



February 16, 2025 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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# St. Patrick Church

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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: 4:15 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. Gunderson 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 Brandin Stoy 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](http://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 23

March 2

March 9

### Due Date

February 13

February 20

February 27





# From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

February 16, 2024

Dear Friends,

During the Advent/Christmas Season we reinstated the option of receiving the Precious Blood for communicants at some Masses. Many folks expressed appreciation that this option was once again made available. Unfortunately, we lacked sufficient Ministers of Communion to continue the practice until more ministers can be recruited and trained.

There may be several reasons why we lack more Ministers of Communion. One reason may be a feeling of unworthiness to handle the Eucharist. The human response of humility to heavenly reality is normal, but it should not block the offering of oneself in service. I am reminded that Jesus chose fishermen to be apostles. In first century Palestine, handling fish was considered unclean. None the less, Jesus got into Peter's boat. Peter responded to the call to leave all else behind.

Another reason for reluctance to volunteer these days is that some prefer not to commit to a schedule, especially on the weekend. The parish has implemented scheduling software that accommodates scheduling preferences and also makes it possible to request a substitute. If you make the commitment to participate every effort will be made to accommodate scheduling.

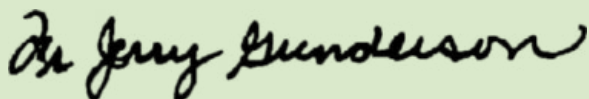
The fear of mishandling or fumbling the chalice in the exchange between the minister and the recipient is another concern of some. With practice, greater confidence can be built. Were we to have more ministers of the Sacred Blood, more experienced Ministers of Communion could be freed to give the Chalice.

Fuller participation in sharing communion under both species remains the desire of this worshipping community, but we will have to delay its implementation, limit its availability, or drop it completely if we do not find more Ministers of Communion at Mass. Please, please consider whether God is calling you to this ministry. Talk to me, Marianne Seiler, or one of the current ministers to find out more.

Last Sunday's first reading told of Isaiah's response. When the Lord asked, "Who will go for me?" Isaiah responded, "Here I am, Lord. Send me"

## **Communal Anointing of the Sick**

We plan to celebrate the Communal Anointing of the Sick at the 10 AM Mass on Sunday, March 2nd. Catholics who are baptized, have reached the age of reason, and who are seriously ill physically or mentally, dealing with chronic or terminal illness, elderly facing surgery can receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Also Catholics who are seriously ill, including those who are at risk of death. I'll write more about this in next week's bulletin, but circle the date on your calendar and plan to attend Sunday, March 2nd, 10 AM Mass. It is the last Sunday before Lent begins.



Fr. Jerry Gunderson

## This Week

### **Sunday, February 16**

8:00am Mass - Fr. Wilfred Bwezani Phiri

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

10:50am Youth Ministry - PC

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

4:00pm Confirmation Classes

### **Monday, February 17**

*Presidents' Day*

No RE Classes

7:00pm 33 Days to Eucharistic  
Glory - PC

### **Tuesday, February 18**

No RE Classes

### **Wednesday, February 19**

8:30am IH Prayer Group - CR

9:00am Bridge Group - PC

9:05am St. Mary's Mass - MC

10:am IH Bible Study - PC

2:30pm Adoration - OC

6:30pm Benediction - OC

7:30pm A Sacred Trust - PC

### **Thursday, February 20**

### **Friday, February 21**

7:00am MG Rosary - MC

### **Saturday, February 22**

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Webb

### **Sunday, February 23**

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

### **Monday, February 24**

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm 33 Days to Eucharistic  
Glory - PC

## Scripture Questions of the Week

### **First Reading:**

Jeremiah believes it is wise to trust in the Lord. *When have you had to place your trust in God?*

### **Second Reading:**

Paul challenged those in the Corinthian community who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. *How do you support family or friends who are non-believers?*

### **Gospel:**

We hear today how Jesus brought comfort to those struggling in life and challenged those who lived a life of ease. *Is there someone you know who could benefit from your words of comfort this week?*

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## This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6, (40:5a)/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/ Lk 6:17, 20-26
Monday:	Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday:	Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/ Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday:	Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:22-26
Thursday:	Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33
Friday:	Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1
Saturday:	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6/Mt 16:13-19
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

## Finances

YTD ending February 9, 2025

<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>
\$489,928	\$405,344	\$84,584

For World Mission Day in the Jubilee Year 2025, the central message of which is hope, I have chosen the motto: "Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples"..

