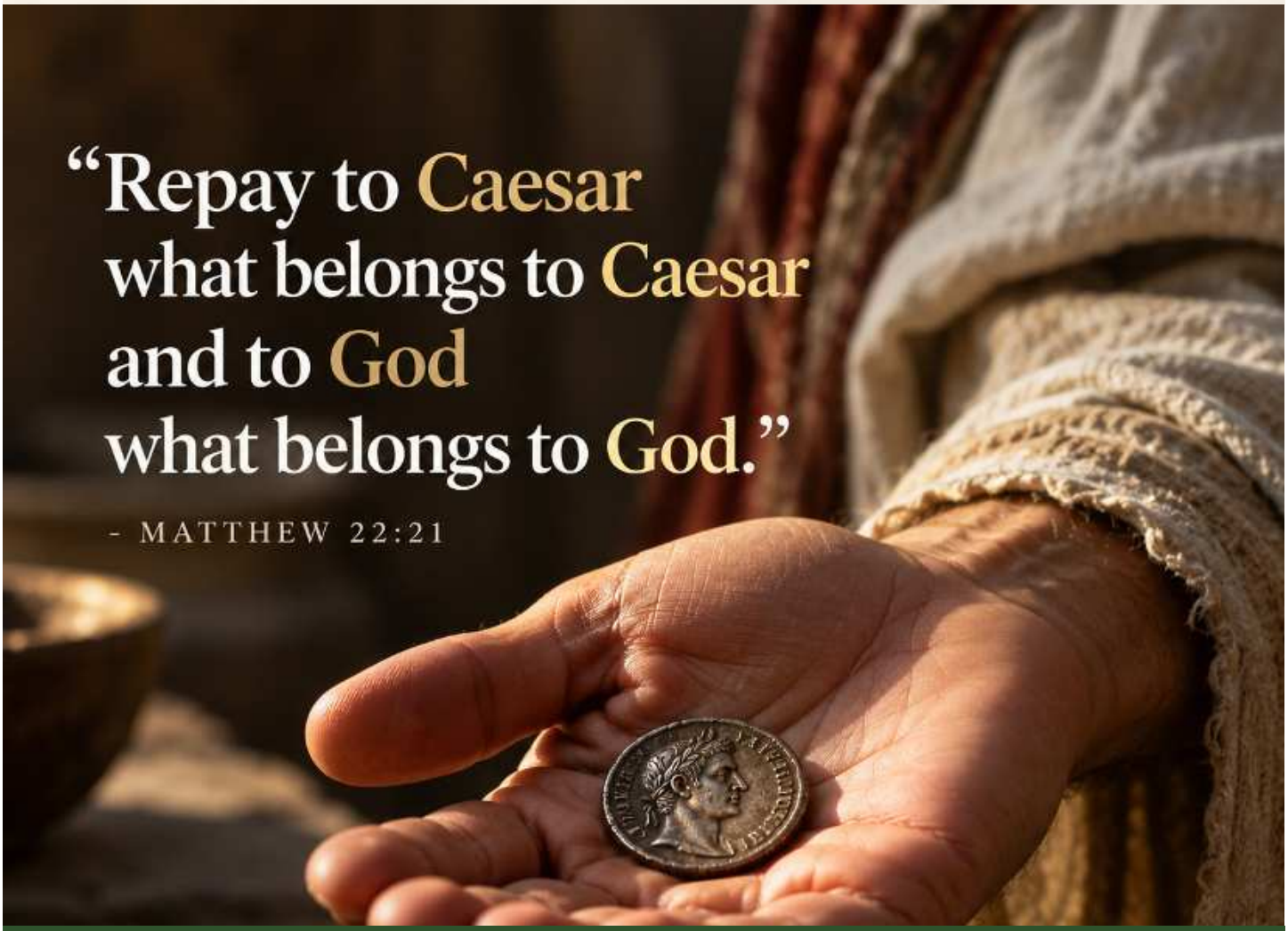
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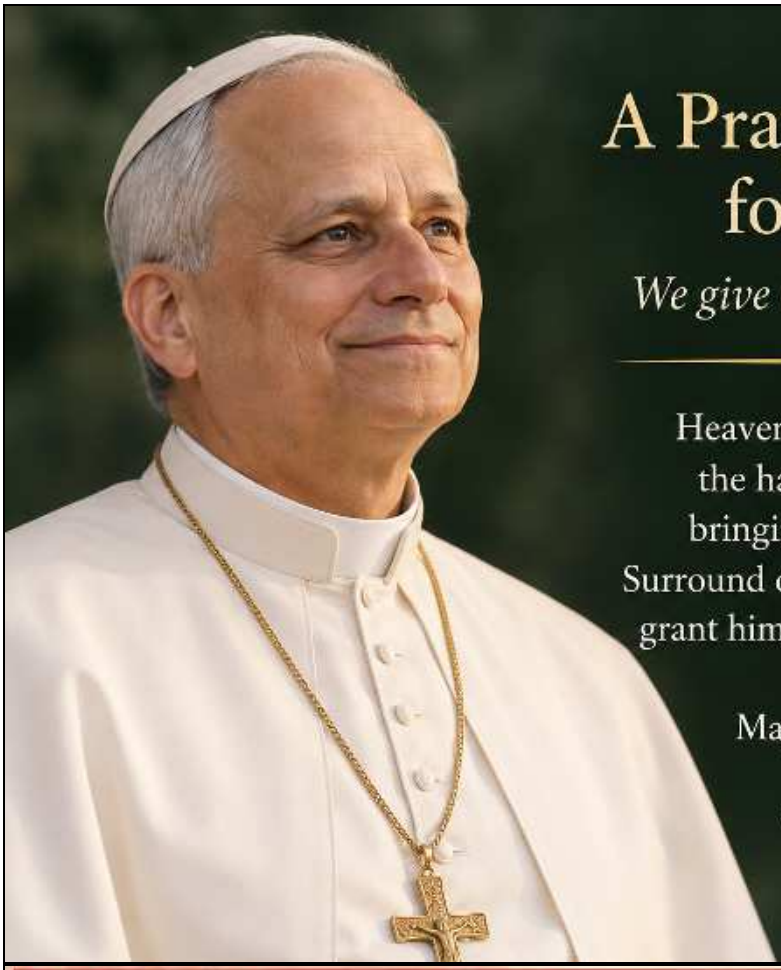
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A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Pope Leo XIV

