



January 18, 2026 • 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:29



SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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

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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

February 1

February 8

February 15

Due Date

January 22

January 29

February 5



Reflection for January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Lectionary 64)

Today's reading from the Gospel of John again focuses on the Baptism of our Lord and its meaning for our lives. If we reflect on Jesus' Baptism, it offers us a chance to renew our baptismal promises and our relationship with Jesus. We hear that St. John the Baptist calls Jesus the "Lamb of God." This moment connects the Old and New Testaments, marking the Messiah's arrival. It begins Jesus' public ministry, reveals His divinity, and invites each of us to form a supernatural relationship with God.

We can relate to the start of Jesus' public ministry in our daily lives. Jesus knew a working life, being the carpenter's son, and the trials of making a living. We can offer our daily work, routine, and activities to God as a labor of love. By modeling the work ethic of Jesus and St. Joseph, we can be certain that our work is both pleasing and fulfilling.

St. John the Baptist's revelation about Jesus clearly shows the divinity of Jesus. Jesus Christ, who existed from all eternity, has now come into the world, our world, to transform each of us. Another way of putting this is that He, the Christ, existed outside of time. Thus, Christ's dominion is over all things. I find this very important in my prayer time, asking God for daily strength – specifically, for Jesus to be with me throughout the entire day, helping me make those daily decisions that reflect Him in all that I do. This 'existence' is always and forever.

With the 'Spirit of God' descending like a dove and coming upon Jesus, we read about the supernatural effects of what this event signifies. Supernatural activities take place all the time; we just need to be aware of them. God is protecting us and allowing for good in our lives. This goodness is a humble reminder in all our activities of God's hand in our actions. Yes, even in times of stress or difficulty, our Lord is maybe protecting us from other dangers or heavier burdens and thus keeping us on that narrow path towards heaven. We just need to trust in God.

As we start our journey into this new year, 2026, let us renew ourselves into being ever-present with Christ during the day, just as if we were standing with St. John the Baptist and Jesus at the Jordan River that day. Remind ourselves that Jesus is truly God, He can do all things. And that we truly look with the eyes of faith at the supernatural activities around us. May you and I love God for His Holy goodness, being amazing Catholics in the living out of our faith.

May God's blessings be with you and your family in this New Year, Brad

This Week

Sunday, January 18

8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey
10:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman
Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

Monday, January 19

MLK Birthday
No RE Classes

Tuesday, January 20

No RE Classes
6:30pm Finance Meeting - CR
6:30pm Speed of Joy - YR

Wednesday, January 21

8:30am Prayer Group - CR
9:00am Bridge Group - PC
7:00pm OCIA - YR

Thursday, January 22

Friday, January 23

Saturday, January 24

1:00pm 1st Reconciliation (2nd Grade) - MC
5:00pm Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

Sunday, January 25

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman
10:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry
Children's Liturgy of the Word
11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick
4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

Monday, January 26

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah teaches that God chose Israel to reveal His glory and bring salvation to the world. *Why do you think God uses people to do His will?*

Second Reading:

Paul opens his letter to the Corinthians with a plea for unity and holiness of all believers. *Where do you see your faith community unified and holy?*

Gospel:

John the Baptist testifies to others that Jesus is the Son of God who will baptize with the Holy Spirit. *With whom do you talk about Jesus?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

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Finances

Sunday Collection for the
Weekend of Jan. 10-11

Actual

\$27,991

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

\$12,873

Ordinary Income

\$820,435

Ordinary Expense

\$770,632

Surplus/Deficit

\$49,803

Fiscal Year to Date

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am

10:00 am

† Giuseppina Antonello, req. Luca Zaramella & family
† Domenico Buglisi, req. The Passalino family

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, January 19

8:00 am

† Col. John H Sullivan, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

Tuesday, January 20

8:00 am

† Barbara Kritzalis, req. Menuhin D'Souza

Wednesday, January 21

8:00 am

† Joan & Ed Lucas, req. Marianne Seiler
† Giovanni Morosin, req. Roberta Morosin & family

Thursday, January 22

8:00 am

† Louise Lehman, req. Therese Ruedig

Friday, January 23

8:00 am

Special intention for: Julianna Jackson,
req. Christiane Kambara

Saturday, January 24

5:00 pm

† Charles Larsen, req. The Lindquist family

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am

10:00 am

† Joseph Steele, req. Daniel Walsh

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

Darrel Folkerts

Joseph Zitnan

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Nicole Tallarico

Martin Henson

Carolyn Welby

Sheila Anderson

Jennifer Mikell

Jeff Neumayer

Gianfranco Isaia

Deb Boyter

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

Judy Thomson

David Kozak

Colin Osborne

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

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

Religious Education News

Faith Formation for Grades 1-9

Grades 1-7

There will be no classes this week due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. Classes will resume January 26 & 27. First Reconciliation will be January 24 at 1pm.

Confirmation

Our next class is January 25th from 4:00-5:30pm for both Year 1 and Year 2 students. Year 1 sponsors and Year 2 saints are due on **January 25th**! This is a required Confirmation assignment.

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Director of Formation for Youth and Children

Yasmin Alba - yalba@stpatrick-lakeforest.org
Administrative Assistant to Faith Formation

First Reconciliation

First reconciliation for our Year 2 Sacramental Prep students will be January 24 at 1pm.

Please take some time to pray for our students as they prepare to receive the grace of the sacraments.

May this blessing remind all of us of our need for grace and forgiveness in our lives.

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Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, February 1
8:00am - 11:30am
O'Gara Center



Volunteers Needed:

Contact John Kelley at Kelley_JMK@hotmail.com to get involved.



