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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

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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

May 25

June 1

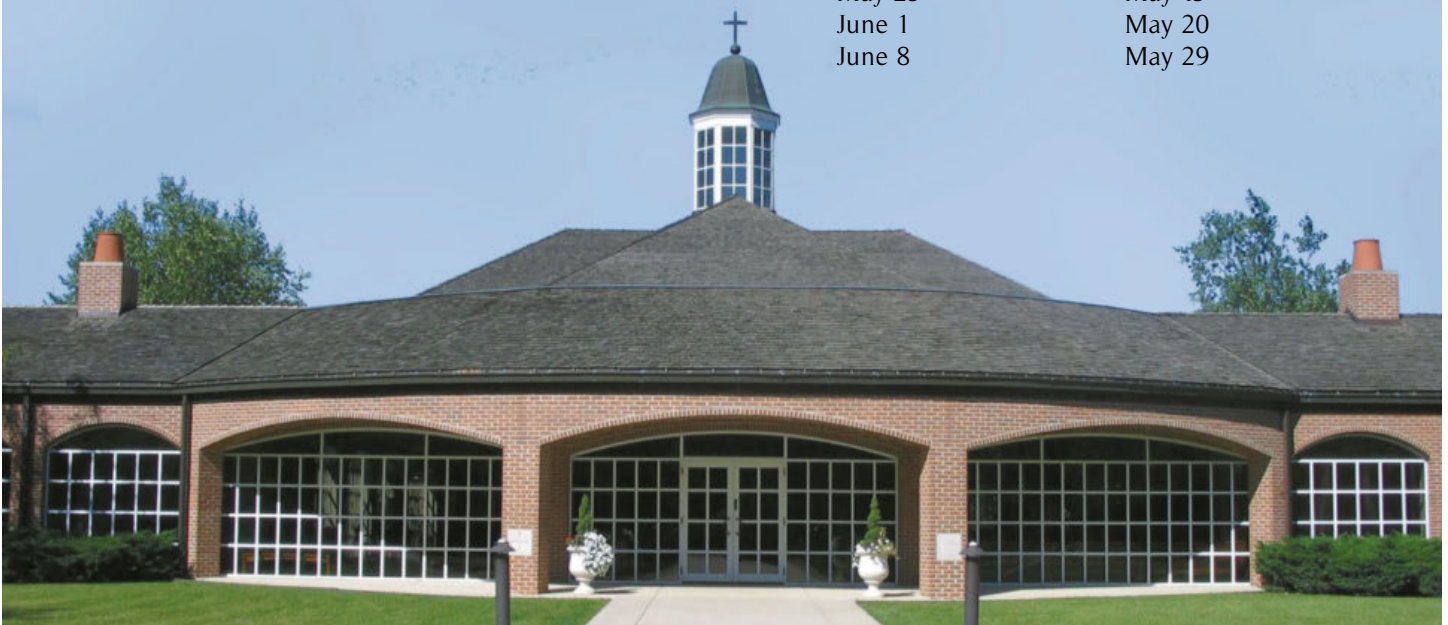
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Due Date

May 15

May 20

May 29



May 18, 2025 A Letter from Deacon Frank De Frank

After 24 years of active deaconate ministry and after a long period of thought, prayer, and a dose of realism, I have concluded that now is the appropriate time for me to retire. This becomes effective July 1. At this moment, Pat and I find ourselves thankful and grateful for having spent the last 17 years of our lives with all of you here at St. Patrick. Thank you, Fr. Dunn, Monsignor Dempsey, and Fr. Jerry.

As I look back to the beginning of my “call,” I am reminded it wasn’t a “slam dunk.” Over 15 years I was encouraged to apply for the deaconate. I always declined believing being an active layman was where I was to be. But to paraphrase Francis Thompson’s poem, while I fled him down the nights and down the days ... down the arches of the years, the Hound of Heaven stayed the course. God knew that in the end, even a Sicilian could get it!!!!

One day, I got an invitation to explore the deaconate. Where did that come from? I responded step by step discerning over three years asking the question, why me? Why me? Finally, in loving exasperation the Lord said, “Frankie D”, as usual, you are asking the wrong question. The real question is, “What would you have me do, Lord? The answer: Have faith, trust and love... listen and be patient, leave the unfolding of the plan to me. Your “yes” is enough for now. A divine lesson for all times.

