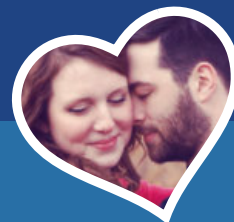
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