



ST. PATRICIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

September 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Whoever receives
one child such as
this in my name,
receives me;
and whoever
receives me,
receives not me
but the One
who sent me.

Mark 9:37



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MASS SCHEDULE:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. (Anticipated Mass)
Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.
Weekdays: Monday thru Friday: 8:30 a.m.

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: Before 4:00 p.m. Mass (3:00-3:45 p.m.)
By appointment anytime.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I mentioned that our **Parish Leadership Night** is to be held on **Wednesday, September 29th, at 6:30 p.m.** Please see the invite in today's bulletin. As you may recall, I mentioned the **Renew My Church** Initiative. Today, I would like to review some of the reasons that we need to look with fresh eyes on how we move forward.

RENEW MY CHURCH

"Renew My Church" is a proactive and strategic effort to ensure the sustainable growth of our Church for the future. Renew My Church is meant to ensure that all parishes are vibrant, vital, and life-giving and have the resources they need to carry out the mission of the Church. Renew My Church is a diocesan-wide effort and its success is dependent upon local ownership, participation, input and support.

Why do we need this initiative?

As we look at how to answer the Holy Father's call to be more intentional and responsible in our desire to carry out Christ's Mission of being people of peace and reconciliation ("See how they love one another!"), the Archdiocesan leadership, the priests, deacons and lay staff, and the parishes' pastoral councils took an honest look at the significant changes in our Archdiocese (Cook and Lake County) over the past several decades. Let me be clear, these are issues that all parishes throughout the Archdiocese face and are not directed solely at St. Patricia Parish.

- ◆ *The Demographics Shifts* — While for some, if we are really honest, the shift out of certain neighborhoods is racially motivated. But, in many other instances, very good people have made a shift due to a desire for safety, a better home or to move closer to employment, or out of the city or suburb to be able to send the children to a better school. A neighborhood, once all Catholic, is more diverse with fewer Catholics.
- ◆ *Maintenance of Buildings Over Mission — Deferred Maintenance:* Despite loving the big, beautiful church, many people do not realize the cost to maintain these huge structures and all the other expenses, such as parking lots, parish halls, etc. (Most of these buildings are 50, 60 or 70 or more years old.), or despite parishioners' declared love of them, they simply do not make it a priority in terms of their level of financial donations. The level of giving on Sunday often does not keep up with inflation, and about fifty-percent of the people who attend Mass on a somewhat regular basis contribute very little — only a few dollars a week, or, do not contribute at all.
- ◆ *The Lack of Vocations to Priesthood* — The "me first" culture, the breakdown in the family unit, and the sexual misconduct by priests has certainly taken its toll on what was once a respected calling and a person once considered a leader in the community. Now, the priest is often castigated, harshly criticized or even openly ridiculed by even "practicing" Catholics resulting in fewer priests and even fewer who are able or willing to be pastors.
- ◆ *Half to Two-Thirds of the Parishes Lack Both Financial and Ministerial (People) Resources to Really Do the Mission.*



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- ◆ *Fewer Young People in the Church* — We have to first recognize the decline in the birth rate, the Baby Boomer Generation filled many a Catholic Institution to overflowing – most families had 4-8 children. Now, one or two children per family is the norm. This being said, the Catholic Church is not connecting with the younger generations and needs to look at how to reach them better.
- ◆ *Huge Economic **and** Cultural Upheaval* — There has been unprecedented shifts across the globe. Even the wizards of Wall Street do not know what is next. Coca-Cola is trying to figure out what to do with a product that is filled with sugar. McDonald's is trying to find its place with a health-conscious society. Social Media: Tweets, Facebook, etc. Look at our recent election.

All the facts I presented are not intended to find blame but to acknowledge our situation and try to deal with it and move forward. Cardinal Cupich is trying to provide a way forward and asks us to trust in God and seek solutions so that we can move in a more hopeful direction.

Please take time to reflect on the issues that are before us. And yes, it is easy to scapegoat someone or some part of the leadership, but does that really help us in the long run? The question that needs to be asked: how am I going to be part of the solution? Can we put the hope found in Christ into action? Are we really people of the Resurrection?