January-May 2026

January

11th (Sunday): Open Gym & Game Night @ St. Mary, 6-7:30pm

19th (Monday): Feed My Starving Children Service Opportunity
meet in Libertyville, 2pm-3:45pm

*Meeting at Culver's, across from FMSC, at 1:15pm
for a quick treat (this is totally optional)

February

1st (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Patrick, 6pm-7:30pm

16th (Monday): COR Service Opportunity (TBA)

March

1st (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Patrick, 6-7:30pm

15th (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Mary, 6-7:30pm

April

2nd (Thursday): Holy Thursday Pilgrimage (TBA)

19th (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Mary, 6-7:30pm

May

3rd (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Patrick, 6-7:30pm

17th (Sunday): COR Night @ St. Mary, 6-7:30pm

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Reflection for January 11, 2026 - Epiphany

Epiphany is the celebration of the arrival of the MAGI from the East to pay homage to the newborn king of the Jews.

The MAGI were originally a tribe of Medes that were part of the Persian Empire. They attempted to overthrow the Persians, but failed. From that time on, the MAGI ceased to have any ambitions for power and prestige. Instead, they became a tribe of priests. They became men of holiness and wisdom. They were skilled in philosophy, medicine, and natural science. They were soothsayers and interpreters of dreams. They were good and holy men who sought the truth. They focused their energy on becoming teachers and became instructors for the Persian king. No sacrifice could be offered in Persia unless one of the MAGI were present.

In the days when Jesus was born, everyone believed in Astrology. People believed they could foretell the future from the stars and they believed a person's destiny was indicated by the star under which they were born. We do not know which star the MAGI saw in the sky when Jesus was born. It was their profession to watch the heavens and the MAGI saw a heavenly brilliance that spoke to them indicating the entry of a king into the world. They determined that the king was to be born in Judea and they set out on the long journey from Persia to Judea to find the newborn king.

This feeling was not only in Persia. The Roman historians also had expectations of the coming of a king. The Roman General and statesman, known as Suetonius, wrote in the *Life of Vespasian*, "There had spread over all the Orient, an old established belief. It was fated at that time, for men coming from Judea, to rule the world." The Roman historian and senator, known as Tacitus, tells of the belief that "there was a firm persuasion ... that at this time, the East, was to grow powerful, and rulers from Judea, were to acquire, a universal empire."

The Jews had a similar belief. Josephus, the Jewish historian and military leader, wrote in his work on the Jewish Wars that, "about that time, one from their country, should become governor, of all the people on earth."

In Rome at that time, Augustus, the Roman Emperor, was being hailed as the Savior of the world, and Virgil, the Roman poet, wrote about "the golden days to come."

With the worldwide feeling about the coming of a king or savior, we can understand, that the MAGI would want to be there for the birth of Christ. When Jesus was born, the world was in eager expectation. Men and women were waiting for God and the desire for God was in their hearts.

When Jesus came, people from the ends of the earth gathered at his cradle. It was a sign and symbol that he would lead the world. Here we are 2000 years later with the benefit of all these signs and stories. We take for granted how amazing it was and how difficult it was for people to understand what was happening. The MAGI knew what they were seeing and hearing was amazing. They understood that the birth of this leader was very important.

The birth of Christ was world changing. He came to provide a way to eternal life. Nothing would ever be the same again. We want to bring the Lord fully into our own lives. We are eager to experience the joy which Jesus can bring to us. We all want to feel the deep joy of becoming whole with Christ.

Deacon Raymond Loman

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The bishops of the United States established the annual Collection for the Church in Latin America as a practical expression of unity and love for their brothers and sisters in Central and South America and the islands of the Caribbean. For more than 60 years, Catholics in the United States have answered the invitation to "share your faith" by supporting pastoral ministries that strengthen the Church in the present day and help it pass on the Gospel to future generations.

One of the most important ways that Catholics share our faith with future generations is by supporting the formation and seminary education of men who have answered God's call to the priesthood or

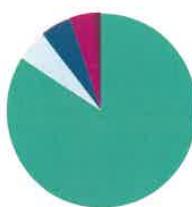
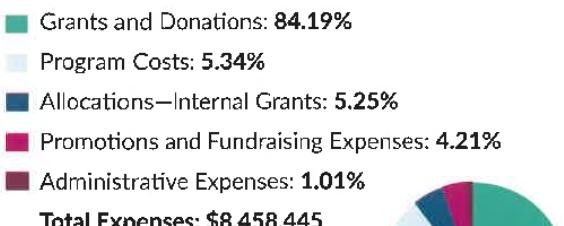
diaconate. In Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 149 priestly seminarians and 69 permanent deacons at the São José Archdiocesan Seminary received support through the Collection for the Church in Latin America to help cover education tuition and spiritual retreat expenses, as well as the cost of food.

Your support for this special collection helps prepare these men for lives of serving others through their preaching and celebration of the sacraments.

For more information about how donations help the Church in Latin America, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

2024 CLA Financials

Expenses



Total Number of Grants Approved: 344

Total Amount Approved: \$8,060,250

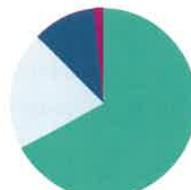
■ General Pastoral*: **67.34%**

■ Formation of Clergy and Religious, and Vocations: **19.89%**

■ Emergency Disaster Funds: **11.17%**

■ Other**: **1.45%**

■ Inter-American Fund***: **0.15%**



*Includes evangelization, religious education, family, and other pastoral ministries.

**Special grants include purchase of equipment and administrative costs of dioceses facing severe economic hardship.

***Covers travel expenses for pastoral visits made by Latin American church leaders to US dioceses or elsewhere within Latin America.



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