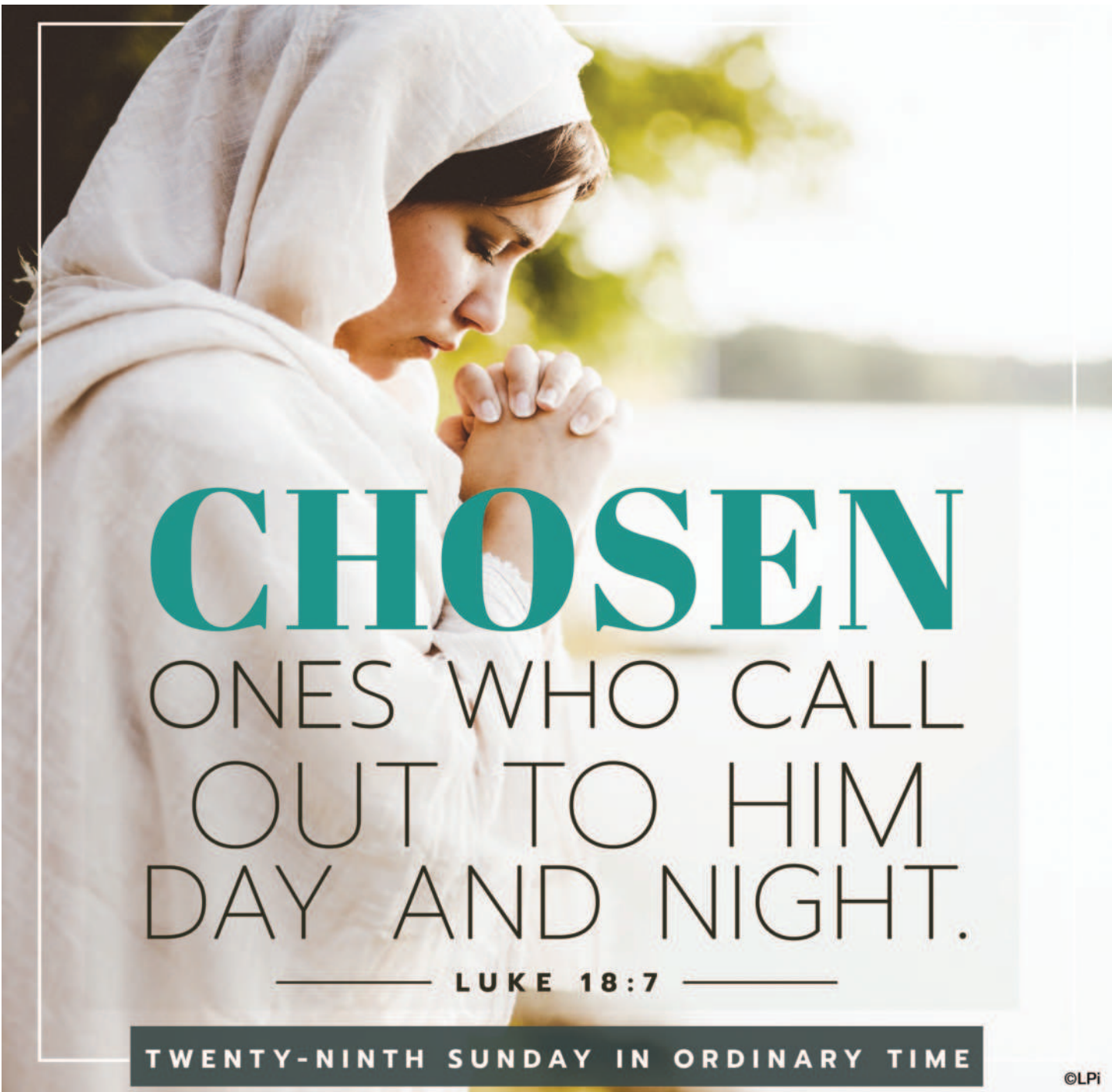




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Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the Main Church  
or by appointment

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Sundays: 1:00 pm

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Contact Fr. Patrick Kizza at 847-234-1401

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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)

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

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312-534-5254 [www.archchicago.org](http://www.archchicago.org)

