



# St. Patrick Roman Catholic Church

*Like the Apostles, we "Recognize Him, Jesus, in the Breaking of the Bread"*

November 23, 2025 Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
King of the Universe



*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Rev. 22:13*

### St. Patrick Mission Statement

*A welcoming parish called in FAITH to know, LOVE and serve GOD and neighbor in the HOPE of heaven*

**Pastor:** Rev. Fr. Sylvester A. Nnaso, M. Div., M.A., D. Min.,  
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### **Parish Information**

#### **Office Hours**

##### **Monday-Wednesday**

8:30AM-Noon, 1:00PM-4:30PM

##### **Thursday**

8:30AM-Noon, 1:00PM-7:00PM

##### **Friday**

8:30AM-Noon

#### **Weekend Masses**

**Saturday:** 4:00PM

**Sunday:** 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM

#### **Weekday Masses**

**Monday-Wednesday, Friday**

8:00AM

##### **Thursday**

**September-May:** 9:00AM

**June-August:** 8:00AM

**First Saturday**

8:00AM

#### **Reconciliation**

**Saturday:** 3:00PM

**First Saturday:** 7:15AM

**Wednesday (Sept.-May):** 8:40AM

Or by Appointment

#### **Rosary**

**Saturday:** 3:20PM

**Sunday:** 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM

**Wednesday:** 8:30AM

**Mon.-Thurs. (Sept.-May):** 5:30PM

**Tues. (June-Aug.):** 6:00PM

#### **Exposition of Blessed Sacrament**

##### **Saturday**

3:00PM-3:45PM (w/Benediction)

**Mon.-Thurs. (Sept.-May)**

5:00PM-6:00PM

**First Tues./Wed. of Month**

8:30AM Tues.-7:30AM Wed.

**Every Tues./Wed. in Advent/Lent**

8:30AM Tues.-7:30AM Wed.

#### **Church Open (Private Prayer)\***

**Monday-Friday:** 8:30AM-5:00PM

**Saturday:** 8:30AM-3:00PM

**Sunday:** 12:30PM-6:00PM

\*Subject to change due to  
Funerals/Weddings, etc.

#### **Catholic Schools**

##### **Primary/Middle**

Montini: 815-385-1022

##### **High School**

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Dear Parishioners,

Today celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This solemn feast brings the Liturgical Year C to a happy end. Next Sunday, we shall celebrate the First Week of Advent, which ushers in a new Liturgical Year A, according to the Church's calendar. One may ask, why the Feast of Christ the King? Answer: It is the feast in which Christ's Kingship is extolled and glorified.

With this feast, Catholics all over the world are making a solemn proclamation to anyone who cares to listen that Christ is the true King of the universe and of our lives. Therefore, we are encouraged to commit ourselves to this reality, especially now that the wind of secularization seems to be taking control of the important aspects of our lives and our decisions. There is no doubt that for some people money, power, pleasure and other material possessions are their lords and kings. No wonder, Christmas sales are promoted more than the actual reason for Christmas.

It is to re-educate Christians to their primary destiny that Pope Pius XI in 1925 wrote an *Encyclical Quas Primas, December 11*. This encyclical officially established the Feast of Christ the King, and its celebration was extended to all the Catholic parishes around the world. Christ Himself told us in the Bible that His Kingdom is not of this world (John 18:36). In other words, His Kingdom is spiritual. His armaments are goodness, love, kindness and shepherding. Also, in the Gospel, one of the condemned criminals said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into kingly paradise" (Luke 23: 42). This shows that some already recognized His Kingship.

For Christians, true happiness cannot be achieved in this world until we learn to bring our conduct in line with the plan of God-His divine will for us. The Feast of Christ the King was established to help us profess Christ as our Lord and Savior. This feast brings along with it a message of hope, faith and love.

May I use this opportunity to wish all of you and your loved ones a happy and grace-filled Thanksgiving. I am thankful to God for all of you, and for your untiring support to our parish and her mission. We are truly one family of God. Once again, Happy Thanksgiving! Enjoy the special day.

Much love and prayers,

Father Sylvester A. Nnaso, M. Div., M.A., D. Min., Pastor

**Join Us In Giving Thanks To God**

# THANKSGIVING MASS

**Thursday, November 27, 2025  
9:00AM**

**Parish Office Hours - Thanksgiving**

The parish office will close at Noon on Wednesday November 26th and will re-open at 8:30AM on Monday, December 1st in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday. Exposition and Rosary will occur as usual on Wednesday evening. Daily Mass at 8:00AM on Friday. The church will be open Wednesday through Friday until 5:00PM for private pray.