On that day 24 years ago, I announced that I was devoting my ministry to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and to his mother Mary. Jesus, all of him, body, blood, soul and divinity, is present to us in the Blessed Sacrament. Can we even fathom that our Jesus, the Son of God, wants so much to be a part of us and we in him? He waits with infinite patience, understanding and love in hopes we will come to speak to him, and to listen to him... who wants us to lean on him and to pour out our hearts to him. He makes himself present to us at Mass, at times of Eucharistic adoration and during the day for a drop in. It is the Eucharist in whom we live and have our being. What a gift Pat and I have been given to be assigned to a parish whose mission is to be a Eucharistic people. Our Eucharistic liturgies highlight and emphasize that commitment.

Mary’s YES is all we need to know about her place in God’s plan. The author, Carol Houselander, calls Mary the “Reed of God” who emptied herself to see and hear God’s voice and so she was filled with God’s grace. She is a wonderful role model for us. Who cannot love and respect and emulate the mother of our God. If we are to hear God speaking to us and if we are to respond, we must hollow out the reed of our selfishness and unencumber ourselves from anything that gets in the way of God playing the mystical music of his Spirit in our hearts. It takes a lifetime, but we are called to replay the music one note at a time in our thoughts, words, and actions.

I look back on these 24 years—17 of which were at St. Patrick—realizing that what Pat and I did could not have even begun without so many of our parishioners: together on committees, on projects, on liturgies, on teaching to Confirmation candidates and RCIA candidates and to our work with Ministries of Care to hospitals and to rehabilitation facilities. It wasn’t all smooth, but it was always rewarding in the end.

Finally, Pat and I will continue to be active members of St. Patrick. You can never get enough of a good thing! Though retired, with permission, I can receive diaconal faculties for specific liturgical services as opportunities arise. AGAIN, Pat and I thank you for how welcoming you were when we came to St. Patrick. We are the better for having had you in our lives. You will remain in our prayers. Keep us in yours. PRAISE BE JESUS CHRIST, NOW AND FOREVER.

Deacon Frank de Frank

This Week

Sunday, May 18

8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman

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

11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

3:00pm Confirmation Mass - MC

Monday, May 19

Tuesday, May 20

Wednesday, May 21

8:30am Prayer Group - CR

8:30am Adoration - OC

9:00am Bridge Group - PC

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

6:30pm Benediction

Thursday, May 22

Friday, May 23

Saturday, May 24

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

Sunday, May 25

8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

10:00am Mass - Msgr. Dempsey
Children's Liturgy of the Word

11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

Monday, May 26

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Despite facing many hardships, Paul and Barnabas succeeded in preaching the good news of Jesus crucified and risen from the dead. *How do you work through personal setbacks?*

Second Reading:

At the start of his final vision, John sees the age to come in which God comes to dwell with his people on earth and all tears, pain and even death itself is gone. *Who in your life needs to hear this incredible message of hope?*

Gospel:

Jesus modeled for his disciples how to love one another. *Do you have friends or co-workers who show you how to love others?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 (see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/ Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rv 21:10-14, 22-23/ Jn 14:23-29

Finances

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>
Sunday Collection for the Weekend of May 10-11	\$17,268	\$12,667	\$4,601
	<u>Ordinary Income</u>	<u>Ordinary Expense</u>	<u>Surplus/Deficit</u>
Fiscal Year to Date	\$1,062,869	\$1,122,112	(\$59,243)

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, May 18

8:00 am

Aida Gemini, req. Tim Murphy

10:00 am

The Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy
Special intention for Dianne Kackert and her family,
req. Wal & Peg Wade

11:45 am

People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, May 19

8:00 am

Tuesday, May 20

8:00 am

Wednesday, May 21

8:00 am

Richard H Brandt & Elaine Fleury Brandt,
req. Liz & Ted Brandt

Thursday, May 22

8:00 am

Birthday Blessing for Stefani Alvarez,
req. her family

Friday, May 23

8:00 am

Saturday, May 24

5:00 pm

Nancy Buschmann, req. Raymond Buschmann

Sunday, May 25

8:00 am

Mike Neumayer, req. Judy Kozak

10:00 am

Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

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

Lt. JG Matthew Croisant, US Navy

Son of Tom & Kim Croisant

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

Florence Gatti

Jennifer Mikell

Gianfranco Isaia

Carolyn Cimarrusti Erickson

David Kozak

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

Congratulations to our second grade RE students who received their First Communion at a beautiful Mass on Saturday, May 3. Over the school year, our second graders worked hard to prepare for this special Sacrament. They learned about the sacrificial love of Jesus and the incredible gift of himself to us in the Holy Eucharist. A heartfelt "Thank You" to all who participated in the formation of these young people.





