



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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September 20, 2026 · 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“The last will be first,
and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:16



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A VIBRANT FAITH COMMUNITY

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By: John D'Anca

St. Peter Claver (1580–1654)

Born in Catalonia, Spain, in 1580, St. Peter Claver was a Spanish Jesuit priest whose life became a defining study in active mercy and moral courage. Guided toward the New World through his studies with the Jesuit mystic St. Alphonsus Rodriguez, Claver arrived in Cartagena, Colombia, then the primary South American port for the transatlantic slave trade, and was ordained in 1616. Horrified by the dehumanizing conditions endured by captured West Africans, he formally vowed to spend his life as *aethiopum semper servus*: 'the slave of the Africans forever,' a promise from which he never wavered.

For nearly four decades, Claver met virtually every slave ship that entered the harbor. Recognizing that spiritual comfort meant little without immediate physical relief, he boarded the fouled holds carrying fresh water, medicine, food, and bandages. He organized a network of African translators to overcome language barriers, using simple visual illustrations to teach basic Christian doctrine and reaffirm the inherent worth of survivors who had been stripped of their identity. Fr. Claver worked without rest to restore human dignity to everyone he served.

His ministry extended far beyond the port. Claver regularly visited regional plantations, confronting wealthy landowners over the mistreatment of their laborers and often choosing to sleep in the slave quarters rather than comfortable estate homes. Though local authorities frequently viewed his mission with contempt, he remained steadfast until contracting the plague. He endured four years of paralysis and quiet isolation before his death in 1654.

Canonized in 1888, St. Peter Claver stands as an extraordinary model of uniting the corporal and spiritual works of mercy in service to the most vulnerable.



Feast Day: September 9
St. Peter Claver, pray for us!

Parish Announcement

Congratulations and Blessings Always!

After a year of prayer and discernment, Ramiro Alonso Roman, better known as “Roman,” will be enrolled by Bishop Timothy O’Malley as a candidate for the diaconate through the Deacon Formation Program of the University of Saint Mary of the Lake. The special liturgy will take place today, Sunday, September 20, 2026, at USML’s Chapel of the Immaculate Conception at 1:30pm.

Candidacy is the first official recognition by the Church of the positive signs of his vocation to the diaconate, which must be confirmed in the next three years of formation—a period that includes spiritual formation and direction, theological reflection, pastoral ministry experiences, academic courses, human/personal development, field education, internships, and much more.

To get to this point in his formation, Roman has journeyed through a one-year period of discernment called the Aspirant Stage that included prayer, a comprehensive course on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, days of reflection on the deacon’s share in the bishop’s ministries of Word, Liturgy and Charity, monthly spiritual direction, and retreats during which he prayed and reflected, with his family, over his possible call to Holy Orders.

His wife, Lucia Roman, also participated in the Aspirant Stage. Her goals were to learn more about the diaconate, and to discern whether she can continue to support her husband through the coming years of formation, and possibly as an ordained deacon. In fact, wives are required to write a letter to Cardinal Cupich that notes their free, informed consent to their husbands’ moving to the Candidate Stage.

Overall, the diaconate is thriving in the Archdiocese of Chicago, with more than 500 active deacons. While deacons are found in many parishes of the archdiocese, a frequently asked question is, “What is a deacon?” With bishops and priests, deacons receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They are full-time ordained ministers living in the midst of the world, most often with full-time careers outside the Church. Deacons may baptize, proclaim the Gospel and preach, assist at the Eucharist, witness marriages, officiate at wakes and funeral services, preside at Benediction, minister at other liturgical/prayer gatherings, offer blessings, and more. These are functions most visible in the parish.

Please keep Roman, his wife Lucia, all those in formation, and their families in your prayers that they might continue to answer God’s call in their lives!



Ramiro “Roman” Alonso Roman

CANDIDATE FOR THE DIACONATE

Sunday, September 20

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick · *Intention: † Deceased Members of the Theisen Family, req. Therese Ruedig*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Jerry

Intentions:

† Barbara Fritzalis, req. Menuhin D'Souza

† Carol Hart, req. Mark & Lorraine Condic

† Amado & Purificacion Correa, req. Pat & Vicky Correa

11:45am – Mass – Fr. McMahon · *Intention: People of St. Patrick Church*

3:30pm – Confirmation Kick-off, Parents & Students - PC

Monday, September 21

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Marianne H. Collings, req. Ted & Liz Brandt*

4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC

7:00pm – Opus Dei Men's Evening of Reconciliation - MC

Tuesday, September 22

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: St. Candidus & the People of St. Patrick Church*

6:30pm – Finance Meeting - CR

Wednesday, September 23

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special Intention for 1st Lt. Emilia Puszyński, req. Her Grandparents*

8:30am – Adoration - OC

10:30am – Immaculate Heart Bible Study - PC

6:15pm – Benediction - OC

7:00pm – Wednesday Bible Study - CR

Thursday, September 24

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory*

Friday, September 25

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special Intention for All the Unborn Babies*

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, September 26

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Franzman

Intentions:

† Joyce Anne Byron, req. Madeleine McCoy

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

† Bruce Ruedig, req. Therese Ruedig

Sunday, September 27

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick · *Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Ray Webb

11:45am – Mass – Fr. Sean · *Intention: People of St. Patrick Church*

PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers ...

