



St. Patrick Catholic Church

EST. 1849

September 27, 2026 · 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



To be a welcoming Eucharistic community by providing resources for spiritual growth and faith development, and encouraging service and discipleship to spread the good news of God's Kingdom.

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OUR
LADY
OF
FATIMA

PRAY † HOPE † PEACE

FATIMA TOUR FOR PEACE

INTERNATIONAL PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE OF FATIMA

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA, USA | OUR LADY'S BLUE ARMY



Fatima Statue to Visit Vicariate I Parishes

La imagen de Fátima visitará las Parroquias del Vicariato I



Parishes of the Archdiocese of Chicago will host the **International Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Fatima** this October. Pilgrims are welcome to visit these parishes for prayer and devotions. Learn more at www.fatimatourforpeace.com.

October 10

St. Ansgar Parish - 2040 Laurel Avenue,
Hanover Park

October 12

[Little Flower Parish](#) (St. Anastasia Campus) -
624 Douglas Avenue, Waukegan

**October 13
& 14**

St. John Cantius Parish -
825 N. Carpenter Street, Chicago

October 15

[St. Joseph Parish](#) - 114 N. Lincoln Avenue,
Round Lake

October 26

St. Odilo Parish - 2244 East Avenue, Berwyn



THROUGH MARY TO A MORE PEACEFUL WORLD

St. Joseph of Cupertino

By John D'Anca

Saint Joseph of Cupertino (1603–1663), affectionately remembered as "The Flying Saint," remains one of the most endearing figures among Catholic saints. Born into an impoverished family in Cupertino, Italy, his journey from an awkward, uneducated youth to an extraordinary Franciscan mystic illustrates how profoundly humility and divine grace can transform human limitations into holiness.

Throughout his childhood, Joseph faced continuous hardship, ill health, and social rejection. Plagued by severe learning difficulties, he was nicknamed Boccaperta ("Gape-mouth") by locals for staring blankly during frequent mystical trances. Seeking religious life above all else, he was initially turned away by the Conventual Franciscans and later dismissed by the Capuchins due to his persistent clumsiness. Yet he remained undeterred. Accepting a menial job tending horses at a Franciscan friary, his profound humility, gentle nature, and devout spirit eventually earned him full acceptance into the priesthood in 1628. His ordination fulfilled his lifelong dream.

Although formal academic studies remained a constant struggle throughout his seminary years, Joseph possessed a deep, intuitive spiritual wisdom that continually astonished learned theologians. What captured everyone's attention, however, were

his extraordinary ecstatic levitations. The mere mention of God, a sacred melody, or a holy image could send him floating above church altars or high above trees during outdoor services. More than seventy separate instances of miraculous flight were thoroughly documented by reliable eyewitnesses, including secular nobles, cardinals, and Pope Urban VIII himself.

Unfortunately, these sensational raptures drew overwhelming, chaotic crowds wherever he went. To preserve order, church authorities spent decades placing Joseph in strict seclusion across isolated friaries. Rather than harboring bitterness over this enforced isolation, he bore these severe restrictions with exemplary patience, quiet obedience, and joyful surrender until his death in 1663.

Canonized by Pope Clement XIII in 1767, Saint Joseph of Cupertino leaves behind a comforting legacy: true spiritual greatness rests not on intellectual brilliance or natural talent, but on simplicity of heart, complete reliance on God, and unyielding faith.

Today, the Catholic Church reveals her sense of humor by venerating St. Joseph of Cupertino as the beloved patron saint of aviators and astronauts; on a more serious note, he is recognized as patron of those who struggle with learning.

His feast day is celebrated September 18.

St. Patrick's Patrick

Live Your Yes

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of two sons who are asked by their father to work in the vineyard. The first says, "I will not," but later changes his mind and goes. The second says, "Yes, sir," but does not go. Jesus asks, "Which of the two did his father's will?" The answer is obvious: the first son.

This parable speaks of something very ordinary in our daily lives. We sometimes make promises that we do not keep. A child may say, "Yes, Mom, I will clean my room," but hours later nothing has been done. An employee may promise to finish an important task but keeps postponing it. A husband or wife may say, "I will change," but the real change never comes. In parish life, we may say, "Yes, Father, I will volunteer," "Yes, I will pray," or "Yes, I will become more involved," but our actions may tell a different story.

Jesus reminds us that faith is not simply what we say; faith becomes visible in what we do.

Theologically, the vineyard represents God's kingdom and the mission entrusted to us. Every baptized person is invited to labor in God's vineyard. The Father calls each of us: Come, serve, forgive, pray, love, and help build my Kingdom. Sometimes our first response may be hesitation, resistance, or even "no." We may feel unworthy, too busy, hurt, tired, or afraid. But the beautiful message of the Gospel is that our first response does not have to be our final response.

