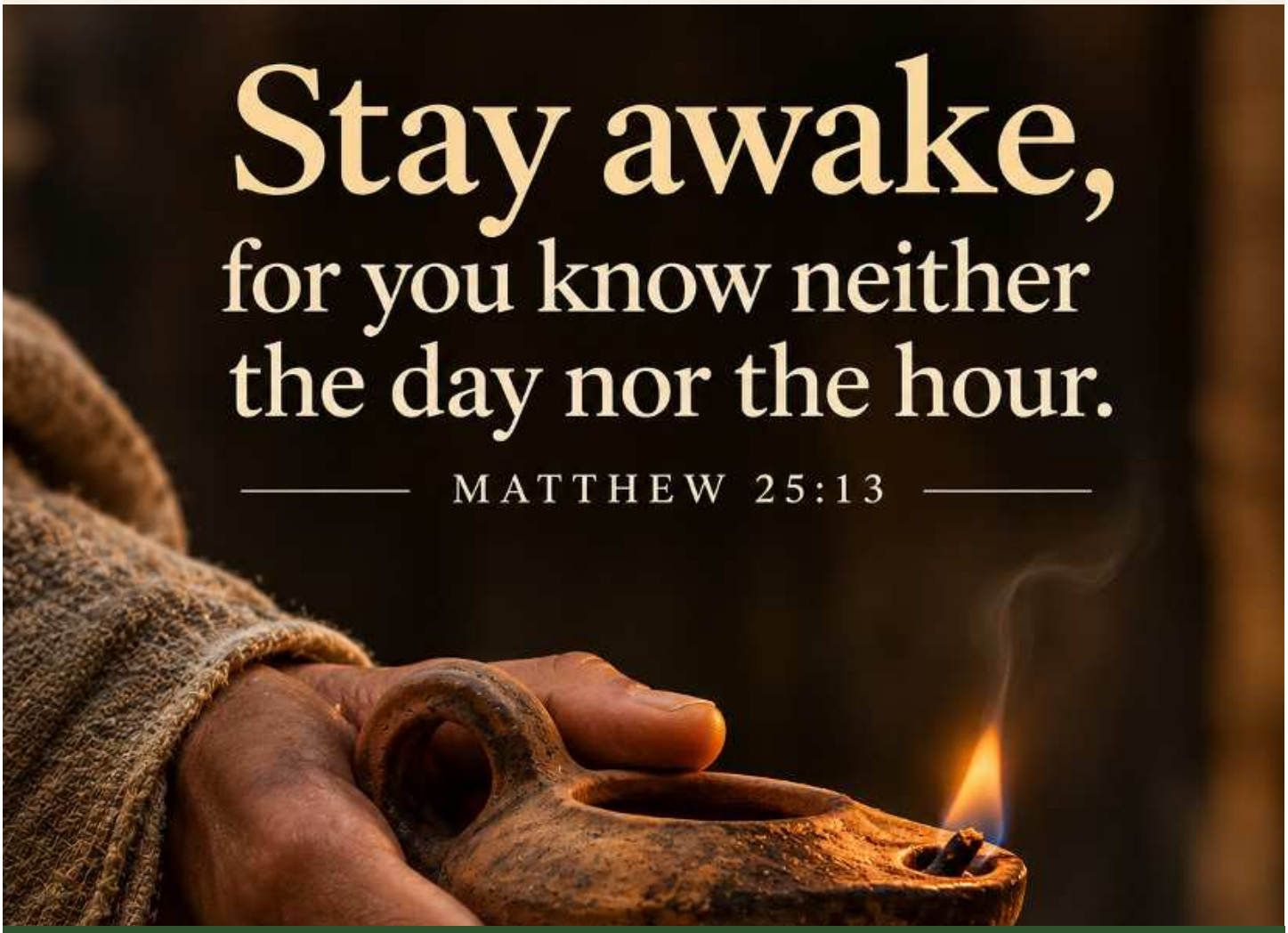
St. Patrick Catholic Church

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November 8, 2026 · Thirty-second 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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VETERANS DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11