We give thanks for his successful surgery.

Heavenly Father, we thank You for guiding
the hands of Pope Leo's surgeons and for
bringing him safely through his operation.
Surround our Holy Father with Your healing grace,
grant him strength and peace during his recovery,
and bless all who care for him.
May he continue to lead Your Church
with faith, courage, and hope.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



St. Therese of Lisieux

By: John D'Anca

St. Thérèse of Lisieux—the "Little Flower"—stands as one of modern history's most deeply cherished saints. Joining the Carmelite monastery at only fifteen, she spent her short, quiet life far from the public eye, marked not by dramatic miracles or grand feats, but by a steady, profound devotion.

At the core of her spiritual legacy lies her famous "Little Way." Fully aware of her own human limits, Thérèse bypassed the pursuit of heroic deeds to choose a path rooted in radical humility and absolute trust in God's mercy. She saw herself as a modest wildflower in God's garden, perfectly content to bloom wherever she was planted. Her perspective was straightforward yet demanding: holiness isn't found in doing grand things, but in carrying out ordinary, everyday moments with extraordinary love. Through a simple smile, patience during a minor nuisance, or small acts of kindness done in secret, she showed that no expression of love is ever lost.

When her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, was published, it unlocked the depth of her inner world and shared her remarkably accessible spirituality with the rest of us. Before tuberculosis took her life at just twenty-four, she promised to "spend her heaven doing good on earth" — famously pledging to "let fall a shower of roses."

Ultimately, St. Thérèse shows us that holiness is within reach for anyone. In a culture obsessed with status, influence, and loud accomplishment, her gentle life remains a quiet proof that true greatness lives in simplicity, love, and wholehearted surrender.

St. Thérèse Feast Day is October 1.

St. Thérèse Pray for us!

St. Patrick's Patrick

Building on Faith, Serving the Future: Our Parish, Our Faith, Our Legacy

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a special moment in the life of St. Patrick Parish, a time to reflect with gratitude on how God has blessed us and to consider how we can work together to build a stronger future through our **Building on Faith, Serving the Future** campaign.

Throughout our lives, God has blessed each of us in countless ways. He has brought us from different backgrounds, experiences, and walks of life and united us as one family in Christ. At St. Patrick, we are blessed with both our historic Old Church and our beautiful New Church. Each has touched our lives in its own special way, providing a sacred place where we worship God, celebrate the sacraments, find comfort in difficult moments, build lasting friendships, and grow together in faith. St. Patrick is more than a church building; it is our spiritual home.

We owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to the generations of parishioners who came before us. Through their faith, sacrifices, generosity, and dedication, they built and preserved the parish we cherish today. Now, it is our turn to carry that legacy forward. We have a responsibility to care for what has been entrusted to us and to ensure that future generations will have a welcoming, safe, and vibrant place to encounter Christ.

Our **Building on Faith, Serving the Future** campaign will help us address important needs while strengthening our spiritual life. Our goals include repairing the roofs of the rectory and Old Church, improving flooring and carpeting, replacing the HVAC and sound systems, and installing livestreaming equipment in both churches so that those unable to attend in person can remain connected to our parish community. We also hope to expand youth ministry, strengthen adult faith formation, invest in sacred music and campus safety, improve accessibility for people with disabilities, and renovate our ministry office space. In addition, the campaign will support retired priests and the spiritual renewal of parishes throughout the archdiocese.

Dear friends, I invite each of you to prayerfully consider what role you can play in this important mission. I do not know how God has blessed each person financially, but God knows our hearts and our circumstances. As we read in Jeremiah 1:5, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you." God knows each of us personally and understands the gifts we have been given.

St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 that we are one body in Christ, and every member has an important role to play. In the same way, every contribution to this campaign matters. No gift is too small when it is offered with love and a generous heart. What one person cannot accomplish alone, we can achieve together through faith, unity, and sacrifice.

Let us not ask only what St. Patrick Parish has done for us, but also what we can do to ensure its future. Let us pray, reflect, and give according to the blessings God has entrusted to us. Together, we can preserve our sacred spaces, nurture our faith, serve those in need, and leave a lasting legacy for the generations that will follow. May God bless you and your families for your generosity, and may St. Patrick Parish continue to be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for many years to come.



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

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

Monday, October 19

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Dorothy D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza*
4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC
4:30pm – OCIA - YR
7:00pm – Opus Dei Men's Evening of Recollection - MC

Tuesday, October 20

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special intention for all the expectant mothers*
8:45am – Immaculate Heart Leaders Meeting - CR
9:00am – Opus Dei Women's Day of Reflection - MC

Wednesday, October 21

8:00am – Mass
Intentions:
† Daniel Gaughan, req. St. Rita Circle
† Jose Gomez, Jr., req. Theresa Gomez
8:30am – Adoration - OC
9:00am – Bridge Group - PC
6:15pm – Benediction - OC
7:00pm – Wednesday Bible Study - YR
7:00pm – OCIA - CR

Thursday, October 22

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special intention for 1st Lt. Emilia Puszynski, req. Her Grandparents*
9:30am – Adult Scripture - PC
5:45pm – Children's Choir Rehearsal - MC

Friday, October 23

8:00am – Mass
Intentions:
† Denis Lau, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan
† Fr. Larry Dunn, req. Jennifer & Stuart Boldry
6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, October 24

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Jerry
Intentions:
St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
† Fr. Larry Dunn, req. Ken & Mary Billings

Sunday, October 25

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick
10:00am – Mass – Fr. Ray Webb
Intentions:
† Roger Risher, req. Walt & Peg Wade
Special intention for Jane Palmsano, req. Barbara Gewalt
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.

