



March 1, 2026 • 2nd Sunday of Lent

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— MATTHEW 17:2 —



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

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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 to 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

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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

March 15

March 22

March 29

Due Date

March 5

March 12

March 19



From The Desk of Fr. Patrick

My dear brothers and sister in Christ, the Gospel of Matthew 17:1–9 presents the mystery of the Transfiguration—a moment when heaven touches earth and the disciples glimpse the glory of Christ. Gospel of Matthew tells us that Jesus takes Peter, James, and John up a high mountain, and there “his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light.” In that radiant moment, Moses and Elijah appear, representing the Law and the Prophets, all fulfilled in Christ. Then the Father’s voice declares, “This is my beloved Son... listen to him.”

This Gospel speaks powerfully to our daily lives. We all have “mountain moments”—times when God feels close: a retreat, a quiet hour before the Blessed Sacrament, a family celebration, or even a moment of reconciliation after conflict. Like Peter, we are tempted to stay there: “Lord, it is good that we are here.” We want to build tents and remain in comfort. Yet Jesus does not allow the disciples to stay on the mountain. They must go back down into ordinary life, where misunderstandings, suffering, and the cross await.

In our daily routines like driving to work, caring for children, visiting the sick, managing parish responsibilities, Christ invites us to see his hidden glory. As St. Augustine of Hippo wrote, “We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song.” Even when life is ordinary or difficult, we carry within us the light of the Transfiguration. A parent who patiently listens to a struggling teenager reflects Christ’s light. A parishioner who forgives a neighbor becomes a living sign of that radiant face. A volunteer who serves quietly without recognition shines with a light that the world may not notice, but heaven does.

The voice of the Father says, “Listen to him.” In a noisy world filled with opinions, news, and constant notifications, listening to Jesus requires intentional silence. St. Teresa of Calcutta reminded us that God speaks in the silence of the heart. Perhaps listening to him means setting aside five minutes before Mass to pray. Perhaps it means reading a few verses of Scripture before bed. Perhaps it means choosing kindness instead of reacting in anger. Listening is not passive, it transforms how we live.

The disciples were afraid when the cloud overshadowed them, but Jesus touched them and said, “Rise, and do not be afraid.” How often fear paralyzes us, fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of change. Yet Christ’s touch remains real in the sacraments. St. John Paul II often repeated the words, “Do not be afraid!” When we feel overwhelmed, these words echo the Gospel. We rise not by our own strength, but because Christ raises us.

As we reflect on this Gospel, I want to thank all of you who contributed to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your generosity is a concrete way of coming down the mountain and living the Gospel in action. It is never too late to contribute. Whenever we exceed our goal, the proceeds will come back to St. Patrick Church. Your sacrifice helps the Church shine Christ’s light far beyond what we can see.

And as you know, our patron saint is Saint Patrick. On March 14, 2026, we will celebrate Saint Patrick’s Day together. Just as Saint Patrick carried the light of Christ to Ireland, may we carry that same light into our homes, workplaces, and community. Please sign up and join us for this joyful celebration of faith and fellowship.

Transfiguration reminds us that glory and the cross are inseparable. We glimpse Christ’s light so that we may have strength for the journey. May we listen to him, rise without fear, and reflect his radiant love in the ordinary moments of each day.

-Fr. Patrick

This Week

Sunday, March 1

2nd Sunday of Lent

St. Joseph Table - GA After All Masses

8:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey

10:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

6:00pm Youth Group - YR

Monday, March 2

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm Lenten Mission - MC

Tuesday, March 3

8:45am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm Lenten Mission - MC

Wednesday, March 4

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

6:15pm Benediction - OC

7:00pm OCIA - YR

7:00pm Lenten Mission - MC

Thursday, March 5

9:00am Scripture Group - PC

Friday, March 6

6:30am MG Mass - MC

4:00pm Stations of the Cross - MC

6:30pm Stations of the Cross - MC

Saturday, March 7

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Webb

Sunday, March 8

3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

10:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Patrick

Monday, March 9

4:30pm RE Classes - PC

7:00pm PPC Meeting - CR

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Trusting in the Lord, Abram is obedient to the directive to leave his land and home. *When have others had to place their trust in you?*

Second Reading:

Paul instructs Timothy to draw on the strength God gives us when facing hardships. *Can you think of a difficult time when you relied on God's strength to help you?*

Gospel:

In the transfiguration of Jesus, Peter, James, and John are fearful when they hear God's voice speak from the cloud *As the season of Lent continues, what are some fears you are facing?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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 Feb. 21 - 22

Actual

\$12,750

Budget

\$15,118

Surplus/Deficit

(\$2,368)

Ordinary Income

Ordinary Expense

Surplus/Deficit

Fiscal Year to Date

\$934,699

\$922,105

\$12,594

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 1
8:00 am

10:00 am

† Edmund Zarek, req. The Zarek family
† Virginia Lee Paxhiar, req. Her family
† Bessie Lacko, req. Anthony & Marie Lacko