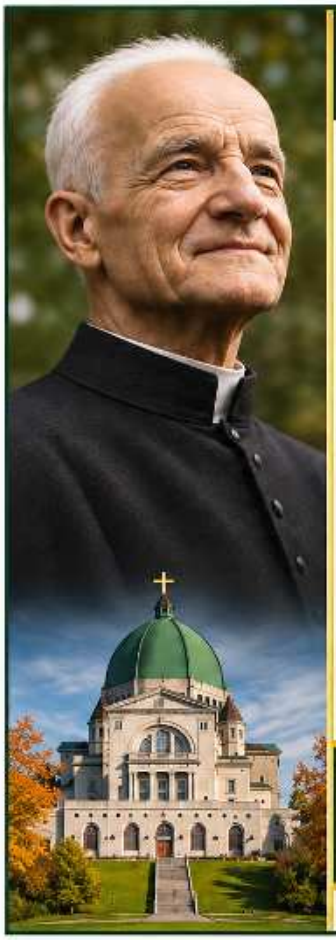
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

"No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends."

John 15:13

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We thank all veterans, those currently serving, and their families for their sacrifice, courage, and dedication to our nation.



St. André Bessette

By: John D'Anca

Alfred Bessette was born in Quebec in 1845 to a poor, loving family. Orphaned at just twelve, he faced severe, lifelong illness without a mother or father to guide him. He drifted through hard, exhausting jobs as a farmhand and factory worker, yet through every struggle, his spirit remained gentle and deeply devoted to Saint Joseph.

In 1870, he entered the Congregation of Holy Cross, taking the religious name Brother André. Assigned as the doorkeeper at Notre Dame College in Montreal, he greeted every visitor with warmth. He held the hands of the brokenhearted and listened patiently to their worries. He anointed the sick with oil from a lamp burning before Saint Joseph's statue. Miracles soon followed. Yet Brother André deflected every bit of praise. ***"I do not cure,"*** he would insist. ***"Saint Joseph cures."***

His heart carried a dream to build a holy sanctuary on Mount Royal. Saving tiny tips from five-cent haircuts he gave to students, he raised $200 for a small wooden chapel in 1904. That tiny haven grew into Saint Joseph's Oratory, welcoming millions of weary souls seeking hope.

When Brother André passed away on January 6, 1937, over a million people stood in the bitter Montreal cold. They waited for hours just to bid farewell to the man who had loved them so well. Canonized in 2010, his legacy remains a beautiful reminder that profound love, quiet faith, and genuine human kindness can transform the world.

St. André Bessette's Feast Day is January 6

St. André Bessette, Pray for Us!

St. Patrick's Patrick

Keeping Our Lamps Burning: A Parish Growing in Faith and Hope

In the Gospel of Matthew 25:1–13, Jesus tells the parable of the ten virgins who went out to meet the bridegroom. Five were wise and brought extra oil for their lamps, while five were foolish and came unprepared. When the bridegroom arrived at midnight, only those who were ready entered the wedding feast. Jesus concludes with a powerful message: "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

This Gospel invites us to reflect on our spiritual readiness. The oil in our lamps represents the faith, love, prayer, and good works that sustain our relationship with God. We cannot borrow someone else's faith when life's challenges come. Each of us must cultivate a personal relationship with Christ through daily prayer, participation in the Eucharist, forgiveness, generosity, and service to others.

Sometimes we become spiritually sleepy. We postpone prayer, delay reconciliation, take our faith for granted, or become so occupied with our daily responsibilities that we forget what matters most. Jesus reminds us that faith is not something we practice occasionally; it is a daily commitment. We must keep our lamps burning through acts of kindness, compassion, patience, and love.

A Parish Keeping Its Lamps Burning. Here at St. Patrick, we have wonderful reasons to be grateful and hopeful. Our Building on Faith, Serving the Future capital campaign has reached an extraordinary milestone of **$2,659,100 in pledges, representing 89% of our $3 million goal!** This achievement reflects your generosity, commitment, leadership, and love for our parish. Thank you for believing in our mission. Your contributions will help strengthen our parish, preserve our sacred spaces, and build a legacy of faith for future generations. May God bless everyone who has participated in this important journey.

