



St. Patrick Catholic Church

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October 11, 2026 · 28th 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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Congratulations to Paul Lipka on the Christifideles Award



I would like to extend my **heartfelt congratulations** to **Paul Lipka and his family** for being among those honored with the *Christifideles Award* last Sunday.

For the past 23 years, this Archdiocesan honor has recognized individuals whose lives of faith and service reflect the words of St. Teresa of Calcutta: ***"Do small things with great love."***

Paul and his family, thank you for the wonderful example of Christian leadership you continue to give to all of us at St. Patrick Parish. Your generosity, dedication, and commitment to serving God and His people are a true blessing to our parish community.

We are grateful for all that you do and for the spirit of faith you share with others. May God continue to bless Paul and the entire Lipka family, and may their example inspire all of us to serve with humility, *joy, and great love.*

Congratulations, Paul and family, on this well-deserved recognition!

St. Padre Pio



Francesco Forgione's journey began in 1887 among the quiet, sun-baked fields of Pietrelcina, Italy. From a young boy, an unmistakable inner pull drew him toward a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service. Answering that call, he entered the Capuchin Franciscans, taking the name Pio.

His early years were anything but easy. Frail health, painful illnesses, and spiritual trials tested him at every turn. Yet, through it all, his spirit remained calm, anchored in unyielding obedience and complete trust in God.

In 1916, Brother Pio was assigned to the secluded mountain monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo, where he would spend the next fifty-two years. In September 1918, the five marks of Christ's Passion appeared upon his body (the stigmata), and he would carry these visible wounds for the rest of his life.

Word spread quickly. Streams of doctors, skeptics, and devout pilgrims traveled to the mountain, eager to witness both the physical mystery and the extraordinary grace surrounding his presence. Yet Padre Pio never sought attention. He described himself simply as "a poor friar who prays."

His heart found its true home at the altar and inside the confessional. For Padre Pio, celebrating the Mass was never a mere ritual; it was a profound, living encounter with the sacrifice of Calvary. Day after day, he sat in the confessional for hours, patiently listening, offering counsel, and guiding countless souls with clarity and compassion, gently leading them toward the mercy and healing love of God.



***St. Padre Pio,
Pray for us.***

By: John D'Anca

***"Pray,
hope, and
don't worry."***

— ST. PADRE PIO —

St. Patrick's Patrick

Come to the Feast

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

"Come to the feast of heaven and earth; come to the table of plenty." These words remind us of a beautiful truth at the heart of our Catholic faith: God prepares a table and invites everyone. In today's readings, Isaiah speaks of a great feast where God will provide rich food and choice wine for all peoples. This is not a table reserved for the perfect, the wealthy, or those who think they deserve it. It is God's table, and His invitation is generous.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells us about a king who prepares a wedding feast, but many of the invited guests refuse to come. Some are too busy with their farms and businesses; others mistreat the servants who bring the invitation. Finally, the king sends his servants into the streets and says, **"Invite to the feast whomever you find."** The hall becomes filled with people. The message is clear: God continues to invite us, even when we have ignored Him.

St. Paul gives us another beautiful perspective: whether he has plenty or little, he has learned to trust in Christ who strengthens him. Our table is not ultimately about what we possess; it is about who we are willing to welcome and what we are willing to share.

Jesus Himself constantly opened the table to people others rejected. He welcomed sinners, tax collectors, lepers, foreigners, the poor, and those whom society considered unworthy. He ate with people others avoided. He spoke with the Samaritan woman at the well. He called Matthew, a tax collector, to follow Him. He even welcomed Peter after Peter denied Him. Jesus was constantly breaking down the barriers that kept people apart.

That challenges us today. Who is sitting at our table? Who is missing? Who do we avoid because they look different, speak differently, come from another country, have less money, or do not belong to our social circle? Sometimes we make judgments based on someone's accent, neighborhood, clothing, background, or immigration status. But the Gospel asks us to look deeper and recognize the dignity of every human being.

As Christians, we cannot simply admire Jesus' welcoming spirit; we are called to imitate it. Our homes, our parish, our schools, our workplaces, and our friendships should become places where people experience the welcome of Christ.

Think about the person who sits alone at lunch. The new family that comes to Mass and doesn't know anyone. The elderly neighbor who rarely receives a visitor. The immigrant who feels like a stranger. The person who has been away from the Church for years and is afraid to come back. Perhaps they are waiting for someone to say, "Come. There is a place for you here."

The Eucharist is the greatest table of plenty. At every Mass, Christ gathers us, not because we are perfect, but because we need His mercy. He feeds us with His Body and Blood and then sends us into the world to become people who feed others with love, kindness, encouragement, and compassion. Today, let us ask ourselves: Whom is God asking me to invite to the table? Whom have I left outside? Whom have I judged too quickly?