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Please remember the victims of 9/11 and all the first responders as we recall the terrorist attack that occurred 20 years ago. We also join the nation in mourning the death of the 13 U.S. Soldiers, men, women, and innocent civilians who died in Afghanistan during the recent evacuation. Finally, we pray for the souls of the faithful departed who died due to Hurricane Ida. May they **all** rest in peace!

Peace, Fr. Mike Meany



U.S. SERVICE MEMBERS KILLED IN KABUL, AFGHANISTAN



Marine Corps Lance Cpl. David Espinoza, 20, of Rio Bravo, TX
Marine Corps Sgt. Nicole Gee, 23, of Roseville, CA
Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Darin Taylor Hoover, 31, UT
Army Staff Sgt. Ryan Knauss, 23, of Corryton, TN
Marine Corps Cpl. Hunter Lopez, 22, of Indio, CA
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Rylee McCollum, 20, Jackson, WY
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Dylan R. Merola, 20, of Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Kareem Nikoui, 20, of Norco, CA
Marine Corps Cpl. Daegan William-Tyler Page, 23, of Omaha, NE
Marine Corps Sgt. Johanny Rosario, 25, Lawrence, MA
Marine Corps Cpl. Humberto Sanchez, 22, Logansport, IN
Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Jared Schmitz, 20, of Wentzville, MO
Navy Hospital Corpsman Max Soviak, 22, of Berlin Heights, OH

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

The parish of St. Patricia welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the Rectory during the week or download the form from our website and return to the Rectory.

BAPTISMS

Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Prep session prior to Baptism. Ceremonies are *usually* held the fourth Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. Limit - three baptisms. Must present birth certificate to register for Baptism. [Please call to register \(708\) 598-5222.](tel:7085985222)

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES

Our Baptismal Prep Classes are *usually* held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call to register (708) 598-5222.

MARRIAGES

Couples who wish to be married at St. Patricia must consult a priest to have their date scheduled. Either the bride or groom (or family) must be a registered parishioner. Catholics are expected to be practicing their faith. Marriage guidelines of the Archdiocese require that at least four months be allowed for marriage preparations. [PLEASE CALL US PRIOR TO BOOKING YOUR RECEPTION.](tel:7085985222)

SICK CALLS

For confession, anointing of the sick or in any emergency, please call the Rectory.

COMMUNION CALLS

Please call the Rectory to arrange for Communion to be brought to the sick.

PASTORAL STAFF

Rev. Michael G. Meany
Pastor

Rev. Christopher M. Kituli
Associate Pastor

Rev. Marcel J. Pasciak
Pastor Emeritus

Mr. Charles Keegan
Deacon

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Deacon

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BULLETIN ARTICLES:

All Bulletin articles must be submitted to the Rectory by **Thursday, Noon**, which is **10 days** prior to the weekend published.

Articles may be dropped off at the Rectory or emailed to bulletin@stpatriciaparish.com

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Alice Alber
Tina Alcalá
John Bahm
Vic Balauskas
Mia Baza
Zachary Bazar
Robert Borvan
Linda Casey
Mary Connelly
Monika Danko
Abigail Darland
Kayla Debucho
Lou DeRose
Steve Dietz
Mary Ann Elwardt
Mary Farnan
Gregory Florek
Leo Gannon
Juan Gonzales
Dr. James L. Grider
Janice Grubisich
Dorothy Guisto
Joan Hanley
Lorinda Hilland
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Sue Hinker
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Thomas Hooten
Eugene Howaniec*
Eli Hurtado

Carol Jegerski
Ron Kalinowski
Linda Karl
Wanda Klimasz
Mary Koziol
Jeffery Kranig
Vic Kral
Craig Kruse
Jim Kruse
Maria Krzywicka
Renee Kuduk
Barbara LaPapa
Juan Carlos Lora
Marsha M. Luczak
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Cathy McCue
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Jan McNeff
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Virginia Meccia
Dennis Meyer
Micki Moore
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Maria Morano
Alyssa Muñoz
Carla Musick
Michael Olson
Neil Ormond