We are also encouraged by the growth in our parish attendance. Our October count shows a significant increase compared with last year. In October 2025, our four-Sunday count was 3,100, averaging 775 people per Sunday. This October, the four-Sunday count increased to 3,799, with an average of 949 people per Sunday. **That is an increase of 699 people over the four Sundays, or approximately 22.5%!**

These numbers represent more than statistics. They represent people, families, children, visitors, and individuals seeking a deeper relationship with God. They are signs of a living and growing faith community. Let us continue welcoming newcomers, strengthening our ministries, and making everyone feel at home at St. Patrick.

My dear parish family, the bridegroom is coming, and Jesus calls us to remain ready. Let us keep our lamps burning through faith, hope, generosity, and love. May our parish continue to shine as a beacon of Christ's light in our community. Thank you for being part of the St. Patrick family. Together, let us keep building on faith and serving the future!



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

Sunday, November 8

Sharing Tree - GA

8:00am – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey · *Intention: † Bertha D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Franzman · *Intention: † Bob Bartlett, req. The Barrett & Weier family*

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

Monday, November 9 · Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Bob Bartlett, req. Ted & Liz Brandt*

4:30pm – Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - PC

4:30pm – OCIA - YR

6:30pm – Men's Group Meeting - PC

Tuesday, November 10

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: Special intention for 1st Lt. Emilia Puszynski, req. her grandparents*

Wednesday, November 11 · Veterans Day

8:00am – Mass

Intentions:

† Mary Chan, req. Frederick & Lucia Chan

† Robert Gorman, req. Mary Beth Hand

8:30am – Adoration - OC

6:15pm – Benediction - OC

7:00pm – OCIA - CR

7:00pm – Wednesday Bible Study - YR

Thursday, November 12

8:00am – Mass · *Intention: † Daniel Gaughan, req. The Polar Bear Club*

9:00am – Adult Scripture - PC

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

Friday, November 13

8:00am – Mass

Intentions:

† Fr. Frances McDonnell, req. Leo & Meg Bressanelli

† Annie Browe, req. Molly Browe

6:00pm – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, November 14

5:00pm – Mass – Fr. Webb

Intentions:

St. Mary's Knights of Columbus

† Roger Risher, req. Ken & Mary Billings

Sunday, November 15

8:00am – Mass – Fr. Jerry · *Intention: † Fritz Romberger, req. Menuhin D'Souza*

8:30am – Religious Ed Classes - PC

10:00am – Mass – Fr. Patrick (6th Grade Mass; PPC/Finance Council Commissioning)

Intentions:

Holy Souls in Purgatory, req. Madeleine McCoy

Deceased members of the Ruedig family, req. Therese Ruedig

Deceased members of the Gewalt & Gesell families, req. Barbara Gewalt

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

3:30pm – Confirmation Classes - 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.

give central

Finances

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of Oct 31-Nov 1, 2026

Actual	$13,972
Budget	$17,650
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($3,678)**

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	$461,230
Ordinary Expense	$548,719
Surplus/(**Deficit**)	**($87,489)**

Building on Faith, Serving the Future
Campaign Update

Next Week is Commitment Weekend!

We're proud to share that our parish community has come together to raise more than **$2.7 million** toward renewing our sacred spaces, strengthening parish life and ministries, and supporting the wider Church.

With our commitment to the Archdiocese now fulfilled, **all additional funds raised will stay at St. Patrick** to support local parish needs. As we work toward our **$3.6 million stretch goal,** we still need to raise approximately $840,000 to fund additional priorities, including campus safety and security, ADA accessibility, sacred art, and ministry office renovations.

If you forgot to submit your pledge during Leadership Weekend, there is still time! **Pledge online today or return your pledge card at Mass next weekend.**

Updated on November 2, 2026

Total dollar raised: **$2,757,600**
Percent Pledged to Parish Goal: **92%**
Number of households that have contributed: **83**
Percentage of participation: **4%**

Our Campaign Case

Renew our Sacred Spaces

Strengthen Parish Life and Ministries

Support the Wider Church

Additional Parish Priorities

Campus Safety & Security

ADA Accessibility

Sacred Art

Ministry Office Renovation

https://www.archchicago.org/StPats

Religious Education News

Faith Formation for Grades 1–8

Religious Education

Classes: November 8 & 9 and November 15 & 16 (Advent event)
6th Grade Mass: November 15, 10:00am Mass

Confirmation

Class: November 15

Youth Group

November 15 at St. Mary's, 6:00–7:30pm
Mission Trip: Mark your calendars for June 27–July 2!