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#### Bulletin Date

November 2

November 9

November 16

#### Due Date

October 23

October 30

November 6



# A Letter from Fr. Patrick Kizza

October 19, 2025

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

## The Power of Persevering Faith is the key

This Sunday's readings weave together a beautiful message about perseverance in prayer, in faith, and in doing good even when life feels exhausting or unjust. The story of *Moses in Exodus 17* reminds us that faith is not lived alone. As Moses raises his hands in prayer for Israel's victory, he soon grows weary. But Aaron and Hur come to his side, holding up his arms until the sun sets and the battle is won. It's a striking image of what the Christian community should be - a people who support one another in faith when the burden becomes too heavy to bear alone.

In our daily lives, we all have "Amalekites" to face — illness, discouragement, injustice, or temptation. Prayer, like Moses' uplifted hands, keeps us connected to the source of our strength. Yet, we sometimes grow tired, and that's when we need others to stand beside us, that is to say family, friends, or the Church community, to hold us up in love and prayer.

I would like to thank all of you who support one another, especially during difficult times. You are living witnesses of the Gospel we have just reflected on — people who, like Aaron and Hur, lift up the weary arms of others through love and compassion. Thank you to those who babysit when parents need a break, to those who sit beside someone receiving chemotherapy, to those who visit the sick, feed the hungry, comfort the lonely, and quietly offer prayers for others. You remind us that faith is not only what we say but what we do.

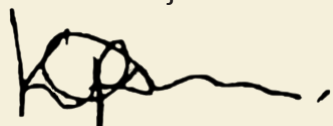
In these simple yet profound acts of kindness, Christ's healing presence becomes visible among us. Let us continue to be that light for one another, especially in times of struggle — for when we lift others up, we all draw closer to God.

Saint Paul's words to Timothy (2 Timothy 3:14–4:2) echo this same perseverance. He calls us to "*remain faithful to what you have learned and believed*," reminding us that Scripture is our daily guide. In a world filled with noise and distraction, Paul's advice is both timely and urgent: "*Proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient*." Faith is not a seasonal practice; it's a lifelong commitment that shapes how we act, speak, and love.

In the Gospel (Luke 18:1–8), Jesus gives us the image of the persistent widow who refuses to give up until justice is done. Her perseverance moves even a corrupt judge then, how much more our loving Father will respond to those who pray with faith! Jesus assures us that God always hears, but He also challenges us: "*When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*"

In our modern lives, we can grow weary, waiting for prayers to be answered, justice to prevail, or peace to return. Yet the message today is clear: keep praying, keep believing, and keep supporting one another. Faith is not proven in comfort but in endurance.

Like Moses on the hill, Timothy holding firm, and the widow pleading for justice, may we never give up on God because He never gives up on us. When we persevere together in faith, hope, and love, the "sun of justice" will indeed rise with healing in its rays.



Fr. Patrick



## This Week

### **Sunday, October 19**

8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

### **Monday, October 20**

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm Speaker Series - PC

### **Tuesday, October 21**

8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

### **Wednesday, October 22**

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

7:00pm 1st Communion Parent Meeting - PC

7:00pm OCIA - YR

7:00pm Wed Night Bible Study - CR

### **Thursday, October 23**

9:30am Thursday Morning Scripture Group - PC

### **Friday, October 24**

### **Saturday, October 25**

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Franzman

### **Sunday, October 26**

8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick

### **Monday, October 27**

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

## Scripture Questions of the Week

### **First Reading:**

Moses needed to rely on his brother (Aaron) and his friend (Hur) to assist him in defeating the Amalekites. *Can you think of a time when you really needed the support of your family or friends?*

### **Second Reading:**

Paul instructs Timothy to be persistent in relying on what Sacred Scripture teaches us. *How do you use Scripture as a guide for your life?*

### **Gospel:**

With the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus teaches the disciples about the importance of praying often to God. *When do you find yourself praying?*

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## This Week's Readings

|              |                                                                                   |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday:      | Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (see 2)/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/<br>Lk 18:1-8          |
| Monday:      | Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21                                  |
| Tuesday:     | Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/<br>Lk 12:35-38             |
| Wednesday:   | Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48                                     |
| Thursday:    | Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53                                      |
| Friday:      | Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59                            |
| Saturday:    | Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 13:1-9                                       |
| Next Sunday: | Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8,<br>16-18/Lk 18:9-14 |