-Pope Francis - follow @pontifex



# Our Prayers

## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, Feb 9**

**8:00 am**

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

**10:00 am**

† Diane Lapelle, req. Bill Lapelle

† Jane S Baylor, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

† Judy Heraty, req. Dick Heraty family

† Barbara Biederman, req. Mark & Lorraine Condic

**11:45 am**

People of St. Patrick Church

**Monday, Feb 17**

**8:00 am**

† The Elich family, req. The Morris family

**Tuesday, Feb 18**

**8:00 am**

† The Shanahan family, req. The Morris family

**Wednesday, Feb 19**

**8:00 am**

**Thursday, Feb 20**

**8:00 am**

**Friday, Feb 21**

**8:00 am**

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

**Saturday, Feb 22**

**5:00 pm**

† Dale Osborne, req. Gail & Patrick Geary

Special intention for: Rebecca Davis Adams,  
req. Gail & Patrick Geary

**Sunday, Feb 23**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

† Stephen Chan, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

† Virginia Paxhia, req. Dick Heraty family

† Leon & Patricia Kordell,  
req. The Joseph Passalino 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

**Lt. 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

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](mailto:robertegorman@sbcglobal.net)

## Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins

Joseph Zittnan

Nicole Tallarico

Carolyn Welby

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Paul Zittnan

Cindy Wakat

Ron Moskal

Tom Sullivan

Peter Andjelkovich

Mariann Gregory

Michael Kozak

Dawn Tambi

Trish Tivnan

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

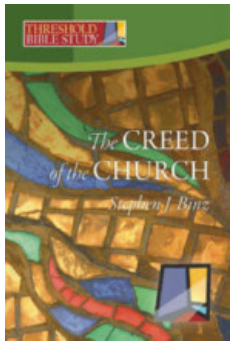
Virginia McCaskey, mother of Pat McCaskey

# WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY



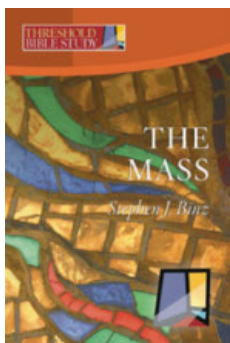
**Wednesday Nights  
7:00pm - 8:30pm in the Community Room  
Two 6-Week Sessions**

## **The Creed of the Church: February 26 - April 2**



Since each phrase of the creed is rooted in the inspired Scriptures, this study helps us reflect more deeply on the core truths that we profess. Formed by the church's earliest theologians and councils, these statements of faith met the challenges to the church's unity as they arose in the first three centuries. When we are able to recite the creed with greater understanding and conviction, we can enter into a richer communion with God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and also with the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church.

## **The Mass: April 9 - May 14**



Worship of God in the Mass is the most distinctive activity of Christ's church, the summit toward which all its activity is directed and the font from which its life flows. From the procession to the altar and the Sign of the Cross to the final blessing and sending forth, the eucharistic liturgy of the church is a mosaic of words, images, and actions drawn from sacred Scripture. Explore the biblical foundations of each part of the Mass and learn how the saving truths of Scripture are made present for us in the eucharistic liturgy.

These sessions for Scripture will be from Threshold Bible Study authored by Stephen Binz and each will last 6 weeks. 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](mailto:cgenge7@gmail.com)

[www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/wednesday-night-bible-study](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/wednesday-night-bible-study)



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# Together we bring hope

2025 Annual Catholic Appeal



Many families in our parish should have received the Annual Catholic Appeal mailing from Cardinal Cupich. On behalf of those served by the ministries of the parishes and schools that receive funding from the Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. Please return your response as soon as possible. The Annual Catholic Appeal offers us an opportunity to join with others and affirm that “together we bring hope.”