Save the Date

Family Movie Night: December 13 at 5:00pm



Thank You to All Who Attended Our Football Watch Party!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for an evening of food, fellowship, and football. Because of your generosity, we raised money for children, and the Bears came out with a victory. We are grateful to all who attended and helped make the night a success.









A wonderful evening of fellowship in support of children.

The Women's Group of Saint Patrick Church

Sip, Savor & *Set the Table*

Looking for inspiration to make your holiday table extra special this year?

Join the Women's Group for a festive evening of wine, cheese, and beautiful holiday inspiration! A floral designer will share six unique holiday tablescapes, filled with ideas to help you create a stunning table for your own holiday gatherings.

Plus, six lucky attendees will win a freshly made floral centerpiece!

Thursday, November 19
7:00 PM

O'Gara Center

Wine, cheese & holiday inspiration
$20 per person

Come enjoy a fun evening with friends and leave with fresh ideas for your holiday entertaining!

Scan code to reserve your spot!

Please RSVP by Sunday, November 15.

2026

SHARING TREE

Help make the holidays brighter for local families!

St. Patrick families have two ways to participate in this year's Sharing Tree program:

OPTION 1: Choose an Ornament

Select an ornament from the Sharing Trees in the back of the church the weekends of Oct. 31/Nov. 1 or Nov. 7/8. Purchase the requested gifts and return them to the O'Gara Center **by Sunday, December 6.** Gifts will benefit children in families referred through Catholic Charities.

OPTION 2: Give a Gift Card

Donate a $50 Walmart or Target gift card to support children and families served by the Most Blessed Trinity food pantry.

Gift cards and monetary donations must be received by **Monday, November 30.**

Questions? Contact Kate Harper at **5harpers2009@gmail.com** or **(703) 819-7880.**

Scan here to donate

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Help feed local families in need!

Financial Donations Only

Deadline for donations: **Sunday, November 22**

Checks addressed to St. Patrick Church

Donations can be mailed to 991 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest, IL 60045 or dropped off at church

Funds are raised for meals at CCS Food Pantry, Roberti House and House of Peace

At the request of the above charities, we will not be accepting food donations.

1 meal for a family of 4 = Approximately $50



For more information or questions, please contact:
Liz Brandt (847) 404-4245 | elizbrandt@aol.com

NOVEMBER 6TH, 7TH, & 8TH



Uncorking For a Cause

We're thrilled to announce that Vin Chicago's fourth annual "Uncorking For a Cause" benefit weekend will return this November 6th to 8th! For the duration of the weekend, customers can select from a list of participating non-profits to support and Vin Chicago will donate back 10% to that organization. In 2025, we had 80 organizations participate and raised over $10,000! This is a great opportunity to load up for the holiday season, and to give back to great organizations within our community.

773.489.3454 | www.VinChicago.com

Coats for Kids

Help keep local families warm this winter

St. Patrick Church is partnering with Knights of Columbus Council 1268 Lake Forest for the annual Coats for Kids drive. Your gift will help provide new winter coats for local children, teens, and adults in need, benefiting Roberti Community House and Most Blessed Trinity Parish.

$25 – One child

$283.38 – 12 children's coats

$30 – One teen/adult

$340.24 – 12 teen/adult coats

HOW TO DONATE | Cash or checks payable to St. Patrick Church may be placed in the Sunday collection basket or brought or mailed to the Ministry Office.

Questions? Jennifer Boldry: 847-234-1401 | John Mastro, KofC: 847-309-1945

Together, we can help keep our neighbors warm this winter.



ST. CARLO ACUTIS WORSHIP *Night*

Teens are invited to a powerful evening centered on St. Carlo Acutis, the young saint who loved technology, gaming, and especially the Eucharist.

Explore the Knights of Columbus traveling St. Carlo Acutis Exhibit and discover how an ordinary teenager lived an extraordinary faith. Then experience an awesome night of **Praise & Worship with Josh Goodman, followed by time in Eucharistic Adoration.**

bit.ly/AcutisSMV

15 NOVEMBER 2026

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

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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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