



February 1, 2026 • 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HE WENT UP THE
MOUNTAIN AND BEGAN
TO TEACH.

— MATTHEW 5:1 —



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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

February 15

February 22

March 1

Due Date

February 5

February 12

February 19



Reflection for February 1, 2026

Living the Beatitudes at Saint Patrick Parish

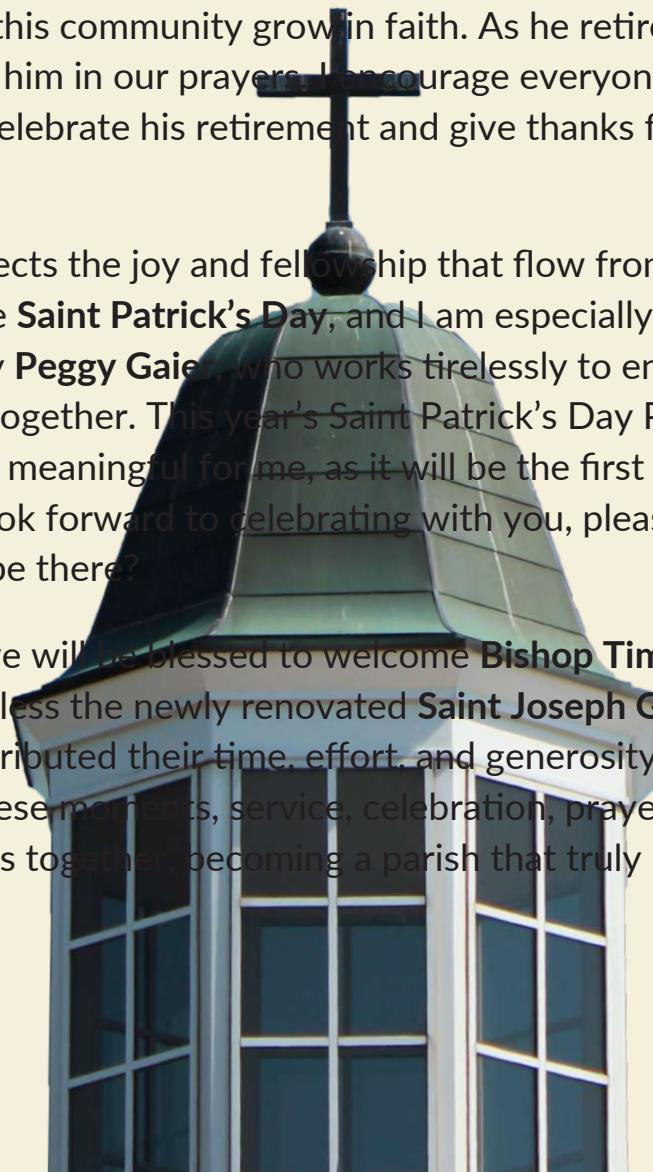
In today's Gospel from Matthew, Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, a vision of life that turns worldly values upside down. Blessed are not the powerful or the successful by human standards, but the poor in spirit, the merciful, the peacemakers, and those who hunger for righteousness. The Beatitudes are not simply comforting words; they are a call to live differently. They invite us to trust God more than ourselves, to show compassion when it is difficult, and to remain faithful even when it costs us something. As Pope Francis often said, the Beatitudes are the "identity card of the Christian." They describe what a disciple of Jesus looks like in everyday life.

We see these Beatitudes lived out in the life of our parish. I am deeply grateful for the ministry of **Fr. Larry Hennessy**, who has served Saint Patrick Parish with a true pastor's heart. Through his kindness, presence, and faithful leadership, he has touched many lives and helped this community grow in faith. As he retires from Saint Patrick, let us continue to keep him in our prayers. I encourage everyone to be present next week as we gather to celebrate his retirement and give thanks for his many years of service among us.

Our parish life also reflects the joy and fellowship that flow from living the Gospel. Each year, we celebrate **Saint Patrick's Day**, and I am especially grateful to the Women's Group, led by **Peggy Gaier**, who works tirelessly to ensure this celebration brings our community together. This year's Saint Patrick's Day Party, on **March 14, 2026**, will be especially meaningful for me, as it will be the first one to attend since I came to this parish. I look forward to celebrating with you, please be sure to sign up. I will be there. Will you be there?

Finally, on **March 15**, we will be blessed to welcome **Bishop Timothy O'Malley**, who will visit our parish to bless the newly renovated **Saint Joseph Garden**. I am sincerely grateful to all who contributed their time, effort, and generosity to make this beautiful space possible. In all these moments, service, celebration, prayer, and gratitude, we are living the Beatitudes together, becoming a parish that truly reflects the heart of Christ.

