# St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## October 25, 2026 · 30th 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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## 1 First Reading Question

*Ex 22:20-26*

At the heart of the Mosaic social laws, we hear God's expectation for compassion, especially to the most vulnerable among us. Is compassion a virtue that comes easily to you?

## 2 Second Reading Question

*1 Thes 1:5c-10*

Paul offers a prayer of thanksgiving for the faith of the Thessalonian community members who are seen as role models for believers throughout the regions of Macedonia and Achaia. Is there someone in your life who models the Faith well?

## 3 Gospel Question

*Mt 22:34-40*

Jesus taught that love of God and love of neighbor are the foundation of the Jewish law and the prophets. How does this two-fold commandment inspire you to live the Christian life?



# St. Josephine Bakhita

*By: John D'Anca*

Imagine being so severely traumatized that you forget your name! Saint Josephine Bakhita's journey stands as a moving testament to how beauty, freedom, and grace can emerge from the darkest depths of human suffering.

Born around 1869 in the Darfur region of Sudan, she was abducted as a child by slave traders. The trauma of captivity caused her to forget her birth name; her captors mockingly named her Bakhita, meaning "fortunate" in Arabic. For over a decade, she endured relentless cruelty and hardship as she was sold from one owner to another.

Her world shifted in 1883 when she was bought in Khartoum by Callisto Legnani, an Italian consul. Legnani treated her with genuine compassion and dignity. Two years later, when political turmoil compelled him to leave Sudan, Bakhita begged to join him. He consented, bringing her across the Mediterranean to Italy. Upon arrival, she was entrusted to the family of Augusto Michieli, becoming a nanny for their young daughter.

When business called the Michielis away, Bakhita was placed in the care of the Canossian Sisters in Venice. Within those convent walls, she discovered Christianity and realized that God had known and sustained her through every trial. When her owners returned to take her back to Africa, Bakhita stood firm and refused. An Italian court upheld her choice, ruling that slavery was illegal and declaring her free.

Embracing a religious vocation, Sister Josephine spent over forty years as a Canossian Nun in Schio, Italy. Serving humbly as a cook and doorkeeper, she won hearts through her gentleness and quiet joy. Canonized in 2000, Saint Josephine Bakhita shines today as the patron saint of Sudan and human trafficking survivors—a radiant emblem of hope and ultimate redemption.

St. Josephine Bakhita's Feast Day is
**FEBRUARY 8**

*St. Josephine Bakhita .... Pray for us!*

# St. Patrick's Patrick

## The Heart of the Christian Life

My dear brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, Jesus summarizes the entire law in two commandments: love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. These commandments are not simply rules to follow; they reveal the very heart of our relationship with God and one another. In Catholic theology, love is more than a feeling or emotion, it is a conscious decision to seek the good of another. Saint Thomas Aquinas describes love as willing the good of the other, while Jesus reveals its fullest meaning through His sacrifice on the Cross.

To love God with our whole being means allowing Him to shape our priorities, decisions, and relationships. We cannot claim to love God while deliberately ignoring His will. Likewise, our love for God must become visible in our treatment of others. For example, reading the bible, praying the Rosary or attending Mass is important, but our worship must also lead us to forgive someone who has hurt us, care for a struggling neighbor, or treat a difficult coworker with dignity. As Saint John reminds us, we cannot love the God we do not see if we fail to love the brother or sister we do see.

Jesus says the second commandment is like the first because love of God and love of neighbor cannot be separated. Our neighbor is not only the person who agrees with us or treats us well; it includes strangers, the poor, the lonely, and even those who challenge us. Christian love does not mean approving every action, but it means recognizing the dignity of every person created in God's image.

Ultimately, the Cross brings these two commandments together: Jesus loves the Father through complete obedience and loves humanity through self-giving sacrifice. The measure of our holiness, therefore, is not merely how much we know about God, but how deeply we love Him and how faithfully that love becomes **compassion, forgiveness, justice, and service.** When love becomes the foundation of our lives, we fulfill the very heart of God's law.