Nicole Osmolak
Elizabeth Page
Jozef Para
Jerry Pawlowski
Michael Proffitt
George Ratchford
Christine Ramos
Linda Rogers
Rhonda Sances
Harold Scheckel
Mary Shaughnessy
Deanna Slenk
Charles Stanek
Gen Stewart
Sophia Suciú
Judy Swanson
Carol Swientek
Marlene Thometz
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Mark Trapani
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Susan Varak
Bella Vickers
Bob Wade
Madeline Waliczek
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Craig Zadlo
LouAnn Zarembski
***New**

MASS INTENTIONS

St. Patricia Mass Intentions for your Loved Ones

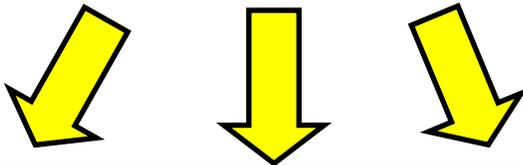
Would you like to remember your loved ones at our Masses - perhaps for the anniversary of their death, their birthday, or for their health? Their names will be printed in the weekly bulletin. Mass Cards are available on request.

For more information or to reserve your Masses, please call the Rectory Office at (708) 598-5222 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or email us at: rectory@stpatriciaparish.com

NOT ABLE TO ATTEND MASS ?

Please note the dispensation from Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation continues. The Archdiocese of Chicago still advises that the elderly and those with underlying medical conditions stay at home and participate through livestreamed and televised Masses. While our parish staff and volunteers will attempt to take appropriate precautions consistent with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting Covid-19 any time they enter any public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection. Thank you! **Cardinal Cupich celebrates Mass on Sunday, 9:30 a.m. on ABC, Channel 7.**

You will be missed, BOBBY!



WE ARE IN NEED of Eucharistic Ministers for Weekend Masses!

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Missy at the parish office. Thank you in advance!

Missy Keegan
(708) 598-5222

mkeegan@stpatriciaparish.com

WEEKLY CALENDAR: September 19-September 26

Sunday, September 19 - CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
9:30 a.m. - CH Mass - **Catechists' Blessing**
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass

Monday, September 20

9:00 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 21

8:05 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH - Daily Mass
6:00 p.m. - CH - **Religious Education BEGINS - Family Mass**

Wednesday, September 22

8:05 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Thursday, September 23

8:05 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH - **Students of St. Patricia - Grades 6, 7, 8**
6:30 p.m. - AA Meeting (Beginners) - BR North Side Door
7:00 p.m. - AA Regular Meeting - BR North Side Door

Friday, September 24

8:05 a.m. - Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

Saturday, September 25

3:00-3:45 p.m. - Confessions
4:00 p.m. - CH Mass

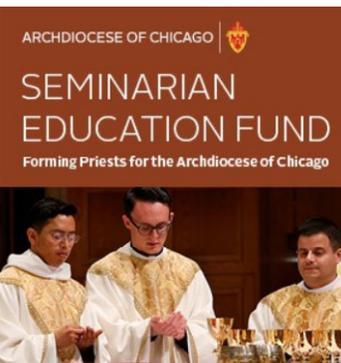
Sunday, September 26

7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
9:30 a.m. - CH Mass
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass

Rectory Hours - in person and by phone:

Mon-Fri- **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**
Sat from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Religious Ed. Office is now open by appointment. Our phone is **(708) 599-1221**. Registrations may be



SECOND COLLECTION this weekend (Sept. 18th & 19th) will be to support the **Seminarian Education Fund** for the education and formation of our future Priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago.

- Let us take time to recognize, celebrate and support the 33 seminarians who are preparing for lives of service to the Archdiocese of Chicago. The Church needs pastoral, compassionate and well-trained priests now more than ever, especially in light of the last year that saw not only the global pandemic that we have all endured, but also so much social unrest and suffering.
- Your generosity to this annual Seminarian Education second collections funds the formation of our seminarians at both the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary and at Saint John Vianney College Seminary in Saint Paul, MN.
- **THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

ST. PATRICIA SCHOOL GOOD NEWS

Junior Honors Society and Student Council Induction Ceremony is Monday, September 20, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. in the Church. All are welcome!

