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— MATTHEW 4:16 —

THIRD 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

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 8

February 15

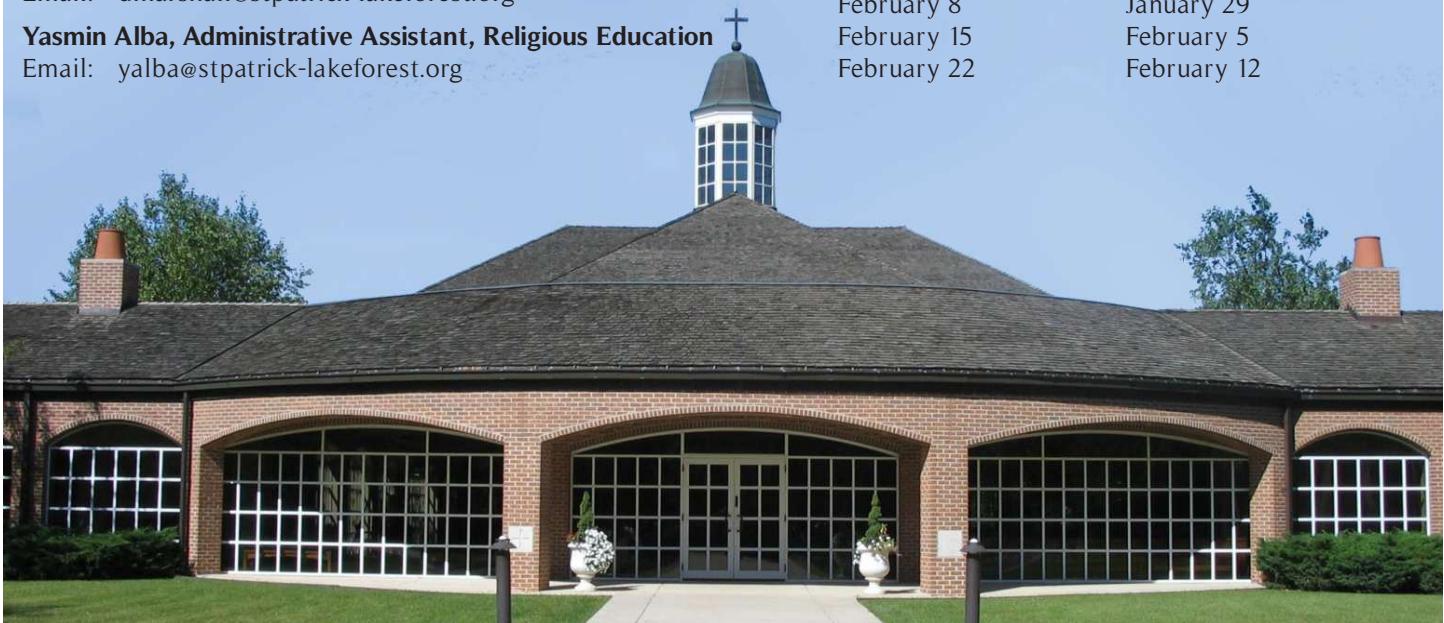
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Due Date

January 29

February 5

February 12



Reflection for January 25, 2026

In today's Gospel, Jesus walks by the Sea of Galilee and issues a command that changes history: "Come after me" (Matthew 4:19). The response of Peter and Andrew is immediate and radical: "At once they left their nets and followed him" (Matthew 4:20).

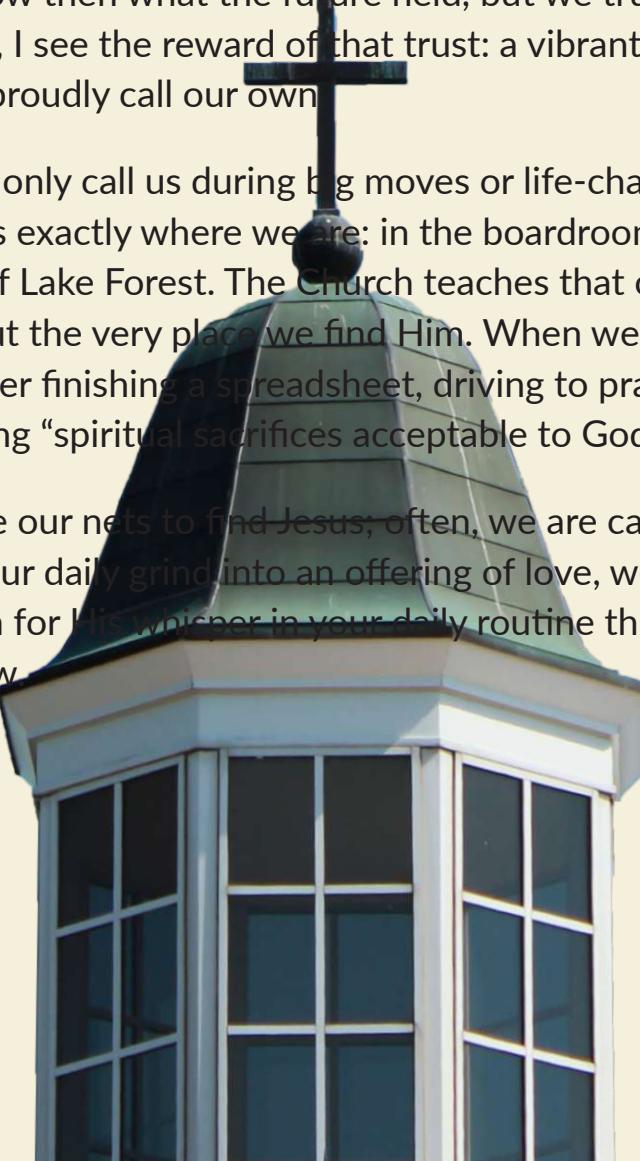
It is easy to feel a disconnect between their dramatic "yes" and our steady, suburban lives. We rarely have the luxury of dropping everything at once. Yet, the call to follow Christ is just as real for us, daily, though it often sounds less like a shout over the waves and more like a quiet whisper in the heart.