## A Prayer for Thanksgiving

Loving God,  
We turn our hearts to you on this day for giving thanks, mindful of your many gifts.  
For each one, we are grateful.  
For each one, we are blessed.  
For each one we are opened to the abundance of your love.  
May this Thanksgiving Day offer a reminder to be generous with others, as you are with us.  
We praise you.  
We rejoice in you.  
We give you thanks.  
Amen.

### For Your Planning Purposes Advent & Christmas Calendar of Events

**Advent wreath blessing: 1st Weekend of Advent: Nov. 29/30.** You are welcome to bring your family's Advent Wreath to Mass and place it under the parish wreath and it will be blessed at the same time as the parish wreath.

**24 Hour Adoration During Advent:** Begins at 8:30AM after Tuesday Morning Mass and concludes at 7:30AM prior to Wednesday Morning Mass. Dates are Dec. 2/3, Dec. 9/10, Dec. 16/17.

**Wednesday Evening Mass:** 6:00PM on Dec. 3rd, 10th, and 17th.

**Advent VBS:** Saturday, December 6th, 9:00AM-11:30AM.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Holyday of Obligation)** Dec. 8th. Mass at 8:00AM & 7:00PM

**Advent Reconciliation:** Wednesday, December 17th at 6:45PM .

**Church Decorating for Christmas**

December 23rd—1:00PM

**Christmas (Holyday of Obligation) Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday, December 24th - 4:00PM

Wednesday, December 25th - Midnight, 7:00AM, 9:00AM

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, (Holyday of Obligation) Mass Schedule:**

Tuesday, December 31st - 4:00PM

Wednesday, January 1st - 9:00AM



### ST. Patrick Annual Holiday Giving Tree Project



Our annual Holiday Giving Tree Project (overseen by the Ladies Guild) **begins this weekend.** Our tree will be in the vestibule through **Dec. 14th.** It is hung with ornament tags containing the "wish list" from our friends at Heritage Woods Assisted Living in McHenry. Most of these residents are living on a very fixed income and a few have no income at all. The residents have been asked to list two or three suggestions for Christmas gifts that they would like to receive.

In the past their requests have been items of clothing, candy, stationery, puzzles, etc. Requests also have been for gift cards to local stores such as Meijer, Jewel, Kohls, Ace Hardware, Walmart, and Walgreens. We are asking that if you remove a gift request from the tree you make every effort to bring the **WRAPPED** gift as soon as possible so we know that every resident will receive a gift. Gifts, with the tag attached, should be put under the tree on or **before December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

We also have gift tags for Seat of Wisdom, Fr. Nnaso's library/school in Nigeria, and FISH Food Pantry. We are asking for something a little different this year for the FISH donations. Please make your gift a monetary gift. For every \$1 that is donated, FISH is able to purchase \$8 worth of food at the Northern IL Food Bank.

Thank you for your tremendous support of this project in the past. Those of you who have helped make this happen know that we always receive much more than we give...knowing how much these ladies and gentlemen appreciate receiving their gifts. It truly brings the peace and joy of the "real" Christmas to our hearts.

The Ladies Guild thanks you for your donations and will pray for the peace of the Christ Child to descend on our parish this Christmas. If you have any questions or would like to help with this project, please contact Pat Wagner 815-385-8019 or Megan Doherty at 815-385-0025.

### Scripture & Saints on Giving Thanks

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!" - Psalm 100:4

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks." - St. Ambrose

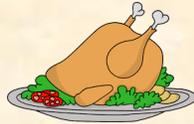
"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for what He is sending us every day in His goodness." - St. Gianna Beretta Molla

For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God. - 1 Thessalonians 3:9

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him - Colossians 3:17



**Knights of Columbus  
Council 16446 & 1288  
McHenry, IL  
Holiday Food Boxes**



As many of you know the Knights of Columbus raises money and purchases food for needy families each year. This fundraiser was started in 2008. Our first year we provided 65 families a box of food for Thanksgiving. Over time that number has grown into the hundreds and now includes Christmas. During that time frame your support in "Time, Talent and Treasure" has turned into a yearly tradition of over 800 boxes of food. The overwhelming gratitude we feel can't be put into words. Your faith in us to organize and provide food for these families is truly humbling. Our mission remains simple, to provide as many families as possible with the food they need for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We want to make sure these families that are struggling, are able to enjoy the Holidays without worrying about food. It seems we all know someone who has been hit by the loss of a job or a sudden illness.

