



St. Patrick Catholic Church

EST. 1849

October 4, 2026 · 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;

Psalm 118:22

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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IN MEMORIAM



Father Laurence Dunn

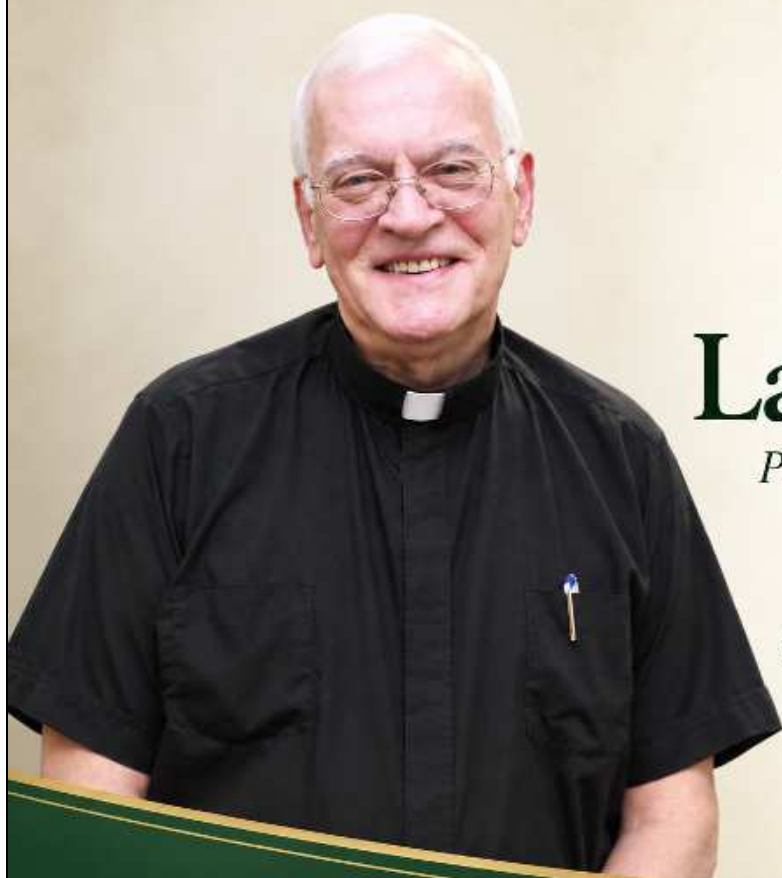
Pastor of St. Patrick, 2004–2017



*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

John 11:25–26

I am the Resurrection and the Life.



St. Damien of Molokai

By: John D'Anca

Jozef De Veuster—known to history as Father Damien—was not a man of rhetoric, but one of practical, immediate action. Born in 1840 to a Flemish farming family in Tremelo, Belgium, he inherited a grounded work ethic that defined his character. When illness prevented his older brother from joining a mission to Hawaii in 1863, Damien stepped forward without hesitation. Ordained in Honolulu the following year, he was soon confronted by a profound public health crisis.

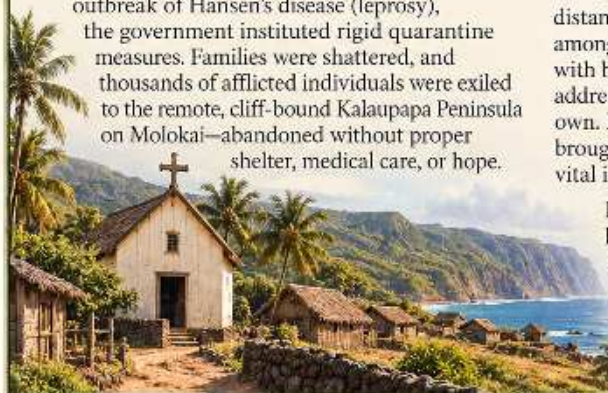
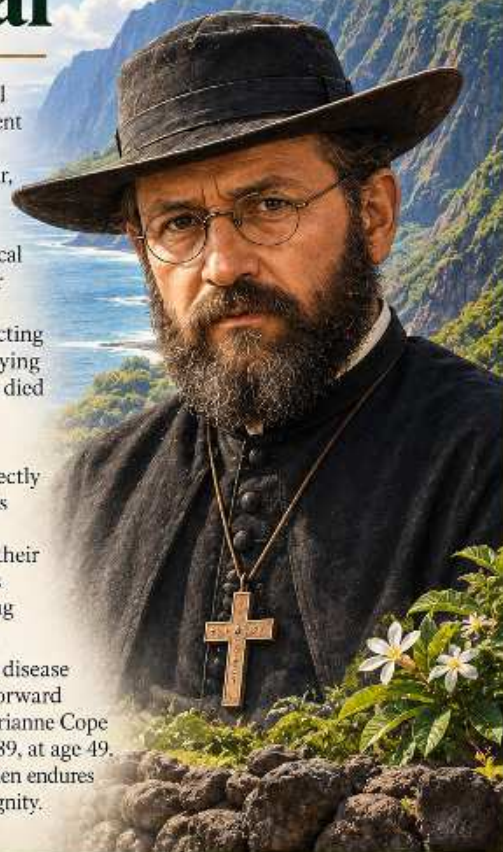
Foreign pathogens were devastating native Hawaiian populations. In response to an outbreak of Hansen's disease (leprosy), the government instituted rigid quarantine measures. Families were shattered, and thousands of afflicted individuals were exiled to the remote, cliff-bound Kalaupapa Peninsula on Molokai—abandoned without proper shelter, medical care, or hope.