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## Finances

Sunday Collection for the  
Weekend of Oct. 11-12

### **Actual**

\$22,629

### **Budget**

\$15,118

### **Surplus/Deficit**

\$7,511

### **Ordinary Income**

### **Ordinary Expense**

### **Surplus/Deficit**

Fiscal Year to Date

\$332,160

\$410,572

(\$78,412)

# Our Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, October 19**

**8:00 am**

† Dorothy D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza

**10:00 am**

† Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Ken Schmidt, req. Mark & Lorraine Condit

† Jim Monroe, req. Walt & Peg Wade

**11:45 am**

People of St. Patrick Church

**Monday, October 20**

**8:00 am**

† Betty Andrusisian, req. Bruce & Beth Barger

**Tuesday, October 21**

**8:00 am**

† Marianne Howard Collings, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

**Wednesday, October 22**

**8:00 am**

† Denis Lau, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

**Thursday, October 23**

**8:00 am**

† Robert Graham, req. By his family

**Friday, October 24**

**8:00 am**

† Lost Souls in Purgatory, req. Menuhin D' Souza

**Saturday, October 25**

**5:00 pm**

† Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy

† Ted Skalka, req. From his daughters

† Tom Sullivan, req. D. Marcinek

**Sunday, October 26**

**8:00 am**

† Msgr. Frank Cimarrusti,  
req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti

**10:00 am**

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

**11:45 am**

People of St. Patrick Church

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**Col. Patrick J. Fahey, USMC**

Son of Tom and Marilyn Fahey

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Son of Roger and Liz Platt

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

Son of Allison & Brian Walsh

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**Midshipman Joseph Remus, US Naval Academy**

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## Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

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Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

Patricia Tivnan

George Kouba

Crista Olufs

Darrel Folkerts

Patrick Fitzpatrick

Martin Henson

Sheila Anderson

Jeff Neumayer

Deb Boyter

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



# Religious Education News

## Faith Formation for Grades 1-9

### Grades 1-7

Our next class is **October 6&7**. Then we will have a week off due to the Columbus Day holiday. Parents in Year 2 if Communion Prep, don't forget our parent Reconciliation meeting on **Oct 22 @7pm**

### Confirmation

Don't forget to sign up for one of our Confirmation Commissioning Masses. Either **Oct 18 @5pm** or **Oct 19 @10am**. Forms to sign up were emailed. Our next class is **Tonight!**

### Staff

**Dianne Marshall** - dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org  
Director of Formation for Youth and Children

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

### Youth Group

In coordination with St. Mary's, we will be having a brand new youth group for all students in 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Join us for faith, fun, and of course some food! All high school students are welcome.

- Oct 5, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Patrick's
- Oct 19, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's
- Nov 2, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Patrick's
- Nov 16, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's
- Dec 14, 6-7:30pm, @ St. Mary's

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## Youth Group

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## COR NIGHTS

6:00pm-7:30pm  
first & third sunday of the month

OCTOBER 5<sup>th</sup> @ St. Patrick  
OCTOBER 19<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary

NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> @ St. Patrick  
NOVEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> @ St. Mary

## Advent Party

December 14<sup>th</sup>  
6:00pm-7:30pm  
St. Mary Parish Center



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Help us keep the altar in our Main Church beautiful with fresh flowers each week as a visible sign of our love, gratitude, and devotion to Jesus. Your gift to the "Flowers for Jesus Fund" will ensure that our parish continues this tradition of reverence and beauty, lifting hearts in prayer and drawing our eyes toward Christ. Please prayerfully consider making a donation today. Together, we can keep our worship space adorned with fresh blooms that honor Him who gives us new life.