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Give Online

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

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Finances

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of October 10-11, 2026

Actual	$13,721
Budget	$17,650
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($3,929)**

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	$394,866
Ordinary Expense	$482,240
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($87,374)**

Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.
Matthew 7:24

Building on Faith, Serving the Future

A Letter from Fr. Patrick Kizza

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to announce the launch of Building on Faith, Serving the Future at St. Patrick! Together, we can build a vibrant future for our parish and community, grounded in faith and strengthened by your generosity.

Our parish goal is to raise $3,000,000 through five-year pledges, and as of 10/8/2026 we have already raised $2,259,600 from early gifts. Thank you to the families who have stepped forward to support this effort.

Your support will advance three essential priorities:

Renew Our Sacred Space
Preserve our historic church and enhance our campus through essential repairs and improvements to accessibility, safety, and worship.

Strengthen Parish Life & Ministries
Invest in youth ministry, adult faith formation, and music ministry to deepen faith and strengthen connections within our parish.

Support the Wider Church
Support the Archdiocese's Generation to Generation campaign, advancing the spiritual renewal, supporting priest retirement, and communities across Chicago.

Parishioners will learn more about the campaign in the coming weeks. I invite every household to prayerfully consider a meaningful, sacrificial pledge. Every gift matters and will help sustain St. Patrick for generations to come.

Thank you for your prayers, generorsity, and commitment to our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Patrick Kizza



Join Us for a Campaign Town Hall

Do you have questions about Building on Faith, Serving the Future? Join me and our volunteer team on Sunday, **October 25, at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Centre** to learn more about our priorities, ways to participate, and the impact of your support. Please scan the QR code to RSVP.

https://www.archchicago.org/StPats



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KAIROS

Jan. 29 - Feb. 1, 2027

or

April 2-5, 2027

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**

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN THE LIFE OF A TEEN



COR Youth Ministry NEEDS CARING ADULTS LIKE YOU!

COR is the youth group for teens at the Church of St. Mary and St. Patrick, and we're looking for adult volunteers who want to encourage our young people, help them grow in faith, and remind them that they belong in our parish community.

BE PRESENT
Provide a welcoming, positive adult presence.

JOIN IN
Help with games, discussions, activities, and events.

SUPPORT
Support the Youth Minister during gatherings.

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS
Get to know and encourage our teens.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE
Simply by giving your time and attention.

COR MEETS TWICE A MONTH ON SUNDAYS FROM 6:00-7:30 PM.

90 MINUTES CAN MAKE A LASTING IMPACT.

Our teens need adults who will listen to them, laugh with them, encourage them, and walk alongside them as they grow in faith.

WILL YOU JOIN US?

To learn more or volunteer, contact:

Nicole Bacarella
nbacarella@churchofstmary.org

THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS DAY

Sunday, November 1st at 5 PM
IN THE MAIN CHURCH

You are invited to write the names of your deceased family & friends in the *Book of Remembrance* starting Oct 24/25 weekend through the end of November.

The Book will be located in the gathering area.



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.

No prior choir experience is necessary.



Advent Wreath *Candle Lighting*

We are looking for families to sign up to light our Advent wreath this year starting Saturday, November 28.

The sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area.

Please consider joining us in this annual tradition!

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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
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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 *(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

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Thursday, October 29 • 6–8 PM

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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.

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Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 27
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Donations appreciated
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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

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