When Damien volunteered to travel to Molokai in May 1873, the assignment was meant to be temporary. Upon witnessing the settlement's raw despair, he chose to remain permanently, an extraordinary decision. Recognizing that spiritual comfort demands physical dignity, he rolled up his sleeves. Over sixteen years, he served as builder, caregiver, and grave digger—constructing over 300 homes, building chapels, laying water lines, and ensuring no resident died feeling forgotten.

Crucially, Damien rejected the distance dictated by fear. He lived directly among residents—bandaging wounds with bare hands, sharing meals, and addressing his community as one of their own. His persistent letters to officials brought international scrutiny, driving vital improvements in infrastructure.

In 1884, Damien contracted the disease himself. Unshaken, he pushed forward alongside allies like Mother Marianne Cope until his death on April 15, 1889, at age 49.

Canonized in 2009, St. Damien endures as an exemplar of human dignity.



St. Patrick's Patrick

What Kind of Vineyard Are We Creating?

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

It is with sadness that I announce the death of our former pastor, **Fr. Laurence Dunn**, who served our parish as pastor for fourteen years. Let us remember him with gratitude for his faithful service and keep his family, friends, and loved ones in our prayers. May the Lord grant him eternal rest and welcome him into the joy of His heavenly kingdom.

In today's reading, we have to ask this question, what Kind of Vineyard Are We Creating?

There is one question in today's first reading from Isaiah that has stayed with me: **"What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done?"**

God lovingly prepares His vineyard, clears away the stones, plants the finest vines, and provides everything necessary for growth. He expects it to produce good fruit. Instead, He finds injustice and the cries of those who suffer.

In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that the vineyard belongs to God and has been entrusted to our care. We are not its owners but its stewards. The question for each of us is simple: **What kind of fruit are we producing through the way we live, love, and treat others?**

The responsorial psalm reminds us that God transplanted a vine from Egypt. Throughout Scripture, God's people are travelers: Abraham leaves his homeland, the Israelites journey toward freedom, and the Holy Family seeks refuge in Egypt. Again and again, God accompanies people on their journeys.

Every human life also begins a journey, hidden and fragile in the mother's womb. If we value life, our responsibility does not end with protecting it; we must also help it flourish. Every child deserves the opportunity to grow in safety, love, education, health, and hope. Similarly, families who migrate often undertake difficult journeys because they long for security and a better future for their children.

As Christians, we recognize that nations have responsibilities to protect the common good and establish orderly immigration systems. At the same time, we are called to uphold the dignity of every human person, especially the vulnerable. Our faith challenges us to respond with justice, mercy, compassion, and respect.

Saint Paul encourages us in today's second reading to focus on whatever is true, honorable, just, and lovely. Fear can close our hearts, but prayer can help us see others through the eyes of Christ. People may disagree about practical solutions to difficult social questions, but we must never forget the dignity of those affected by our decisions.

Jesus declares that the stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone. We must be careful not to reject those whom society overlooks: the unborn, immigrants, refugees, the elderly, the poor, the sick, and children who are forgotten. Every person is created in God's image and deserves dignity and compassion.