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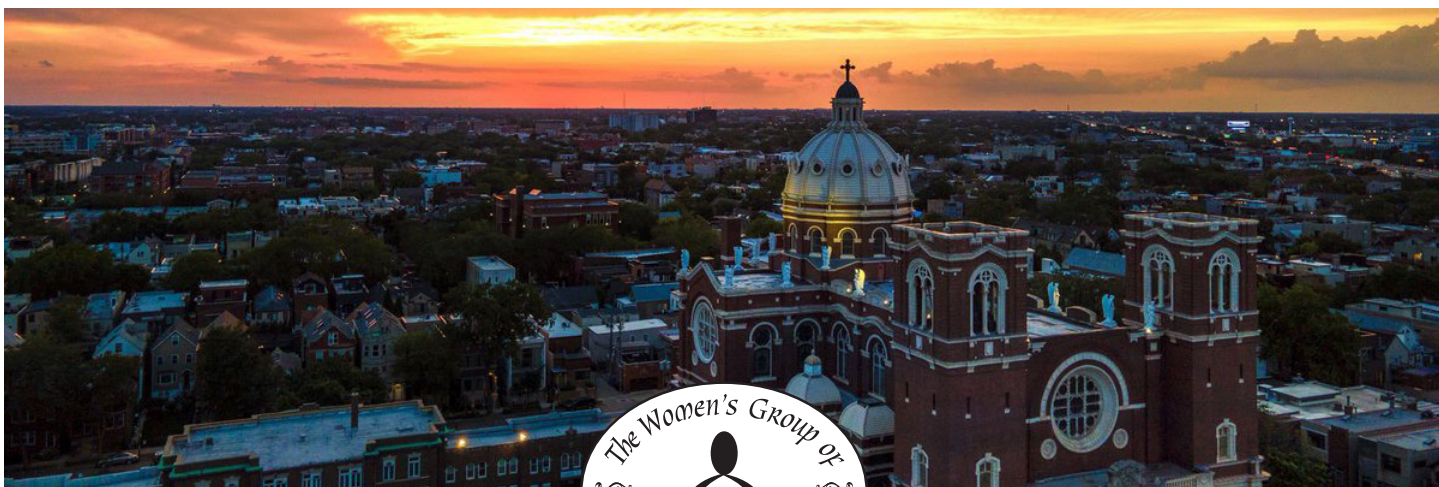
TRIVIA

NIGHT

Saturday,  
February 7

6:00pm - 10:00pm  
O'Gara Center





St. Patrick Women's Group is happy to invite all men & women to

## **“Sacred Spaces in Chicago: A Fully Guided Tour of the Art and Architecture of Four Historic Catholic Churches!”**

Travel by luxury motorcoach (w/restroom onboard) from St. Patrick parking lot, departing at **9:00am, on Tuesday, October 21.**

**We will visit four churches (subject to change):**

St. Mary of the Angels in Bucktown

St. Mary of Perpetual Help in Bridgeport

Our Lady of Sorrows Basilica in East Garfield Park

Assumption Catholic Church in River North

Art Historian, Jeff Mishur, will give us commentary aboard our motorcoach en route to Chicago, and during travel time between the four historic churches. Commentary at each church will also be provided. Tour includes a box lunch at The Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows in their social hall.

Cost is \$75, which includes a donation to each of the four churches. We are limited to the first 50 people who RSVP through the link below, by October 14!

Questions: [peggy.gaier@outlook.com](mailto:peggy.gaier@outlook.com)

To register visit [www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sacred-spaces](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sacred-spaces)





## **Bereavement Ministry Training 2025**

**Thursday, October 23, 2025**

**6:00pm - 8:00pm in the Community Room**

**Presenters: Father Patrick Kizza, Liz Brandt and Maureen Schmidt**

What is a Bereavement Minister?

A Bereavement Minister is a trained layperson/volunteer who provides spiritual and emotional support to families experiencing the loss of a loved one. They help guide the grieving family through the funeral planning process, offering comfort and assistance selecting readings, hymns and other liturgical elements with the Director of Music. Ministers also attend the funeral services to set up the altar, gifts, and programs as well as offer a supportive presence and serve as a compassionate link between the family and parish community.

There are no requirements to become a Bereavement Minister other than attending the training. We welcome all volunteers and encourage each of you to consider joining this vital and important ministry.