The list of families that we donate to all come from local organizations that include, but are not limited to: St. Vincent De Paul Society, St. Mary's Families in Need, St. Patrick's Families in Need, Holy Apostles Families in Need, Veterans Assistance Commission, FISH of McHenry Food Pantry, Resurrection Catholic Church, Catholic Charities, Turning Point of McHenry County, Thresholds, Youth and Family Center of McHenry County, Home of the Sparrow, Pioneer Center, Resurrection Center, Rosecrance.

It takes about \$65 for each boxed meal.

**Donations**

1—Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus Council 1288 and send to Knights of Columbus 1288, PO Box 148, McHenry, IL 60051 OR

2—Donate online at <https://givecentral.org/location/265/event/27318>

**Want to Volunteer?**

Holy Apostles Father Sherry Center  
Saturday, December 20th @7:00AM

**Stewardship Reflections**

*"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light."  
Colossians 1:12*

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or we spend most of our time trying to acquire more stuff. Instead, try putting God first in all things. We were made for God. Open your heart and let Him in!



St. Vincent de Paul recently received a call from a mother who needed help to get glasses for her child. Vincentians met the family at Walmart and paid for the glasses the child and mom picked out. During their conversations, it was clear that this young family would benefit from additional

assistance, so Vincentians signed the family up for weekly Wednesday food deliveries, Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday meals, and the Giving Tree. The family deeply appreciated the help, which will ease their financial stresses. Your donations to SVdP through GiveCentral or the Parish Poor Box are deeply appreciated, as are donations of shaving cream and unscented hand lotion. **John 4:8 "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God."**



**Connection to College Kids**



We are reaching out to our college students again this year. Please keep the following students in your prayers: Grace Adams, Caiden Bunting, Megan Crow, Rob Eschenbacher, Trevor Jesme, Kiara Kearns, Edward Riley Rosales, Megann Riley Rosales, and Kaylie Szczepanik.

If you would like to provide gift cards to national chain restaurants or shops, we will be sending a package around the end of the semester to each student to give them a little support as they head into their finals weeks. We're looking for \$5-\$10 gift cards as donations. Cash is fine, as well, as we will use it to purchase cards. Please return any donations by **November 24**. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Johnson in the Religious Education office at [reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org](mailto:reoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org) or 815-385-2959.

**Seat of Wisdom, Nigeria  
Technology Donations Needed**



Father Nnaso is looking for donations of old (to be thrown away/recycled) technology for his Seat of Wisdom Library & School in Abatete, Nigeria

**Items currently needed:**

Laptops, keyboards, computer mice and power cords. No Chrome Books at this time as there is no access to WiFi as yet. Please wipe all personal data off of the laptops prior to donating

Donations can be dropped off at the parish office during regular office hours.

Any questions, please contact Fr. Nnaso at [frnaso@stpatrickmchenry.org](mailto:frnaso@stpatrickmchenry.org).

# BREAKFAST WITH ST. NICK!

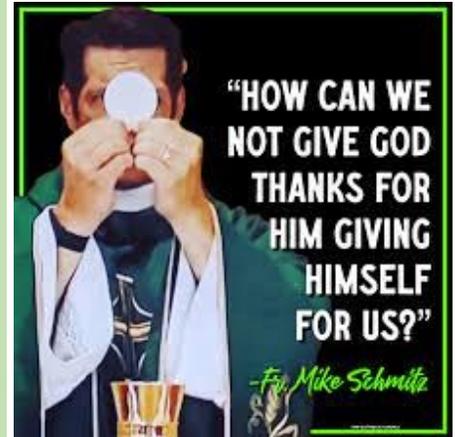
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**10:00AM & 12:00PM**  
(AFTER 9AM AND 11AM MASS)

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**  
3500 WASHINGTON ST.  
MCHENRY, IL 60050

ENJOY BREAKFAST, TAKE A PICTURE WITH ST. NICK, RECEIVE A SPECIAL TREAT AND SEND YOUR LETTER TO SANTA IN OUR EXPRESS MAILBOX.