The first son changed his mind. This is a powerful image of conversion. Conversion means allowing God's grace to change the direction of our lives. Someone may have been far from God for years and suddenly returns to prayer. Someone may have stopped going to Mass and later rediscovered the Eucharist. Someone may carry resentment for years and finally decide to forgive. Someone may have made serious mistakes but sincerely turns back to God.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation beautifully expresses this truth. When we come to confession, we do not come pretending that we have always said "yes." We come acknowledging where we have said "no" to God and asking for grace to begin again. God does not close the door on us because of our past. His mercy gives us the possibility of a new beginning.

The important question is not, "What did I say to God?" but "What am I doing with what God has asked of me?"

May we have the humility to recognize our failures, the courage to change, and the grace to turn our "no" into a "yes." For in the end, the Father is not looking merely for people who say, "Yes, Lord." He is looking for disciples who live their yes.

Lord, send us into your vineyard. Give us hearts willing to listen, repent, serve, and love. May our words and our actions become one, so that our lives may truly reflect your will. Amen.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

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 · *Intention: Marriage Blessing for Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Sauser, req. Walt & Peg Wade*

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

Monday, September 28

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

4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC

4:30pm – OCIA - YR

Tuesday, September 29

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Jose N. Gomez, Jr., req. Theresa Gomez*

Wednesday, September 30

8:00am – Mass

Intentions:

† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan

† Joseph Alaimo, req. Katie Andersen

8:30am – Adoration - OC

10:30am – Immaculate Heart Bible Study - PC

6:15pm – Benediction - OC

7:00pm – Wednesday Bible Study - YR

7:00pm – OCIA - CR

Thursday, October 1

8:00am – Mass

Intentions:

† Mildred Nykel, req. Menuhin D'Souza

† Jose N. Gomez, Jr., req. Theresa Gomez

9:30am – Adult Scripture - PC

Friday, October 2

6:30am – Men's Group Mass - MC/PC · *Intention: † Jim Buzard, req. The Men's Group/ Paul Lipka*

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † William Chan, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan*

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, October 3

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Franzman

Intentions:

† John E. Sabalaskey, req. John & MaryJo Sabalaskey

† Mary Ellen Kadleck, req. John & MaryJo Sabalaskey

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

Sunday, October 4

8:00am – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey · *Intention: † Georgia Griffiths, req. John & Emily Costigan*

10:00am – Children's Mass / 7th Grade Mass – Fr. Patrick

Intentions:

† Chan Po Sung, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

† George Lacko, req. Anthony & Margie Lacko

† LaVerne Sampson, req. Ramiro & Lucia Roman

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

1:30pm – Pet Blessing - Courtyard

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.*

DECEASED

Georgia Griffiths

SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR ADORATION



GIVE ONLINE

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



FINANCES

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of September 19-20, 2026

Actual	\$15,377
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,273)

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$320,958
Ordinary Expense	\$361,719
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$40,761)



Open to all in
grades 9-12



COR Nights

Join friends for a night of games, faith and of course snacks!
Students can come any time they are able.

Fall 2026
Dates

October 4th 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Patrick
October 18th 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Mary
November 1st 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Patrick
November 15th 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Mary
December 6th 6:00–7:30 PM at St. Patrick

Questions?

Please reach out to Nicole (nbacarella@churchofstmary.org)
or Dianne (dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org).

CLASS OF 2027 & 2028!

JOIN US FOR

KAIROS

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2027

or

April 2-5, 2027

St. Francis de Sales
CATHOLIC PARISH
YOUTH MINISTRY



Church of St. Mary & St. Patrick • Lake Forest

What is Kairos?

Kairos is a Christian experience of prayer and reflection. We have been hosting Kairos retreats for high schoolers since 2009. Participants do not need to be Catholic to attend. All are welcome!

Important Information:

WHO: HS Juniors and Seniors

WHEN: Jan. 29-Feb. 1 or April 2-5, 2027

COST: \$335.00* for 4 days & 3 nights

**Please let us know if you need assistance. We never want the cost of this retreat to be the reason someone can't experience this weekend.*



**LEARN MORE ABOUT KAIROS &
REGISTER HERE!**



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS
EMAIL DMARSHALL@STPATRICK-LAKEFOREST.ORG

Pet Blessing

Feast of St. Francis

October 4th
1:30 PM
in the Courtyard

Saint Patrick Church, Lake Forest, invites parishioners to bring their pets for a special blessing in honor of the Feast of St. Francis.

All are welcome!



A NEW VOICE FOR OUR PRAYER

Renewing the Music Ministry at St. Patrick

MUSIC + WORSHIP + COMMUNITY + ALWAYS

*Sing to the Lord
a new song.*

— PSALM 96:1

Music is an essential part of our life of worship at St. Patrick. Through music, we lift our hearts to God, celebrate the Sacraments, and gather together as one community in prayer.