May our St. Patrick parish become a true table of plenty, a place where the lonely find friendship, the wounded find healing, the stranger finds a home, and every person can hear the words of Christ, **"Come to the feast. You are welcome here."** For when we open our tables to others, we discover that Christ Himself is already sitting among us.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

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)

Monday, October 12

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Frank LaBarbera, req. The McCoy Family*

4:30pm – OCIA - YR

6:30pm – Men's Group Meeting - PC

7:00pm – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting - CR

Tuesday, October 13

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Bob Bartlett, req. ML's COR Group*

8:45am – Immaculate Heart Leaders Meeting - CR

Wednesday, October 14

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

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 15

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Deceased Members of the Braig Family, req. Therese Ruedig*

9:30am – Adult Scripture - PC

5:45pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal - MC

Friday, October 16

7:00am – Men's Group Rosary - MC/PC

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Judy Heraty, req. The Dick Heraty Family*

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, October 17

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Franzman

Intentions:

† Jim Horak, req. The Linquist Family

† Andres & Juliana Ramos, req. Pat Vicky Correa

Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Fr. John Hennessey, req. Jennifer & Stuart Boldry

Sunday, October 18

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick · *Intention: † Elsie & Tony Grano, req. Debra Tagliaferro*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Jerry

Intentions:

Holy Souls in Purgatory

† Mary Seiler, req. The Seiler Family

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

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

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.*

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 October 3-4, 2026

Actual	\$23,811
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$6,161

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$377,720
Ordinary Expense	\$406,211
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$28,491)

COR Rosary & Bonfire Night!



Praying the
rosaries we made



Bonfire & S'mores



Outdoor games



October 18 • 6:00-7:30 PM



St. Mary's, Lake Forest

Bring your friends — for grades 9-12

Come join us!

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

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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



Volunteer with Marriage Ministry

Help couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage.

God is the author of marriage, and Christian marriage reflects Christ's love for His Church. Our Marriage Ministry walks with couples as they prepare for marriage in the Church and supports those seeking convalidation.

Volunteers may help with:

- Supporting engaged couples as they begin marriage preparation
- Assisting couples seeking convalidation
- Helping facilitate FOCCUS and pre-Cana discussion
- Guiding couples as they plan readings, music, and other parts of the wedding liturgy

Preparation takes time, and your support can make a meaningful difference for couples taking this important step in faith.

Interested in helping?

Call the parish office to learn more and begin the conversation.

Please see our marriage preparation guide for more information.

St. Patrick Children's Choir

Calling All Young Singers in Grades 3–8!

St. Patrick is excited to launch our **Children's Choir** this fall! Students in **Grades 3–8** who love to sing and would like to share their voices through music and worship are warmly invited to join us.

We'll begin with weekly rehearsals as we prepare for our **Children's Christmas Concert** and **Christmas Masses**. Beginning in the new year, the Children's Choir will also sing at **one Children's Mass each month**.



**Thursday
Rehearsals**
5:45–6:45 PM

October 15, 22 & 29
November 5, 12 & 19
December 3, 10 & 17

**Children's
Christmas
Concert**

**Sunday,
December 20
3:00 PM**

**Christmas
Masses**

December 24 & 25
*Mass times will be
announced soon.*

Ready to Join?



SCAN TO REGISTER

Scan the QR code to register by
Wednesday, October 14.

First Rehearsal:
Thursday, October 15
5:45–6:45 PM

*No prior choir experience
is necessary.*

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.

Feast of **All Souls Day**

Remember Your Loved Ones in Prayer

On the Feast of All Souls, we will remember in a special way the faithful departed at Mass.

You are invited to write the names of your deceased family and friends in the Book of Remembrance.

The book is located in the gathering space of the new church.

These names will be remembered at our Mass on the Feast of All Souls.

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 - WSVF
Catholic Radio

TICKETS

(per person)

EARLY BIRD

(prior to October 13th)

(after October 13th)

Private Reception

\$125

\$150

Dinner

\$175

\$225

VIP Seating

\$225

\$275

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

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

MORE INFORMATION

224-206-8455 | info@wsfiradio.org

Tickets: wsfcatholicradio.org

Faith ~ Community ~ Living Divine Mercy

September
BAPTISMS

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Sophie McCarthy Polacek
daughter of William & Ann

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Teodor Bogdan Kuczek
son of Peter & Teresa

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

One in Christ, united in mission

OCTOBER 18, 2026

World Mission Sunday is a special day set apart for prayer, reflection and giving to support the Church's mission of evangelization around the world.

This year marks the **100th celebration of World Mission Sunday**, a century of Catholics united in prayer and generosity to share Christ through mission.

"That they may all be one."

(John 17:21)

— Pope Leo XIV

YOUR SUPPORT HELPS:



Build
mission churches



Support
seminarians



Train
catechists



Bring the Gospel
to communities in
1,130 mission dioceses
in Africa, Asia, Latin
America, Oceania
and the Middle East.

HOW TO GIVE

Please support World Mission Sunday through the special collection on **October 18, 2026.**

You may also give by check or online through our parish.

Thank you for supporting the Church's mission!



SCAN TO GIVE

IN 2025, YOUR DONATIONS
HELPED THE CHURCH
AROUND THE WORLD:

271
mission churches
built

87,977
seminarians
supported

844,000
catechists
trained



100TH ANNIVERSARY EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



SCAN TO RSVP

Thursday, October 29 • 6–8 PM

The History and Legacy of the International Eucharistic Congress in 1926

HISTORICAL PRESENTATION BY

Fr. Thomas Franzman

Archdiocese of Chicago

Join us for a fascinating lecture with film clips on the Eucharistic Congress. Fr. Thomas Franzman will discuss the founding of the seminary in 1921 by Cardinal George Mundelein, the 1926 International Eucharistic Congress held at the seminary, and more.

LOCATION

St. Patrick's Catholic Church —
O'Gara Center
991 S. Waukegan Rd., Lake Forest, IL

*Please RSVP by
Tuesday, October 27*

847-234-1401 or
jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org

Donations appreciated

Please make checks payable
to St. Patrick's Church and note
"Lecture Series".

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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