The Junior Honor Society had its elections on Monday, August 30th. Each candidate spoke to the 6-8th Graders and expressed to the junior-high students the ideas they had to help charities and ways to improve our school. All the candidates did a fantastic job with their speeches. Congrats to the JHS Board!



2021-22 Junior Honors Society Members



2021-22 Student Council Officers



THE STUDENT COUNCIL had its elections on Friday, September 10th. Each candidate spoke to the whole school and shared the fantastic ideas they had to make the 2021-22 school year great for all!

All the candidates did a fantastic job with their speeches. Congrats to the 2021-22 Student Council Officers!

Open House at St. Rita High School

All grade school students and their families are invited to the St. Rita High School Open House on Sunday, September 26, 2021 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Guided tours and presentations will begin at 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity to experience the St. Rita Family. No pre-registration required. Any questions, please contact Mr. John Bonk, Director of Recruitment and Admissions at jbok@stritahs.com.

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Illinois Knights of Columbus Men's Retreat

Hosted by the Archdiocese of Chicago Chapter

"How is your Health? Mind and Body, Spirit and Soul"

The Chicago Archdiocese Chapter will be hosting a free 4-hour Men's retreat on October 30, 2021, at the Basilica of Our Lady of Sorrows, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd. Chicago, IL 60612. It is the Shrine of Cancer Saint Peregrine Laziosi, O.S.M. Free attendance check-in begins at 8:30 a.m. and coffee and donuts will be provided at no cost to all attendees.

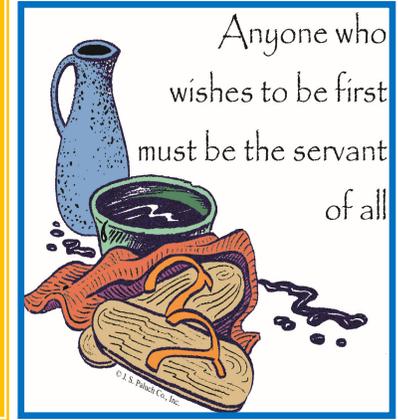
The retreat's first reflection is on the health of mind and body along with a second reflection on Spirit and Soul. There will be a Mass and a Blessing between reflections. Lunch will be served at no-cost following the second reflection. A video tour of the Basilica will be available during lunch. The Basilica will remain open after lunch until 2:00 p.m. prayer and private tours.

All Brother Knights are invited and encouraged to bring your fellow Parishioners. R.C.I.A. candidates are also welcomed to attend. This event is limited to a capacity of 400 people. Each participant attending will receive a free copy of "Jesus the Healer; St. Peregrine," OSM, the Helper by Fr. Christopher L. Krymski, O.S.M. as a gift from the Chicago Chapter. This is a Faith in Action Retreat Program for participating Councils.

Registration will begin September 1, 2021 at the Chicago Chapter website. The website, chicagokofc.com, will have a tab on the home page for the Men's Retreat. Hit on the tab to open and register.

We are looking forward to sharing the day with all of you.

The Archdiocese of Chicago Chapter
Stan Wijak - President



RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Join us for an informational meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021
at 6:30 pm in the Brody Room
at the Rectory

Meet the catechists, ask questions, and register for future classes!

RCIA FOR ADULTS: Would you like to become a Catholic? Are you an adult in need of the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, Reconciliation, and/or Confirmation? If so, we invite you to attend an informational meeting regarding RCIA classes on **Monday, Sept. 27, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.** in the Brody Room of the Rectory. At this meeting, you will have an opportunity to meet the catechists, ask questions, and register for future classes. Please call the Religious Education Office at 708-599-1221 for more information. **Classes will begin on Monday, October 4th.** We look forward to beginning this spiritual journey with you!

BLESSING OF PETS

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, the Blessing of Pets will take place on Monday, October 4th at **3:30 p.m.** in front of the **Rectory**. Pets must be on a leash, crated or caged, and please bring your clean up bags.

All attending must wear masks & practice social distancing (at least 6 feet apart from other families).