THIS IS A FREE EVENT!  
(FREE WILL OFFERING IS GREATLY APPRECIATED)

**Devotions Explained**

**Connect with Tradition and Grow Your Faith  
Jesse Tree, Explained!**

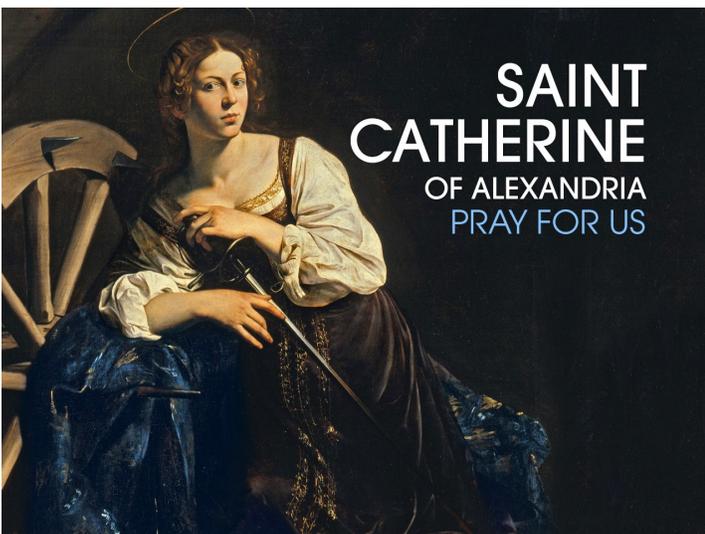
The Jesse Tree is an Advent practice which recounts the history of salvation by tracing the lineage of Christ — the foretold “shoot from the stump of Jesse” who will bring peace and unity to the people of God (Isaiah 11:1).

In a way, creating a Jesse tree is the telling of one big story — the redemption of man — through the telling of many smaller stories — the fall of Adam, God’s promise to Abraham, the wandering of the Israelites, the greatness of David and the humble submission of Mary. A Jesse tree is adorned with symbols of these various people and stories, with the earliest ones hung from the topmost branches, progressing downward.

There are different versions of the Jesse Tree featuring different Old Testament figures and stories, but all begin with Adam and end with the birth of Jesus. It is an easy tradition to practice at home — all you need is a tree, paper, markers, scissors, string and a Bible.

**Want to make a family Jesse Tree for this Advent?**  
<https://www.catholicicing.com/jesse-trees/>

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**St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group**



A multi-parish group of cancer survivors and caregivers, formed to offer a place for individuals, families, caregivers and anyone concerned about cancer to meet with others to share information, concerns, and pray together for support. We also have guest speakers that we welcome to our group meetings.

Our group meets the second Tuesday of every month rotating between St. Patrick, Holy Apostles, and St. John the Baptist.

**Next Meeting**  
**Tuesday December 9th - 9:30AM**  
**St. Patrick—Lane Room**

For more information please contact Anna Schweder at 815-385-5321.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 602:  
**CAROLING for CANS**  
 Drive-Thru Food Drive  
**Friday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5-6pm**  
 St. Patrick's Parking Lot




**Keep Christ in Christmas!**

Join us in sharing a message of love for Jesus and the Holy Family.

Be part of a nationwide movement as we gather to **pray a Christmas-centered Rosary** in honor of the Infant Jesus, right in front of **St. Mary's Catholic Church in McHenry.**

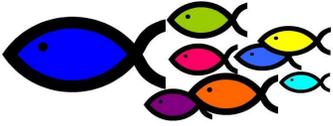
**Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 PM**  
 (We'll begin promptly once the bells stop ringing.)

Dress for the weather and don't be afraid to add a little sparkle! Your favorite Christmas sweater is more than welcome.

**Rain, Snow, or Shine**  
 Let's stand together as a joyful witness to the *real reason for the season.*

**St. Mary Catholic Church**  
 1401 N. Richmond Rd, McHenry  
[americaneedsfatima.org](http://americaneedsfatima.org)

**FISH of McHenry Food Pantry**



*Schooling Together to "Net" Hunger!*

**Thank You Received**

Dear St. Patrick Church Members,

Thank you for your \$3,000 donation to FISH Food Pantry. In October we served 1068 different

households, our busiest month ever. As the government shutdown drags on, SNAP benefits have been cut as of November 1st for an undetermined amount of time, the holidays are approaching and we are anticipating even more neighbors than ever, turning to us for support. We will be providing a holiday meal, including a frozen turkey and all of the trimmings for Thanksgiving so that those households that are struggling to make ends meet may be able to sit down and celebrate together. Your donation will help us to keep our pantry shelves stocked during these trying times, with other supplemental, nutritious foods such as frozen meats, fresh dairy, eggs and produce, as well as some household and personal hygiene items. We so appreciate your support and generosity which is helping to create a community that comes together caring and sharing and where everyone is included.