*The healing and restoration of the sick
of our parish and the needs &
intentions inscribed in our Parish Book
of Prayer & Prayer Wall.*

There is a Parish Book of Prayer & Prayer Wall to which you may add specific prayer requests. Please notify the ministry office to add a name to the prayer list if you are unable to do so directly. Please know these intentions are prayed for daily.

SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR ADORATION



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Support St. Patrick through online giving. Scan the QR code to visit our GiveCentral page.



FINANCES

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of September 12-13, 2026

Actual	\$21,052
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$3,402

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$300,997
Ordinary Expense	\$350,908
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$49,911)

Religious Education News

Faith Formation for Grades 1-8

Grades 1-7

Our next class will be **September 20th** from **8:30-9:45am** and **September 21st** from **4:30-5:45pm**.
We will continue to meet on September 27 & 28 as well.

Confirmation

Our first Confirmation Class will be **September 20th** from **3:30-5pm**. Students are expected to attend this first class with at least one parent.

Grade Level Masses

This year, our RE students will be planning and serving at some of our Sunday Masses. Our first Mass will be our 7th graders on **October 4th at 10am**.
Join us!



COR Youth Group

First Youth Group of the Year

Bonfire at St. Mary's

Sunday, September 20
6:00-7:30 PM

S'mores included

All high school students are welcome





A JOURNEY IN FAITH

*Discover
Belong
Become*

**Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or
do you know someone who might be interested?**

**Are you an adult Catholic wishing to receive
First Communion and Confirmation?**

**Do you simply want to learn more about
the Catholic faith?**

Registration is now open for the coming year, with the pinnacle of the program being the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027.

Please get in touch with Brad Morris at jbmorris@stpatrick-lakeforest.org or the Parish Office at (847) 234-1401.

OCIA, Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process by which adults, through inquiry and prayer, become members of the Catholic Church. This was formerly known as RCIA.

LEARN MORE ABOUT OCIA AT

www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/ocia



St. Patrick Church Thursday Morning Scripture Group

Fall 2026 Session: October 1 – December 3

Come and See: Looking at Jesus in the Gospels and in *The Chosen*

"Come and see." (John 1:38-39)

This fall, the Thursday Morning Scripture Group invites you to 'come and see' (John 1:38-39) by looking at the Lord through two lenses: excerpts from *The Chosen* and the Gospel passages on which those excerpts are based. *The Chosen* is a TV series that tells the story of Jesus of Nazareth by dramatizing scenes from the Gospels and other books of the Bible while adding fictional backstories to the biblical characters.

The goal of our study is to deepen our relationship with Jesus by helping us engage in "Ignatian imaginative prayer," a form of prayer taught by St. Ignatius of Loyola in which you enter a Gospel scene with all five senses, allowing Scripture to become a vivid, personal encounter with Jesus.

The Thursday Morning Scripture Group has been meeting at St. Patrick's since 2001 and is led by parishioner Susan Carlson, who holds a Master of Divinity degree. The group's approach to Scripture is to combine study, prayer, reflection, and small-group discussion. No previous Bible study experience is required, and all are welcome.

**THURSDAYS
9:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

OCTOBER 1 – DECEMBER 3

No meeting on October 8 or November 26.

O'Gara Parish Activity Center

*There is no fee to participate, and
all you will need is a Bible.*

To register, please contact Karen Longe at KarenLonge@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Children's Liturgy of the Word

The main goal of the Children's Liturgy of the Word is to help our children grow closer to God and His people in a fun and engaging way, while preparing them for a lifetime of Catholic worship.

"Let the little children come to me." Mark 10:14

Beginning October 4, 2026

Starting on October 4, 2026, and for the first Sunday of each month, the 10:00 Mass will be designated as a Children's Mass where:

-  Children will not be dismissed during the Liturgy of the Word to allow them to experience hearing Scripture in the setting of the Mass.
-  Children will be encouraged to make a small donation (canned or boxed food) to give during the Offertory to help those in need.
-  Children will be given a guide to help follow the parts of the Mass to grow in their faith and connection to liturgy.
-  On the other Sundays of the month, the children will continue to be dismissed for a separate Children's Liturgy of the Word.