My brothers and sisters, one day God will ask what fruit we produced in His vineyard. Did we welcome others? Did we protect the vulnerable? Did we bring hope to those who were suffering? May our parish become a vineyard where every person encounters God's love.

As we celebrate the Feast of **St. Francis of Assisi on October 4**, we also remember his love for God's creation and all creatures. Let us pray that we may become instruments of peace in our families, parish, and world. Let us always pray the **Prayer of St. Francis**,

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

Sunday, October 4

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

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

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

3:30pm – Confirmation Class (8th & 9th Grade) - PC

6:00pm – Youth Group

Monday, October 5

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Susan Ewert, req. Mary Hess*

4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC

4:30pm – OCIA - YR

Tuesday, October 6

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

8:45am – Immaculate Heart Leaders Meeting - CR

Wednesday, October 7

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special Intention for Jane Sullivan, req. Barbara Gewalt*

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 8

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

9:15am – Women's Group Art Institute Trip

Friday, October 9

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special Intention for all the expectant mothers*

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, October 10

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. McMahon

Intentions:

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

† Eleanor Cecilia McGahan, req. Laura & Greg LeVert

6:00pm – Welcome Event - YR

Sunday, October 11

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick

Intentions:

† Connie Damico, req. The Theodore Family

† George Jackson, Sr., req. George & Linda Jackson, Jr.

† Alfonso Alvarez, req. The Pace Family

† Georgia Griffiths, req. St. Patrick Ministers of Care

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

No RE Classes – Sunday, Oct. 11 & Monday, Oct. 12 (Columbus Day)

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

Fr. Laurence Dunn

Roger Risher

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 26-27, 2026

Actual	\$15,599
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,051)

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$345,298
Ordinary Expense	\$401,565
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$56,267)



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).



Nicole Bacarella

DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY
CHURCH OF ST. MARY'S AND ST. PATRICK'S

Introducing Our New Director of Youth Ministry

I am so excited and grateful to introduce myself as the new Director of Youth Ministry for the Church of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's!

For nearly 13 years, I had the joy of working as an educator in a Catholic school. I have also served as a catechist for the past 13 years. My Catholic faith is at the heart of who I am, and I am blessed to come from a family that lives and breathes that faith together. Mass is always an adventure when it includes all of my cousins, nieces, and nephews, and I wouldn't have it any other way!

I truly believe the Lord has called me to this ministry and that this is where I am meant to be. My hope is to walk alongside and guide our young people and help empower them to live as disciples of Christ in today's world. Together, we will grow through worship, community, service, and the sacraments, while creating a youth group where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and known.

I believe every person has a unique God-given talent to share with the world. My hope is that each teen will have the opportunity to discover those gifts, let their light shine, and grow in confidence in who God created them to be, while learning to let God lead the way.

A pillar of youth ministry is community. If you are in 9th–12th grade, you are welcome here! We would love to have you join us, meet new people, grow in your faith, have some fun, and discover what God may be calling you to do.

Please never hesitate to reach out. I will be working between St. Patrick's and the Church of St. Mary's, and I would love to hear from you!



Email: nbacarella@churchofstmary.org

I can't wait to meet you and begin this journey together. I truly believe God has something beautiful in store for our youth ministry!



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.

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



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

*One Faith
One People
One Song*



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SINCE 1849

Visit our New Website



www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org

Mass times, bulletin, ministries, and more.