-Fr. Patrick Kizza



This Week

Sunday, February 1

8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Sean Koehr

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

Monday, February 2

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Tuesday, February 3

8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

6:30pm Speed of Joy - YR

Wednesday, February 4

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

7:00pm OCIA - YR

Thursday, February 5

Friday, February 6

6:30am Men's Group Mass - MC

Saturday, February 7

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

6:00pm Trivia Night - PC

Sunday, February 8

8:00am Mass - Fr. Patrick

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey
Farewell Reception Following Mass

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

Monday, February 9

10:00am WG Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm PPC Meeting - CR

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Zephaniah of a "remnant" of Israel who will live to humbly and seek justice. *Are there people in your life who live this way?*

Second Reading:

Paul describes members of the Corinthian church as foolish, weak and despised. *How would you characterize your faith community?*

Gospel:

Jesus begins his "Sermon on the Mount" with the many ways that people are blessed. *What do you consider your biggest blessing?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/ Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

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 Jan. 24-25

Actual

\$11,926

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

(\$3,192)

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$850,987

\$811,080

\$39,907

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 1
8:00 am

10:00 am
† Sandy Browe, req. Molly Browe

11:45 am
People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, February 2
8:00 am
† Chan Po Shun, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

Tuesday, February 3
8:00 am
† Deceased members of the Braig family, req. Therese Ruedig

Wednesday, February 4
8:00 am
† Isabella Joann Fiore, req. The Facchini family

Thursday, February 5
8:00 am
Special intention for the health & well-being of Susan Ewert req. The Bernish family

Friday, February 6
6:30 am
8:00 am
† Virginia McCaskey, req. Kathryn Petty
† Eric Steven Bower, req. Kathryn Petty

Saturday, February 7
5:00 pm
† Jerry Caniga, req. The Lindquist family
† Dan Kelley, req. Ken & Mary Billings
† The Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy

Sunday, February 8
8:00 am
10:00 am
† Veronica Gesell, req. The Bernish family
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

Robert R Smith Jr, father of Eaylah Marie Smith-Trinidad
John Hayes Kinsella, brother of Sally Willis

mission trip

Calling all current 8-12th Graders!

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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.

Retirement Celebration

Please Join Us as We Celebrate the Ministry of

Fr. Lawrence Hennessey



Sunday, February 8

Fr. Hennessey will Preside over his last Mass at 11:45am

Reception following in the O'Gara Center

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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.

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TRIVIA

NIGHT

**Saturday,
February 7
6:00 – 10:00 PM
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Tickets are \$5 each or 7 for \$25.



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.



Save the Date



Wednesday, April 22, 2026

7:00pm - 9:00pm in the O'Gara Center



Congratulations!

**Please join us in welcoming into our parish family
those newly baptized in January**

Benjamin Seymour, son of Greg & Caroline



HYSSOP Lenten Series

Holy Spirit Speaking in Our Presence



Our HYSSOP Lenten series returns this year, hosted by parishioner Thérèse McCall O'Sullivan. Together we will explore the spirituality of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, a French Jesuit priest, paleontologist, and mystic who saw evolution as the very stage on which God's creative love unfolds.



Teilhard invites us to see God's ongoing work of creation in our broken world and to live as beacons of hope. This Lent we will ponder an ever-creating God, the presence of Christ not only within us, but in all matter - galaxies, plants, DNA, and discuss Teilhard's vision of a "cosmic Christ Project" still ongoing in an unfinished evolving universe.

We will also reflect on our call to be collaborators in this work with a Loving Mystery: How are we helping—or hindering—God's ongoing project of creation in and through our lives?

We will meet on Zoom, for 60 mins, each Friday in Lent at noon (CST), beginning Friday February 20th.

If you wish to attend email Thérèse at therese_mccall@yahoo.com, or text her at 847-527-7712. Therese will also send a link to an excellent PBS documentary on the life of Teilhard, prior to the session start.



Do something bold and exciting this Lent! From Wednesday, February 18th - Sunday, March 29th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in our community. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way opposite the Waukegan Planned Parenthood, 1601 N. Lewis Avenue in Waukegan, from 7 am to 7 pm daily, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. Planned Parenthood's own records indicate a 70% no show rate for appointments when people are praying in front of the abortion center. Your prayer in the public right of way and fasting matter. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help – please contact: Leslie at (847) 951-1064 or www.40daysforlife.com/waukegan.

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