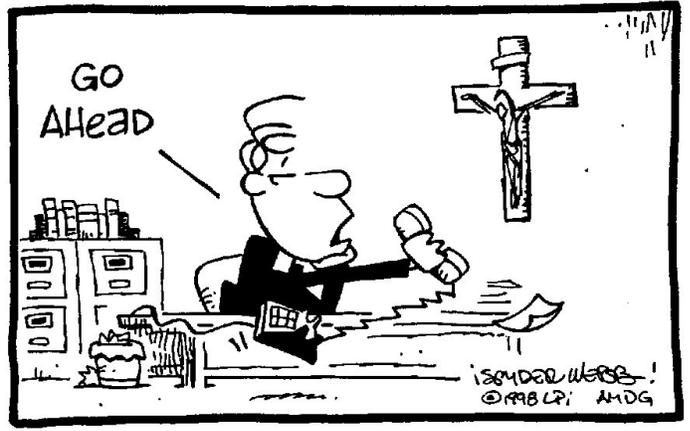
With gratitude,  
 Sue Kapraun, Director

**Word of Life**

"Having received the gift of the Gospel of Life, we are the people of life and a people for life. It is our duty to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the world. To proclaim Jesus is to proclaim life itself. Gratitude and joy at the incomparable dignity of the human person impel us to bring the Gospel of life to the hearts of all people and make it penetrate every part of society."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities  
 "The Gospel of Life: A Brief Summary"

**CHRIST THE KING**





### St. Patrick Ladies Guild - December Meeting & More

The Guild will start our Christmas Holiday Season on **December 3rd with a rosary in church at 11:30AM**. Followed by a **Luncheon at Plum Garden at 12:30PM**. All ladies of the parish are invited, to make a reservation. Please send a check made out to The Ladies Guild or cash to the parish office via the collection basket or US mail for **\$25 by December 1st**. We always have a great time at Plum Garden. Please join us, it is a wonderful way to begin your Christmas Season.

Call or text Sue's cell at 815-219-2304 if you have questions.

This year our **Bake Sale** will be on **December 6th and 7th** after all of the masses. The drop-off will be Friday Dec 5th between 9:00AM and 11:30AM. Use Sue's cell number if you need us to get your items from you in the parking lot.

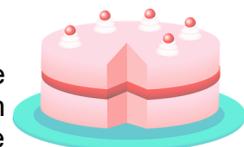
Look for the parish holiday Giving Tree. It is up in the vestibule. Our parishioners are very generous with the residents of Heritage Woods, thank-you very much. **We need a few volunteers to sort the gifts on Dec 15th**. Please call or text Sue at the number above to volunteer. The guild sponsors this event but we welcome help from all parishioners.

Our Holy Hours are December Dec 2nd, 9th, 16th and January 6th between 11:30AM and 12:30PM in the church chapel. The parish is having adoration on every Tuesday/Wednesday for Advent. Our next event will be Valentines' Bingo and Pizza for lunch on February 4th.

**Merry Christmas to all of the parishioners of St. Patrick's Parish!**



### Ladies Guild Bake Sale



The St. Patrick Ladies Guild will hold their **Annual Bake Sale** after all the Masses on **Saturday and Sunday, December 6th and 7th** in the church vestibule and at the entrance to the Parish Center. Please help make this sale a success by donating and/or purchasing homemade baked goods. We will be accepting your donations in the Parish Library on Friday, December 5th from 9:00AM to 11:30AM and before each Mass that weekend.

Donations of cookies, cakes, cupcakes, brownies, fruit pies, breads, candy, muffins, caramel popcorn and sugar-free items will be greatly appreciated. *Please no custard filled items, egg based or custard pies, whipped cream or cream cheese products, including cheesecake.* **Please label what your item is and indicate if it contains nuts.** Please have your baked goods in see-through packaging. If you have any questions please call Gail Cooper at 815-546-5307 or email [Gailmcooper@hotmail.com](mailto:Gailmcooper@hotmail.com).

Please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to purchase delicious homemade treats to benefit St. Patrick. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

### Why Do We Do That? Catholic Life Explained

#### What is Eucharistic Adoration?

The practice of Eucharistic Adoration is a centuries old ritual and falls within a broader category of devotions and rituals that are associated with the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In a particular way, Eucharistic Adoration is an extension of the worship and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that occurs in every Mass.

In a long-standing practice, a period of Eucharistic Adoration often ends with "benediction," the blessing of the faithful with the Blessed Sacrament.

Many parishes throughout the United States have introduced the practice of perpetual Eucharistic Adoration, while other communities have the custom of shorter periods of Eucharistic Adoration. Care should always be taken that these periods of adoration respect the instructions outlined in Holy Communion and Worship of the Eucharist Outside of Mass, the liturgical book that gives the instructions for the proper celebration of Eucharistic Adoration.