MASS TIMES
Weekend & daily



BULLETIN
This week



MINISTRIES
Get involved

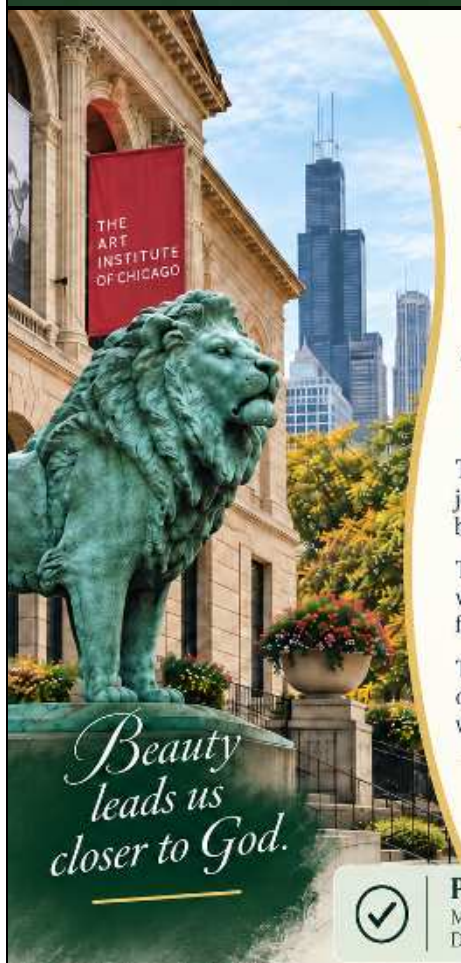


GIVE
Support our parish



A VIBRANT FAITH COMMUNITY

Worship • Grow • Serve • Meet



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.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL
Fall Benefit Dinner & Auction

**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 14, 2026**

Private Reception 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Wine and Hors D'oeuvres
Dinner, Auction and Program
7:00 PM – 9:30 PM

DoubleTree Hilton

510 E. IL Route 83
Mundelein, IL 60060

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



CHRIS ALAR, MIC
Most Reverend
Provincial Superior
of the Marian Fathers
of the Immaculate
Conception of the
United States,
England, and Argentina,
Living Divine Mercy

HONORED GUEST



**RICHARD HEILMAN
WI**
Relevant Radio
Diocese of Madison,
WI
Leads over 70,000
members of the U.S.
Grace Force, featured
monthly on WSFI/WSFV
Catholic Radio

MASTER OF CEREMONIES



**CHICAGO BEARS
PATRICK McCASKEY**
Chairman,
Sports Faith International
Author of thirteen books
on sports and faith
Writes and records essays
and poems about sports
and faith for WSFI - WSFV
Catholic Radio

TICKETS

\$125 - Private Reception, Dinner - \$225 pp (prior to October 13th)
\$150 - Dinner - \$225 pp (after October 13th)

EARLY BIRD Private Reception, Dinner - \$125 pp (prior to October 13th)
Private Reception, Dinner - \$275 pp (after October 13th)

SPONSORSHIPS

\$10,000* | \$7,500** | \$5,000 | \$3,000

* Includes seating for four with Patrick McCaskey,
Fr. Chris Alar, Fr. Richard Heilman and
VIP Private Reception and dinner table for eight

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MORE INFORMATION

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Faith ~ Community ~ Living Divine Mercy

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. PSALM 34:18



*Nurture
Your Soul*
Hope and Healing

A Morning of Reflection - You are invited to honor
God's presence while nurturing your soul on
Saturday, October 31st, 2026. We welcome all,
especially those who have sustained the loss of
a family member, relative or child from a miscarriage,
abortion, stillbirth, or suicide.

9:00am mass followed by

The Armor of God

Presented by Fr. John Kartje,
rector and President of the University
of St. Mary of the Lake
continental breakfast included

Tickets \$10

Mail registration to:

Mary Pat Leahy
31 Lancaster Circle
Gurnee, IL 60031

Registration deadline Oct. 26
(please allow 6 days to mail)

Location for this event

St. Edna
2525 N. Arlington Heights Rd
Arlington Heights IL.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* JEREMIAH 29:11

Sponsored by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Vicariate I



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 18, 2026

One in Christ, united in mission

100
YEARS
OF WORLD
MISSION SUNDAY

This year marks the 100th celebration of World Mission Sunday, a day set apart for prayer, reflection and contributing to the Church's mission of evangelization.

*"That they
may all be one."*

(John 17:21)

— Pope Leo XIV



PRAY.



GIVE.



GO FORTH.



Sunday, October 18

Empowering Women with our Catholic Future Faith Journey

Join the Saint Mary's College Alumnae Club for an inspiring morning with Sue Schreiber Nauwacki and Lisa Orchen as they speak on the necessity of women to assist in the gaps parishes are experiencing in our Catholic faith and the opportunities to use our faith.

Sue has a PhD in Theology and is a consultant to the Mundelein Seminary.

Lisa Orchen is the St. Mary's College PROCLAIM Director.



WHEN

Sunday, October 18

11:30 AM Luncheon
followed by Presentation



WHERE

Knollwood Country Club



COST

\$60 per adult

\$45 per student

Reserve your check or Zelle by October 11.

Mail to Judy Gavor, [1030 Sir William Lane](#), LF 60045,
made out to LF-LB SMC Alumnae or Zelle [203-856-7509](#).

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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