Lake Forest Day Parade August 6, 2025

The annual Lake Forest Day Parade is coming this summer! Fr. Franzman will be driving his 1929 fire truck representing St. Patrick.

We are looking for parishioners and our youth to ride on and walk alongside the fire truck! Anyone interested should contact Margaret Tomaselli at margaret.tomaselli@gmail.com or (312) 303-8099.



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

Thank you for your cooperation.



As we stand before God's promise to make all things new, please consider one of the greatest acts of stewardship by including a gift to our parish in one of the following ways:

- Will or Trust
- Retirement Assets
- Life Insurance Policies
- Charitable Gift Annuity

For more information and for a free step-by-step guide to reviewing your estate plan, please contact Deacon Greg Vogt, Philanthropy Officer, Archdiocese of Chicago at 312.995.0686 or gvogt@archchicago.org.



Vicariate I Ministry Commission

Formation and Training for NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Presenter: Fr. Joe Curtis

When: Saturday, May 31, 2025

Where: St. Paul the Apostle, 6401 Gages Lake Rd., Gurnee 60031

Time: Check in at 8:30 a.m. | Training 9 – 11:30 a.m.

Register at: bit.ly/VIEMspr25

A follow up session will take place in your parish that will include any particular practices for your parish.

This training meets the archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

Questions? Contact Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org.



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Vicariate I | Summer 2025

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Are you an adult parishioner in Vicariate I who missed receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation? **Preparation** for Confirmation for Vicariate I parishioners will be offered weekly on

Mondays beginning June 2, 7–9 pm at St. Edna Parish (door #2)
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights

Confirmation Mass at St. Edna Parish on Wednesday, July 23, 7 pm
Bp. Timothy O'Malley, presider

Contact Lorie Crepeau for information and registration at **lcrepeau@stedna.org** or 847.398.3362, ext. 325. Registration closes on Monday, May 19.



(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC

Mini Reflection: When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

Resembling Jesus

I once wrote an article about several women residents of a local nursing home. In researching the piece, I discovered that they had grown up in the same neighborhood as my grandmother, and that one of the women was, in fact, my grandmother's dearest childhood friend.

When I visited this woman to take her photograph, she took a long look at my face, and I could see in her eyes that she was reaching back in her memory across the years.

She said: "You resemble her."

I wept on the way home.

My grandmother died when I was nine, and for the last several years of her life she suffered from Alzheimer's disease. I have always deeply grieved the time we lost, the relationship we could have had. I have hazy fragments of memory from before her illness that lead me to believe we loved each other very much.

Being told I look like my grandmother by someone who knew her well — being identified as belonging to her in some way — was one of the more beautiful things to happen to me.

When we love someone, we want to be associated with them. We want to be recognized as *theirs* somehow. And if we love Christ, we should want to be known as belonging to him. We should want those who see us to know we are his.

The only way we can resemble Jesus is through love. It is his most recognizable quality, his most famous trait. *This is how all will know that you are my disciples.*

As Catholics, we are always talking about finding ways to live our faith boldly, unapologetically, publicly. Good — we should! But if we want people to know we are Catholic, we should love them. Bravely. Recklessly. Sacrificially.

As he loves us.

— Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Catholic Life Explained Question:

If God is good, why is there evil in the world?

Answer:

The problem of evil is perplexing. If God is all-powerful and all-good, why doesn't He stop bad things from happening? He must either not be all-powerful, or perhaps He's not very good after all. Human beings have faced the possibility of evil since the very beginning of our existence. In granting us free will, God gives us the ability to make free choices. God does not force us into moral perfection. We are not forced to love Him or to love our neighbor. We must make the decision ourselves. This means, of course, that we have the ability to choose against love.

One small decision of selfishness, jealousy, or pride may not seem so bad. But every decision — good or bad — is like a stone dropped into a still pond. The ripples extend much farther than the original stone. When decisions against love begin to compound, they affect families, neighborhoods, and nations. This is all the more reason for Christians to be faithful to our baptismal call to love one another as Christ has loved us!



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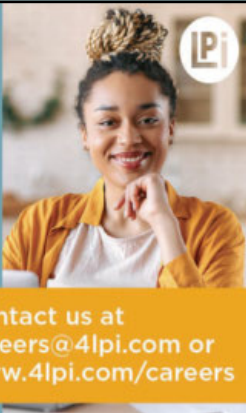
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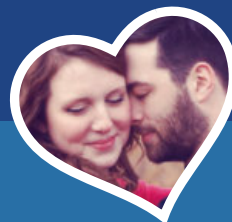
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