The monstrance plays an important part in Eucharistic Adoration because **it houses the consecrated Eucharist host** where Jesus' presence dwells.



Although adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can never take the place of Eucharistic Communion, many Catholics find great comfort and consolation in their prayers before the Eucharist enshrined in the tabernacle or when it is exposed in the monstrance (both are equally valid, as Christ is not more present in one than in the other). But when we consider our eucharistic devotions, it is always important to remember the fundamental connection these acts of devotion have with the celebration of the Eucharist in the Mass and reception of Christ in Communion.



**THIS WEEK OUR TABERNACLE CANDLE  
BURNS FOR:**

**(†) Al & Judy DePorter**

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle welcome them into His eternal presence

**Saturday, November 22 - Memorial of St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

4:00 PM Mass - People of St. Patrick

**Sunday, November 23 – Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

7:00 AM Mass - † George & Ardele Smolzer

9:00 AM Mass - † George & Mary May

11:00 AM Mass - (L) Living and (†) Deceased members of the Michalak & Santoyo Families

**Monday, November 24 - Memorial of St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs**

8:00 AM Mass - † Donald Bauer

**Tuesday, November 25 - Ordinary Weekday; Memorial of St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr**

8:00 AM Mass - † Brother David Wagner OFM, Conv.

**Wednesday, November 26 - Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Mass - (L) Living and (†) Deceased members of the Schweder & Farley Families

**Thursday, November 27 - Thanksgiving Day**

9:00 AM Mass - † Deceased Members of the Bergsma & Frett Families

**Friday, November 28 – Ordinary Weekday**

8:00 AM Mass - † Sofie Swidrak

**Saturday, November 29 - Ordinary Weekday; Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

4:00 PM Mass - † - Anthony Pintozzi, Sr

**Sunday, November 30 – First Sunday of Advent**

7:00 AM Mass - People of St. Patrick

9:00 AM Mass - † John Schwall

11:00 AM Mass - † Henry Glick IV

**We remember those serving our country**

E4. Jordan Booker, U.S. Army, Fort Steward, Georgia  
 Airman Amanda Duese, U.S. Navy, Whidbey Island, WA State  
 Ethan Markee, Army E3  
 Corpsman Ean Reid, U.S. Navy, Camp Pendleton  
 ETSN Victoria Schoenberger, Atlantic Fleet  
 SSG Melissa Snow, U.S. Army, JBLM, Washington State  
 LTC Thomas Snow, U.S. Army, Fort Knox, Kentucky  
 Sgt. Kennon Speciale, USMC, Yuma, AZ  
 Pvt. Ben Zeller, USMC, Camp Pendleton



**Week At A Glance**

**Monday, November 24**

7:45AM Morning Prayer - CH

8:00AM Daily Mass - CH

5:00PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - CH

5:30PM Rosary - CH

**Tuesday, November 25**

7:45AM Morning Prayer - CH

8:00AM Daily Mass - CH

9:00AM St. Mark SCC - LN

5:00PM Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - CH

5:30PM Rosary - CH

6:00PM Catechist Formation - LB

6:00PM Cursillo: Women's Group - YL

**Wednesday, November 26**

**Parish Office Closes at Noon**

7:45AM Morning Prayer - CH

8:00AM Daily Mass - CH

8:30AM Rosary/Chaplet - CH

8:40AM Confession - CH

5:00PM Exposition of Blessed Sacrament - CH

5:30PM Rosary - CH

**Thursday, November 27**

**Office Closed—Happy Thanksgiving!**

9:00AM Thanksgiving Day Mass - CH

**Friday, November 28**

**Office Closed**

7:45AM Morning Prayer - CH

8:00AM Daily Mass - CH

**Saturday, November 29**

6:30AM TMIY - LB

8:00AM Legion of Mary - LB

3:00PM Holy Hour - CH

3:00PM Confession - CH

3:20PM Rosary - CH

4:00PM Mass - CH

**Sunday, November 30**

6:30AM Rosary - CH

7:00AM Sunday Mass - CH

8:30AM Rosary - CH

9:00AM Sunday Mass - CH

9:15AM CLOW - LB

10:00AM OCIA (Adult) - LB

10:30AM Rosary - CH

11:00AM Sunday Mass - CH

**Room Legend**

- BY - Boylan Room
- CH - Church
- GR - Grounds
- HB - Hoban Room
- LB - Library
- LN - Lane Room
- MH - Muldoon Hall
- MP - Montini
- MR - Music Room
- OF - Offsite
- PG - Prayer Garden
- RE - Rectory
- YL - Youth Lounge



**St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions**

**The blood of the  
martyrs is the seed  
of the church**

**November 24**

**Bulletin Prayer List**

The following have been given a share in the Passion of The Lord Jesus Christ. Please remember them in your prayers.