In addition to providing for ministries and services throughout the archdiocese, the Appeal also funds services that are of great help here in our parish. For example, Appeal funds support various ministries here at St. Patrick Church. As we consider God’s many gifts to us, we should also reflect on our gratitude in using and sharing those gifts. Your financial support for the work of our parish, our archdiocese, and the Church throughout the world is one way to express this gratitude. Please give what you can to the 2025 Annual Catholic Appeal.



[annualcatholicappeal.com](https://annualcatholicappeal.com)

# SYCAMORE

## Catholic Christian Faith Series

Sycamore is an informal course about the Christian faith and its relevance for life today. It gives you space to meet other people, share ideas, explore your beliefs, and think about questions that really matter.

Each Sycamore session involves a short film and plenty of time for discussion. There are 10 sessions with a video, group discussions afterward, and a light meal. Everyone is welcome!

**Wednesday, February 26**

**7:00pm - 8:30pm in the O’Gara Center**

**Session 15:**

## **The Holy Eucharist**

The Mass, the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, is at the very centre of Christian worship.

We meet Jesus Christ through the prayer of the Christian community, through the bible readings, through the ministry of the priest, and above all through his Real Presence in Holy Communion. This Sycamore film explores the meaning of the Mass. It looks especially at how the Mass is a Holy Sacrifice that unites us with the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

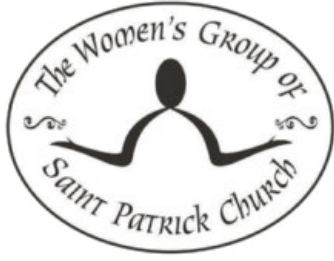
**Learn more about Sycamore and RSVP on our website at**

**[www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sycamore](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/sycamore)**

RSVPs are greatly appreciated so we can plan appropriately for food and seating.







Join us for a



*Mardi Gras*



themed night!

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**

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

**No Bunco Experience is Necessary!**

**Wine, Soft Drinks, and Desserts Will Be Served**

**Entry fee is a donation of any items listed below.**

**All items donated will benefit Heather's House or Monica's House.**

Diapers: Sizes newborn 1&2	Baby Clothes: Newborn, gender neutral	Baby Clothes: 3+ months, boy/girl	Gift Cards: Walmart, Target & Jewel	Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues & Napkins
Baby Wipe Refills	Baby Toiletries	Receiving Blankets	Crib Sheets	Garbage Bags

**Please RSVP by February 24, 2025**

**RSVP online at [www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/bunco](http://www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/bunco),  
or email [peggy.gaier@outlook.com](mailto:peggy.gaier@outlook.com) or [khealan@gmail.com](mailto:khealan@gmail.com)**

If you are not able to attend but would like to support our cause donations will be accepted during all Masses on February 22 & 23, and March 1 & 2.

Please see the Women's Group display in the Gathering Area.

Heather's House & Monica's House: Many women consider abortion because they lack adequate housing or will otherwise be homeless if they choose life. The mission of Heather's House & Monica's House is to support women in difficult and unplanned pregnancies by offering them a safe and secure home where they can live with their babies. Heather's House & Monica's House are more than shelters, they offer mothers an opportunity to develop the life and job skills necessary to become financially independent and loving mothers. For additional information, see their website at <https://www.aidforwomen.org>.

# St. Joseph's Table



## Sunday, March 23

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.



The Lake Forest Knights of Columbus through Charities, Inc is offering a one year college scholarship called the Peter Baker Scholarship. Applicants must be US Citizens who will be attending a Catholic College or a Catholic University in the United States and be working towards a bachelors degree through the institution's undergraduate program. The applicant or family must be a parishioner of a Catholic Church located in Lake County, IL. This year we are awarding four students a one year scholarship in the amount of \$5,000.00 that can only be applied to tuition charges billed by the Catholic College or University during the academic year.

Completed applications must be received by April 1st of the year preceding the following school year.

Applications may be obtained by writing to:

Peter Baker Scholarship Fund  
Lake Forest Knights of Columbus  
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Or emailing

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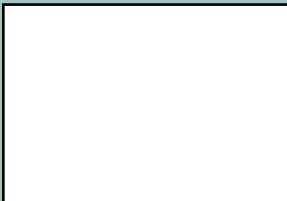
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