Reservations: Please contact Liz Brandt [elizbrandt@aol.com](mailto:elizbrandt@aol.com) and Maureen Schmidt [moebeschmidt@gmail.com](mailto:moebeschmidt@gmail.com) to register for the training workshop.



## **Extraordinary Ministers of the Holy Communion and Sacristan Training**

**Saturday, November 1, 2025**

**8:30am - 11:30am in the Main Church**

Training for new and current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is planned for Saturday, **November 1st**, after the 8:00 AM Mass. This training welcomes new ministers and experienced EM's for this refresher. Please plan to attend from **8:30 AM to 10:30 AM**.

In addition, we are also offering training for Sacristans this same Saturday, **November 1st**. Sacristans assist before and after Mass with set-up and preparing for the next Mass. Fr. Patrick wishes to have two Sacristans at every Mass. This training will be about an hour, from **10:30 to 11:30 AM**.

Register to attend by visiting our website at: [www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/em-sacristan-training](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/em-sacristan-training)



# Speaker Series

## The Dangers of Human Trafficking

**Monday, October 20  
7:00pm in the O'Gara Center**



Eric Peasah, Executive Director of RTBF/Africa, an NGO in Ghana is pictured with children he previously rescued and later visited at their school.

Lori Dillon, Parishioner and founder of Right To Be Free (RTBF) Foundation will speak on the dangers of human trafficking. RTBF works with a local NGO in Ghana, RTBF/Africa to prevent and combat this crime while rescuing and supporting victims, primarily children.

Register to attend this free event by scanning the QR Code:  
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## **“Uncorking for a Cause”**

### **Stock up on wine for the holidays and support our parish!**

We are pleased to announce that we have partnered with Vin Chicago, a family-owned wine shop, for their third annual “Uncorking For a Cause” weekend. When you visit their stores on **November 7th, 8th, or 9th**, or shop online at [vinchicago.com](http://vinchicago.com), 10% of your purchase will be donated back to St. Patrick Church.

Just make sure to mention “St. Patrick Church Lake Forest” when you check out, or put it in the comments field if you shop online. This is a perfect chance to stock up on wine for Thanksgiving and the rest of the holidays.

**Vin Chicago, 1350 Old Skokie Rd, Highland Park, IL 60035**



## **Save the Date**

## **Ladies Night Out**

**November 12  
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## Are You Called to the Ministry of Care?

God calls each of us to share His love in different ways. For some, that call is lived out in the Ministry of Care — bringing the Eucharist, prayer, and companionship to those who are homebound, in hospitals, or in senior communities. But how does someone know if they are called to this ministry?

Often, the call begins as a quiet tug at the heart — a desire to serve the sick, the lonely, or the elderly. If you feel compassion for those who cannot be with us at Mass and are drawn to bring them comfort and connection, that may be the Holy Spirit nudging you.

For others, the call is more direct. During COVID, several St. Patrick parishioners felt moved to join after witnessing the challenges of bringing Communion to shut-in senior communities. Some were inspired by being visited themselves while sick or hospitalized. Others, after losing a loved one, wanted to offer the same comfort that a Minister of Care had once brought to their family.

Ministers of Care don't need special skills — only a listening ear, a kind heart, reverence for the Eucharist, and respect for the dignity of every person.

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# Ministry of Care Training

Are you called to serve others through compassion, prayer, and presence? Join us for the upcoming Minister of Care Training

Organized and offered by the Archdiocese of Chicago, the training prepares laypeople to bring the Eucharist and companionship to parishioners who are homebound, in hospitals, or in nursing homes.

## The training covers:

- Spirituality of ministry
- Ministry to the aged
- Pastoral listening skills
- Theology of suffering, dying, and death
- The Rite of Communion to the sick

## Training Option 1:

- **Who:** Offered by Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish.
- **Where:** Hickey Hall at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Glenview
- **When:** Two consecutive Saturdays, October 25 and November 1, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

## Training Option 2:

- **Who:** Offered by Deacon Joe Yannotta
- **Where:** St. Therese Parish in Palatine
- **When:** Two consecutive Saturdays, November 8 and November 15, 2025, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m..

**For more information or to register for either training, contact the parish office or [marianne.seiler@comcast.net](mailto:marianne.seiler@comcast.net)**

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