**Alan Latz + Carolyn Hackney + Barbra Gargano + Jeanette Dentre + Robert Burke + Joan Roycroft + Scott Grotewold + Ed Malenius + Jim Miller + Mike Miller + Mark Broughman + Madelyn Kirchner + John Payne + Judith Kazy-Garey + Irene Ventura**

Names will remain on this list for two weeks. Please contact either the parish office or Carleen Murphy if you'd like to add a name or continue a name for an additional two weeks.

**Prayer Chain Ministry**

St. Patrick's Church has a **Prayer Chain Ministry** for those parishioners and their loved ones who are asking for prayers. **If you would like prayers for yourself or loved ones, please contact the parish office (815) 385-0025 to be added to the list.** These names will **NOT** be printed in the parish bulletin, but will remain on the list until we receive notification to remove it.

If you would like to join the Pray Chain Ministry as a prayer, please contact the parish office.

**Readings for the Week  
Divine Office: Week II**

- Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/  
Lk 23:35-43
- Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4
- Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11
- Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64,  
65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
- Thursday:** Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/  
Lk 21:20-28
- Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
- Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36
- Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/  
Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Join Electronic Giving:**

Consider donating electronically through our parish website with Give Central. Setup your Sunday Offering quickly and securely via desktop, PC, phone or tablet.



**SIGNUP NOW:** Scan the QR code with your mobile device to go directly to our parish's GiveCentral page.

**Offering Report for the Week Ending  
November 16, 2025**

<b>Number of Registered Families with</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>We "recognize Him, Jesus, in the Bread."</b>	
Sunday Envelopes (Includes Give Central)	\$
Loose	\$
Children's Envelopes	\$
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>For Week</b>	<b>\$11,350</b>
<b>Excise (Taxes)</b>	<b>\$</b>
Corporate Works of Mercy	\$

Due to the early print deadline for this bulletin, the Offering Report was not available. It will be printed next weekend.

**Easy Sunday Giving**

Have you ever gotten to church and realized that you left your envelope at home? Forgotten that it was Corporal Works Weekend? Special collection and no cash? Well we have a solution for you.



You'll find a QR code sticker on the pews for easy Sunday giving. Simply scan with your phone and you'll be taken to GiveCentral to make your offering online. You can also make your donation to Corporal Works of Mercy, the Annual Diocesan Appeal and more — all in one place!

**Is Christ King in Our Hearts?**

When you think of a king, who is the first person to pop into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny.

We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement.

But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine. We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept.

Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him? The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

**Liturgical Ministry Schedule**

Ministry	November 29 Saturday 4:00 PM	November 30 Sunday 7:00 AM	November 30 Sunday 9:00 AM	November 30 Sunday 11:00 AM	December 1-5 Mon.-Fri.
<b>Lector</b>	Steve Doherty Lilli Leggett	Steve Cuda	Jen Eschenbacher Brian Arnet	OPEN Carleen Murphy	Volunteers
<b>Sacristan</b>	Michelle Gahgan	OPEN	Tim Madden	Mac DeLozier	Jacque Swider/ Carleen Murphy
<b>EM</b>	Megan Doherty Charmaine Villadonga OPEN Jacque Swider	Annette Cuda Carole Manion Judy Kazy-Garey Alan Brankline	Kathy Brady-Murfin Kristie Waters OPEN OPEN	Megan Polachek Carrie McClellan Terry Pancyrz Susan Rother	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Altar Server</b>	Blaise Schneck Clare Schneck Eli Schneck	<b>NONE</b>	OPEN OPEN OPEN	Samantha McClellan OPEN OPEN	Gabe Zavala
<b>Ushers</b>	Richard Kramer Debbie Sedlacek Judy Smith Mike Unterfenger	Gary Hackney Larry Huck Vincent Jefferson John Simon	Markus Gross Greg Mate OPEN OPEN	Keith Adams John Huff OPEN OPEN	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Gift Bearers</b>	Mary Meyer	<b>NONE</b>	Nancy Schwall	Mary Glick	<b>NONE</b>
<b>Rosary</b>	Carleen Murphy	Mary Mattoon	Tim Madden	Billie Crotty	<b>NONE</b>