**Fr. Patrick Kizza**

PASTOR

## Sunday, October 25

**8:00am** – Mass – Fr. Patrick
**8:30am** – Religious Ed Classes - PC
**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*

## Monday, October 26

**8:00am** – Mass · *Intention: † Jerry Horak, req. Lindquist family*
**4:30pm** – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC
**4:30pm** – OCIA - YR

## Tuesday, October 27

**8:00am** – Mass · *Intention: † Angelo Bressanelli, req. Leo & Meg Bressanelli*
**8:45am** – Immaculate Heart Leaders Meeting - CR

## Wednesday, October 28

**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 29

**8:00am** – Mass
*Intentions:*
Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy
† Roger Risher, req. Frank & Pat DeFrank
**9:30am** – Adult Scripture - PC
**5:45pm** – Children's Choir Rehearsal - MC

## Friday, October 30

**8:00am** – Mass · *Intention: † Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan*
**6:00pm** – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

## Saturday, October 31

**5:00pm** – Mass – Fr. Ray Webb
*Intentions:*
† Bernard H Sullivan, req. Ted & Liz Brandt
† John Braig, req. Therese Ruedig

## Sunday, November 1

**8:00am** – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey · *Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Therese Ruedig*
**10:00am** – Mass – Fr. Patrick
*Intentions:*
† Jose Gomez, Jr., req. Theresa Gomez
† Tadeusz & Felicja Styka, req. Anna Teifeld
† David Gewalt, req. Barbara Gewalt
**11:45am** – Mass – Fr. McMahon · *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.*

## Scan To Sign Up For Adoration

## Give Online

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

give central

## Finances

**Sunday Collection for the Weekend of October 17-18, 2026**

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| Actual | $20,782 |
| Budget | $17,650 |
| Surplus/(**Deficit**) | $3,132 |

**Fiscal Year to Date**

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| Ordinary Income | $424,037 |
| Ordinary Expense | $513,751 |
| Surplus/(**Deficit**) | **($89,714)** |

# Building on Faith, Serving the Future

**What is the goal of the campaign?**

Our goal is to raise $3 million in pledges payable over five years. Our Priorities:

- Renew our sacred spaces through essential repairs and improvements to our churches and campus.
- Strengthen parish life and ministries through investments in youth ministry, adult faith formation, and music ministry.
- Support the wider Church through our commitment to archdiocesan initiatives, which has already been fulfilled through pledges received.
- Additional funds will allow us to undertake further parish projects, including campus security and ADA accessibility improvements, among others, to better serve our community.



**CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

Together, we have raised **$2,259,600- 75% of our $3 million goal as of 10/8/2026**. This is an encouraging milestone, and we are grateful to the **59 families** who has stepped forward.

But our work is not finished. Every gift matters and brings us closer to renewing our sacred spaces and strengthening parish life and ministries.

If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, please prayerfully consider joining us. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the future of St. Patrick.

**What Can You Do?**

- Pray for the success of this campaign and for the grace to respond generously.
- Prayerfully consider your sacrificial pledge. Please review your campaign packet and return your completed pledge card to the parish office. Pledges may be fulfilled over five years.

**CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**
Volunteer to help contact fellow parishioners and support campaign activities. **To join our team, please call the parish office at (847)234-1401.**

https://www.archchicago.org/StPats

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SPIRITUAL · SOCIAL · SERVICE

# Football Watch Party

ESPN MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

# November 2, 2026
# O'Gara Center

**Doors open at 6:30 PM • Game starts at 7:15 PM**

## Open to All Men, Women, and Children!

**Great Food From Rosati's Bannockburn**
Pizza, italian beef, chicken wings, salad, plus assorted accoutrements and deserts.