We are reminded of our own family's journey when we moved here from Wisconsin seven years ago. We prayed deeply for that decision, uncertain of how it would impact our lives. It was a leap of faith—a leaving behind of our own "nets" of familiarity and comfort. We did not know then what the future held, but we trusted. Today, looking out at this congregation, I see the reward of that trust: a vibrant community and a parish, St. Patrick's, we proudly call our own.

However, God does not only call us during big moves or life-changing transitions. Most of the time, He meets us exactly where we are: in the boardrooms, the classrooms, and the kitchen tables of Lake Forest. The Church teaches that our daily work is not a distraction from God, but the very place we find Him. When we perform our ordinary duties with love—whether finishing a spreadsheet, driving to practice, or caring for a sick child—we are offering "spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God" (CCC 901).

We do not need to leave our nets to find Jesus; often, we are called to be holy amidst them. By transforming our daily grind into an offering of love, we turn the ordinary into the extraordinary. Listen for His whisper in your daily routine this week. He is calling you, right here, right now.

† The Romans



This Week

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

Tuesday, January 27

8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR
4:30pm RE Classes - PC
6:30pm Speed of Joy - YR

Wednesday, January 28

8:30am Prayer Group - CR
10:00am IH Bible Study - PC
7:00pm OCIA - YR

Thursday, January 29

Friday, January 30

Saturday, January 31

5:00pm Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

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

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah prophesies a future reversal of fortune for the people living in the land of Zebulun and Naphtali. *Have you ever received an unexpected gift or blessing?*

Second Reading:

Paul urges the Corinthians to be united in mind and purpose, and to avoid rivalries. *How do you react to conflicts at home or at work?*

Gospel:

Matthew tells us that Jesus began his public ministry by calling disciples, healing the sick and preaching the Good News of the Kingdom of Heaven. *Have you ever felt a "call to action" to live out your faith?*

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This Week's Readings

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
Monday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a

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Finances

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of Jan. 17-18

Actual

\$15,235

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

\$117

Ordinary Income

\$838,136

Ordinary Expense

\$772,777

Surplus/Deficit

\$65,359

Fiscal Year to Date

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 25

8:00 am

10:00 am

† Joseph Steele, req. Daniel Walsh

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, January 26

8:00 am

† Timothy Dacy, req. The Dacy family

Tuesday, January 27

8:00 am

Special intention for: Julianna Jackson,
req. Christiane Kambara

Wednesday, January 28

8:00 am

† Elizabeth Agosta, req. Susan & Brent Lewin

Thursday, January 29

8:00 am

Friday, January 30

8:00 am

† Jane S. Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt
† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

Saturday, January 31

5:00 pm

† Karen Lindquist, req. The Lindquist family
† James Gorup, req. Ann Marie Weiler

Sunday, February 1

8:00 am

10:00 am

† Sandy Browe, req. Molly Browe

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

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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

Terry Clarke

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

Classes resume this week on January 26 & 27. Please be sure to contact the RE office if your student will be absent.

Confirmation

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

Staff

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

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

5th Grade Mass

Our 5th grade Mass will be February 8th at the 10am Mass. These masses allow our young parishioners in Religious Education to be more engaged in the Mass. They help to write petitions for the Masses, prepare as lectors, bring up gifts, and serve in other ministerial roles.

We thank our parish for supporting our young people in this mission.

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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.

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

6:00 PM

7:15 PM

8:15 PM



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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TRIVIA

NIGHT

**Saturday,
February 7**

**6:00 – 10:00 PM
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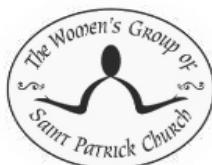
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after Masses on Jan 31 & Feb 1
Tickets are \$5 each or 7 for \$25.





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St. Patrick Party

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Saturday, March 14
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