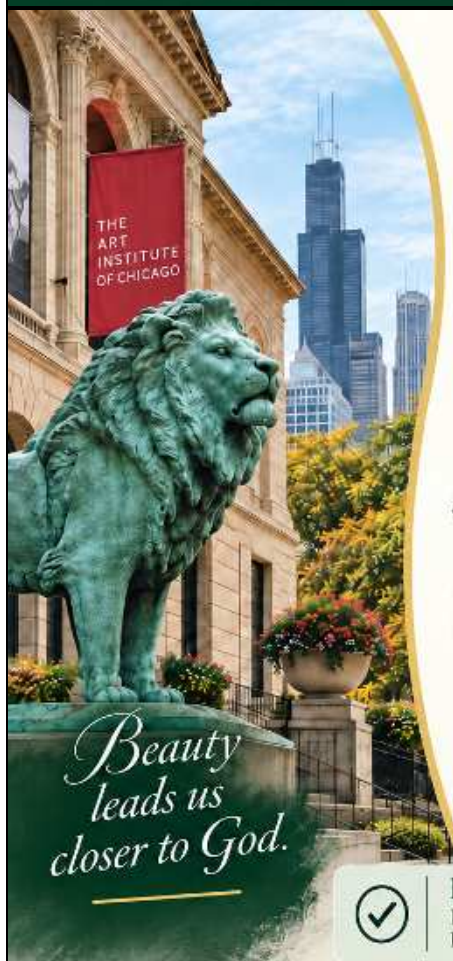
How can I help?

-  Please pray for families and children who attend Mass.
-  Volunteer to serve as a volunteer for the Children's Liturgy of the Word; we are seeking both adult leaders and teen aides.
-  Let us know if your children would be interested in serving as Lectors, Ushers, or other roles during the Children's Mass.
-  Spread the word to family and friends who may be interested in knowing more.



Please contact Janet Morris at janetmorrisusa@gmail.com or the Parish Office at (847) 234-1401.

FAITH + COMMUNITY + BRIGHTER TOMORROWS



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A Special Day at the ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

The St. Patrick Women's Group invites you to join us for a memorable day celebrating the beauty of art and the richness of faith.

Travel by coach bus to the Art Institute of Chicago, where we will view three remarkable paintings from the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums.

The artist will share her personal perspective on her works, followed by Fr. Jerry Gunderson, who will offer theological reflections.

Come share a beautiful day of art, reflection, friendship, and fellowship.



9:15 a.m. — Depart St. Patrick parking lot



Art Institute of Chicago — Special presentation & reflections



Lunch — Family-style dining in a private room at Quartino Chicago restaurant (Cash bar available)



2:30 p.m. — Return to St. Patrick

\$90 PER PERSON

Limited to the first 39 guests.
Please RSVP early to reserve your place!

SPACE IS LIMITED.

SCAN TO
REGISTER



Pay by check only

Make checks payable to the St. Patrick's Women's Group.
Drop off check in the ministry office.

*Beauty
leads us
closer to God.*

Bereavement Ministry



*"I am the Resurrection and the Life,
Those who believe in me, though they should die,
Will come to life and those who are alive
And believe in me will never die."*

JOHN 11:25-26

When a member of the Body of Christ dies, we are called to a ministry of consolation. The Church calls us to care for the dying, to pray for the dead, and to comfort those who mourn. As a people of faith, we believe that God created each person for eternal life and that as Christ was raised from the dead we too will be raised in glory.

The Bereavement Ministry serves the parish by lovingly and compassionately assisting parishioners in planning and celebrating the funeral Mass for their deceased relatives and friends. This includes the selection of readings and music, finalizing the details of the Mass of Christian Burial, setting up the altar and gifts, greeting attendees, handing out programs and prayer cards, guiding the family, serving Communion, and assisting at the visitation when applicable.

The Bereavement Ministry team also helps to plan and celebrate the Annual All Souls' Day Mass each year.

If you are interested in becoming a bereavement minister, please contact:

Liz Brandt
847-404-4245
elizbrandt@aol.com

or

Maureen Schmidt
847-226-0572
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Fall 2026 Training for New Ministers of Care

Bringing Christ's Care to Others



2 Saturdays
**October 17th &
October 24th**
8:30 am – 1:00 pm



**Our Lady of
Perpetual Help Parish**
Hickey Hall
Glenview, IL

Chaplain Rick Nash and Jim Vlazny, Coordinators of the Ministry of Care at OLPH, will facilitate this training program. Attendees must attend **both** Saturday sessions to be mandated as a Minister of Care in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Register & Learn More

Registration forms and more information are available online.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2026
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
(Community Room)
743 Elder Ln, Deerfield, IL

PARKING
Parking Lot North of Church



Questions or unable to attend
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Contact Michael at
mbgraham1009@me.com

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SACRAMENTS AND RESOURCES

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

New Parishioner Registration

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact Dianne Marshall at 847-234-1401

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Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

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