**Squares: $10.00 each**
Payout is $100 for Q1, Q2, and Q3. $200 for the final score.

**50/50 Raffle**
1 for $10 and 3 for $20

**Suggested Donation**
$20 per Person ($25 at the door).
Kids 12 and under $10.

**Silent Auction**
Bears Memorabilia

RSVP

All proceeds benefit Most Blessed Trinity Academy

RSVP and make a donation at www.stpatrick-lakeforest.org/football

# 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 WOMEN'S GROUP

# *A Wonderful Day of Art, Faith & Fellowship*

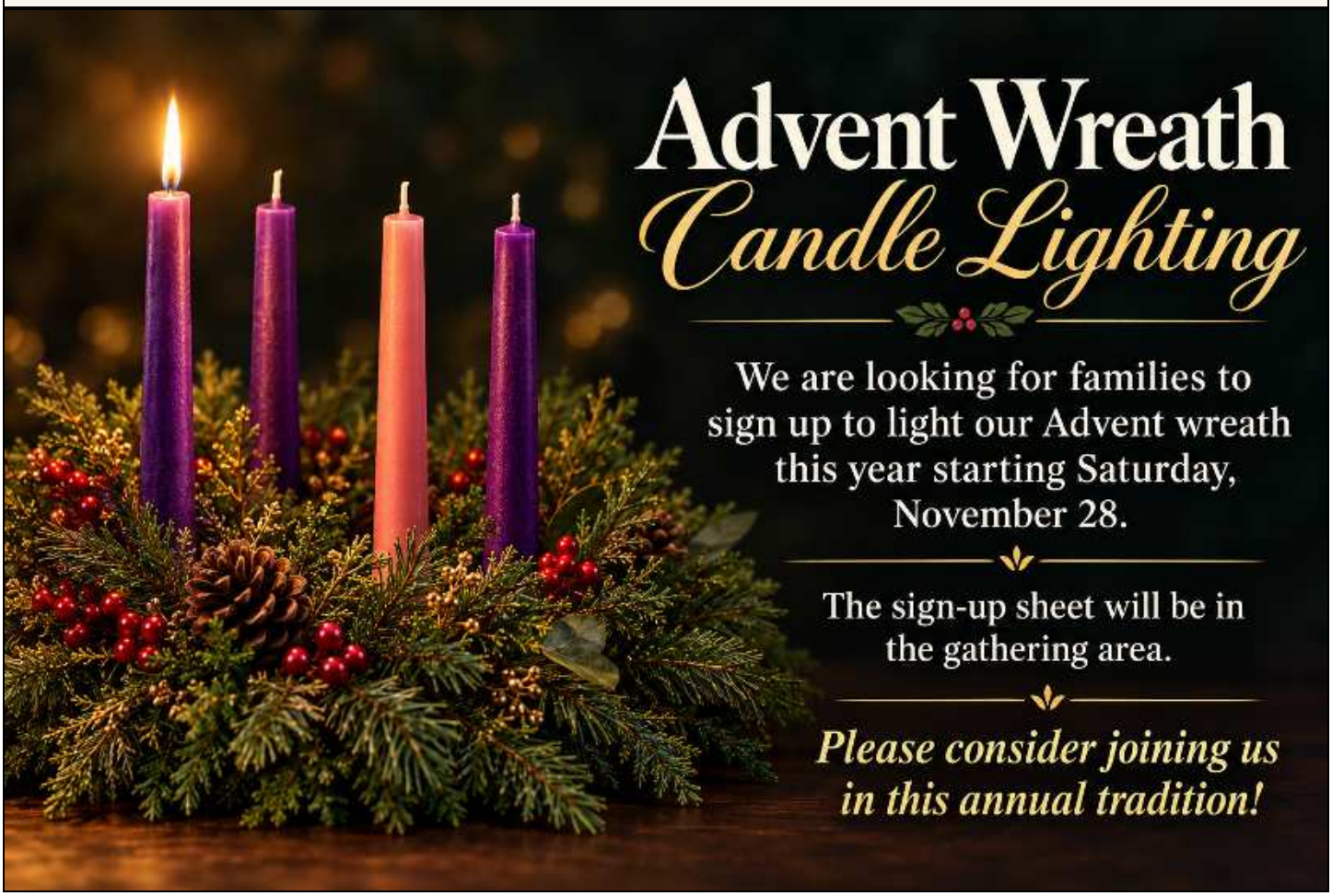






## A Memorable October Outing

On October 8, our Women's Group enjoyed a special trip to the Art Institute of Chicago, sharing beautiful art, reflections on faith, and wonderful fellowship. The day concluded with a delightful lunch together at Quartino.



# 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!***

A LECTURE SERIES PRESENTATION

# 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".

# Carmel Catholic High School

One Carmel Parkway | Mundelein, IL 60060
847.388.3418

Create an account and register for *these events!*

**OPEN HOUSE:**
November 8th | 12 – 3 p.m.

**ENTRANCE EXAM:**
December 5th | 8 a.m.

**CAMPUS TOURS:**
NEW Student Center

**SHADOW DAY:**
A day in the life of a Corsair

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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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