**Ministry Schedule**

**COLLECTION COUNTERS**  
**November 24:** Carol Freund, Kathy Schultz, Renee Santellano  
**December 1:** Del Grala, Patti Preston, Alice Reilly

**ALTAR LINEN MINISTRY**  
**November 21:** Michelle Gahgan  
**November 30:** Nancy Schroeder

**CHURCH CLEANING MINISTRY**  
**November 24:** Sue Bye, Marie Galan  
**December 1:** Michelle & Lukasz Naurecki

**COMPASSIONATE CARE MINISTRY**  
**RIVERSIDE RESIDENCE**  
**November 30:** Michael Heidemann  
**December 7:** Carrie Sabatka

**ALDEN TERRACE**  
**November 30:** Althea Schwartz & Pam Garrelts  
**December 7:** MaryAnn Farenzena & MaryEllen Feeney

**CLOW MINISTRY:**  
**November 30:** Matisse Connors (L), Colin Caruso (A), Nate Caruso (A)  
**December 7:** Lisa Johnson (L), Lucia Schneck (A), Kayla Elliot (A)

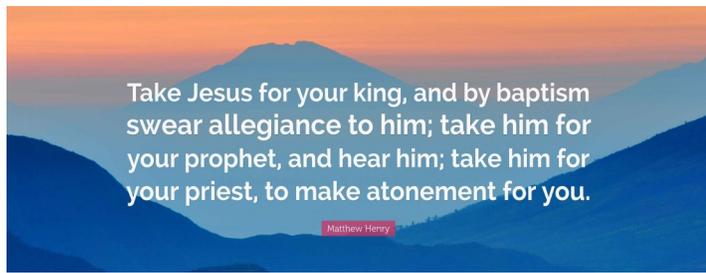
**Thanksgiving Day—Nov. 27**

<b>Lector</b>	Charmaine Villadonga, Brian Arnet
<b>Sacristan</b>	Tad DePorter
<b>EM</b>	Nancy Schwall, Kathy Brady-Murfin, OPEN, Alan Brankline
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Molly DePorter, Paisleigh DePorter, OPEN
<b>Ushers</b>	Keith Adams, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN
<b>Gift Bearer</b>	Muriel Bergsma Family



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**Article Deadline for Upcoming Bulletins:**  
**\*\*November 24th for December 7th\*\***  
**\*\*December 1st for December 14th\*\***  
**\*\*December 5th for December 21st\*\***  
**\*\*Early Deadline Due to Holidays\*\***

**Please send bulletin articles to:**  
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## Sacraments

**Baptism:** *You must be a registered parishioner of St. Patrick prior to scheduling a Baptism.* To schedule a Baptism, please call the parish office. Baptism is generally celebrated on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month immediately after the 11AM Mass. Consider scheduling your child's Baptism before your child is born to ensure an opening in the month of your choice. A preparation class is required for parents who have not baptized a child in the past two years. This class is held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10AM. .

**Matrimony:** *At least one of the couple, or their parents, must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and be active participating members of St. Patrick Church in order to be married at the church.* Couples planning to marry need to meet with the Liturgy Director to begin the process before a wedding date can be finalized. Please contact the parish office to setup an initial meeting **at least 6 months prior to any requested marriage date.** This initial meeting will give you an overview of the requirements for marriage and the preparation required. Both individuals must be at least 19 years of age. **Please Note:** If either party has been previously married, regardless of faith, an annulment maybe required prior to beginning marriage preparation.

To begin the process of scheduling a Baptism or Marriage, please contact Carleen Murphy, Liturgy Director, at 815-385-0025 ext. 211 or [cmurphy@stpatrickmchenry.org](mailto:cmurphy@stpatrickmchenry.org)



## Parish Prayer - Year of Grace 2025

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession was left unaided.

Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my mother; to thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

## Annulment Process - Information

If you or someone you know needs a previous marriage investigated for its validity or invalidity (the annulment process) so that you may fully participate in your Catholic faith or become Catholic please call the Tribunal Office at 815-399-4300 or contact Fr. Nnaso at the parish office to begin the process.

## Assistance Contact Numbers

Catholic Charities - 815-344-6956  
 FISH Food Pantry - 815-344-4717  
 Senior Care Volunteer Network - 815-455-3120  
 St. Vincent de Paul - 815-385-9946

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## LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Our king wears a crown of thorns, not a crown of gold. His glory is not in riches but in suffering. His law is written in his own blood, shed for the love of us. Do we understand the gift that it is, to be subject to such a king?

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 Jesus is the Reason for the Season  
 Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00am-11:30am  
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