A NEW PIANO

We joyfully welcome a beautiful Steinway Model B grand piano to our Main Church at St. Patrick. This exceptional instrument will support our parish through Sunday Masses, weddings, funerals, school liturgies, and special celebrations throughout the year.

A NEW PIPE ORGAN

We are also grateful to be moving forward with a new pipe organ project for our Main Church. This vision has been made possible in part through the extraordinary generosity of Fred Biederman in memory of his wife, Barbara. We look forward with joy to the completion of the new pipe organ in the second half of 2027.

With grateful hearts, we thank everyone who has supported the Music Ministry through generosity, encouragement, and prayer. May every note become a prayer.

Maristella Lee
Music Director



A NEW PIANO

BEAUTIFUL MUSIC FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



BARBARA BIEDERMAN

A GENEROUS SUPPORTER OF OUR PIPE ORGAN



*One Faith
One People
One Song*

A NEW PIPE ORGAN FOR GENERATIONS TO COME
PRESERVING A SACRED TRADITION

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
PRAYER + MUSIC + A BRIGHTER TOMORROW



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.

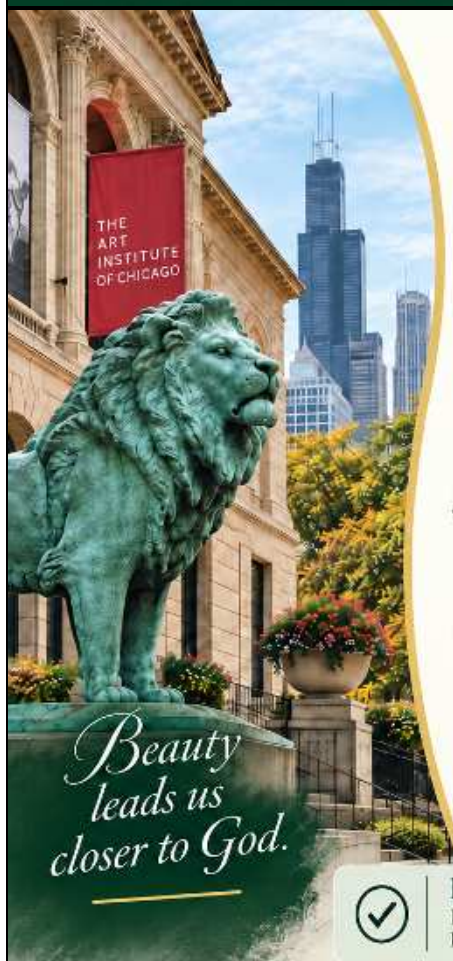
How can I help?

-  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



ART • FAITH • FELLOWSHIP

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.

SAVE THE DATE

10th Annual

Trivia Night?

Saturday, February 6

6:00 – 10:00 PM

O'Gara Center



OPT IN FOR OUR KIDS

Stronger Together. **Better for Illinois.**

A federal tax credit scholarship program for K-12 Education.



Benefits ALL types of schools.

Can add up to almost **\$2 billion** in new resources to public and private schools. **It doesn't take from existing funding.**



Supported by Illinoisans.

Nearly **7 in 10** Illinoisans support opting into this program.



Keeps Illinois dollars here.

If Illinois doesn't opt in, people may donate up to **\$1 billion** to schools in other states to receive the tax credit.



Opportunity for Illinois kids.

Brings public and private school families together for a common goal – to **support ILLINOIS kids.**

It's a tax credit. It's voluntary. It's popular. **It works.**

HOW IT WORKS

- Taxpayer contributes to a scholarship granting organization which uses the funds to support scholarships for K-12 students.
- Taxpayer receives tax credit for their donation.

WHO BENEFITS

- Students from ALL backgrounds.
- Kids in public, private and faith-based schools.



Call Governor Pritzker today!

Tell him: **OPT in for Illinois KIDS!** Call **217.782.6830** or visit gov.illinois.gov/contact-us/voice-an-opinion.html



TAKE ACTION TODAY!



Learn more about the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit and how it helps Illinois families.



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

Faith. Families.
A Stronger Illinois.



Bricks of Healing: *The Future Home of Our New Shelter*

Learn how a SAFE PLACE plans to expand emergency housing to accommodate over 100 Survivors (including their children) of Domestic Violence & Human Trafficking in Lake County.

YOU'RE INVITED

A Safe Place is thrilled to share our vision for a brand-new shelter on the horizon. We invite you to join us on this important journey we encourage you to bring a few guests who may also be inspired to make a difference.

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
but want more information?
Contact Michael at
mbgraham1009@me.com

asafeplaceforhelp.org



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BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

*Help mothers in need who are working towards
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Pick up an empty Baby Bottle October 3rd/4th
and return it with your donation October 11th/12th.
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 contact@aidforwomen.org
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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

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