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, March 2

8:00 am

All unborn children

Tuesday, March 3

8:00 am

Wednesday, March 4

8:00 am

† Isabella Joann Fiore, req. The Lyon family

Thursday, March 5

8:00 am

Friday, March 6

6:30 am

† Dan Kelley, req. Paul Lipka and the Men's Group

8:00 am

† Lenore Zittnan, req. Jennifer Boldry

Saturday, March 7

5:00 pm

† Edward Kuhn, req. The Passalino family

Sunday, March 8

8:00 am

10:00 am

† Lorraine Mahnke, 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

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



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St. Patrick Party

Saturday, March 14

6:15pm - 9:30pm

In the O'Gara Center

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Must be 21 years and older to attend

Total Registrations are restricted to 250 people

Register to attend on our website at:

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/party

Deadline to register is March 3



Religious Education

As we begin to prepare for next school year, our parish is contemplating some changes in Religious Education to respond to the needs of many of our families. I know that our Monday classes remain popular, but I also realize that working parents may have difficulty getting to those classes on time. As a result, we are considering changing our Tuesday classes to a different day or time. If you are a parent with students in grades Kindergarten through 6th grade, who would be interested in having your child in religious education in the future, we invite you to fill out this survey. This in no way commits you to the program or the session, but will help us to make an educated decision about these changes.

You can complete the survey by scanning the QR code.





Our parish will be offering parishioners the opportunity to make a donation for the lilies that beautify our church during the Easter season. The donation may be in memory of deceased loved ones or in honor of the living. If you would like to make such a memorial, please fill out the form below and place it along with your gift offering in an envelope clearly marked "Easter Lily Donation" and return it in the Sunday Collection basket or to the Ministry Office. The names of those you wish memorialized or honored will be published in the bulletin during the Easter season unless otherwise requested. Donors' names, however, will not be published. When making your donation for flowers via our

Give Central system, please make certain that a flower donation form is completed and submitted to the Ministry Office. Simply indicate on the form that payment was made via GiveCentral. You may feel free to call the Ministry Office as well.

Easter Flower Donation

Name of Donor: _____

In memory of _____

In honor of _____

Suggested offering: \$10 \$20 Other _____

(Please make checks payable to St. Patrick Church.)

Lent Stations of the Cross

Fridays During Lent

4:00pm & 6:30pm in the Main Church

Friday, February 20

Friday, March 20

Hosted by East Lake Academy

Friday, February 27

at 7:00pm

Friday, March 6

Friday, March 27

Friday, March 13

Good Friday, April 3

at 2:00pm



Disciple Maker Index Survey

St. Patrick Church is partnering with Catholic Leadership Institute for the Disciple Maker Index survey. Our parish is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ as a parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at St. Patrick Church.

Take the DMI survey today.

- Your input helps strengthen our parish.
- Results help leadership prepare for the future.
- A report of the findings will be shared in the coming months.

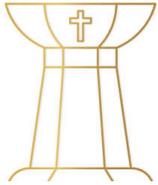
The **10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link through March 29** and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey. Paper surveys will also be available for those who do not have the ability to complete the survey online.

At St. Patrick Church, we are blessed in so many ways. Together, we will identify our strengths and opportunities in greater detail as we strive to grow in missionary discipleship.

Please continue to pray for this intention and for the growth and protection of our parish.

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/dmi-survey





Congratulations!

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

Benjamin Seymour, son of Greg & Caroline

Miki Rupnik Rebecca, daughter of Griffin & Tia

Hugo Anthony Patrick Kraft, son of Collin & Elizabeth

Grace Elizabeth Kraft, daughter of Collin & Elizabeth

Rachel Diane Sparacio, daughter of Peter & Carmel



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Lenten Mission



With Fr. John Kartje, President and Rector of the
University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary

“The Brutal Honesty of the Cross: Daring to Drink from Jesus’ Cup”

February 28

5:00pm Mass

Homily by Fr. Kartje
Church of St. Mary

March 2

7:00pm

Reflection by Fr. Kartje
St. Patrick Church

March 1

8:00am, 10:00am, 12:00pm Mass

Homily by Fr. Kartje
Church of St. Mary

March 3

7:00pm

Reflection by Fr. Kartje
St. Patrick Church

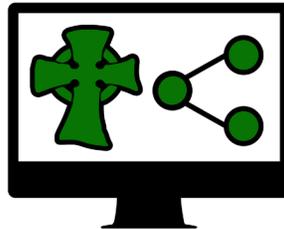
March 4

7:00pm

Reflection by Fr. Kartje

Church of St. Mary
175 E. Illinois Rd.

St. Patrick Church
928 W. Everett Rd.



Please Keep St. Pat's Updated

It is more important now, than ever before, that the parish has your correct family information in our Parish Database. Your correct address, phone number, and email information are needed for parish mailings and email blasts. We want to be able to keep all of our parishioners updated of important announcements and events.

Also, please contact the Parish Ministry Office if you have moved or are planning to move out of the parish.

Please send updates to: jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org

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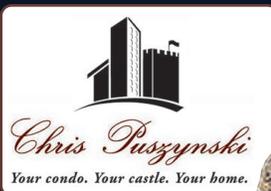
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