FEAST OF FAITH — DOXOLOGY AND AMEN

“Doxology” comes from a Greek word meaning “words of praise.” The Eucharistic Prayer ends with a doxology addressed to the triune God: “Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.” It is an exclamation of praise, honor, and glory to God, reminding us that we receive everything from God through the Son, in the power of the Spirit. At the consecration, the priest held up the host and then the chalice for us to see and adore. During the doxology, the host and chalice are held up again, but this time they are held up and offered to God the Father. With the doxology, the Eucharistic Prayer ends, as it began, with words of praise addressed to the Father: truly, it is right and just to give God praise, and we assent to this in our whole-hearted acclamation, “Amen.” Never was more meaning packed into so short a word. This “Amen,” sometimes and fittingly called “the great Amen,” is our response to the entire Eucharistic Prayer.

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ST. PATRICIA COOKBOOK

St. Patricia has created a commemorative Cookbook. There are over 200 recipes from St. Patricia teachers, students, parents, and parishioners in the cookbook. For \$15, you can own your own copy of this very special cookbook in both a hard copy and a digital copy.

You can purchase your copy by emailing: cmazurek@stpatriciaparish.com, or requesting one through the school office.

COOKBOOKS can be purchased or picked up at the School Office, Mon-Fri, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **OR**, they can be picked up at the Rectory Office, Mon-Fri, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



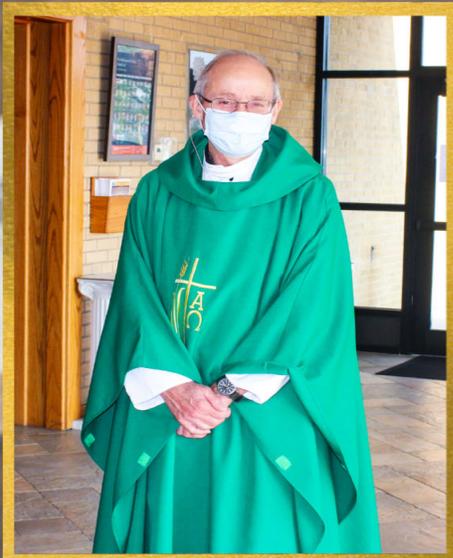
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JOIN US!

*Installation Mass
for Fr. Mike Meany
Saturday, October 2, 2021
at 4:00 pm Mass*

*Reception to follow
Please RSVP*

Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present, Grow the Future...

The St. Patricia Parish Community is invited to the Installation Mass of Fr. Mike Meany. Saturday, October 2, 2021 at 4:00 pm in the Church. Bishop Wypych will celebrate the Mass. A reception dinner will directly follow in the Parish Center.

Please R.S.V.P. to attend below or
Via Email- jvsuarez@stpatriciaparish.com
Parish Office - 708-598-5222



**Parish Leadership Meeting
Wednesday, September 29, 2021
at 6:30 pm in the School Hall**

All are Welcome! Please Register to Attend.

LEADERSHIP NIGHT MESSAGE FROM FR. MEANY: I plan to gather all the Parish Leadership together on Wed., Sept. 29th at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate our accomplishments and review some of the goals for the year. The "Renew My Church" Document will be reviewed and discussed. The Parish Pastoral Council and Staff will be invited to help organize the evening. And yes, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend. Please register to attend. The evening will permit me to become acquainted with all of you and understand how best we can begin to implement the RMC goals and objectives. Remember, these first steps will take time to become an integral part of the parish culture. I am sure you have heard the wise saying: "Rome wasn't built in a day!" With this being said, we have to start somewhere and be patient as we move through the ups and downs, which is part of any major endeavor.

REGISTRATION: Please go to our Parish website and register for this Parish Leadership Meeting. OR, you can use this link to access the website and register:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Parish-News-9-10-2021.html?soid=1134090382190&aid=jpn81cc9Dt8>

Finally, you can also register by calling the Rectory (708-598-5222).

Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed



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Christ Healing the Blind, ca. 1570 — This image by the famed artist, El Greco (Domenikos Theotokopoulos), illustrates the Gospel account of Christ healing a blind man by anointing his eyes.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY—September 19, 2021

The past year has highlighted the urgent need for healing—physical, spiritual, emotional—in ourselves and in our world. As our world struggles to heal, complete healing is not possible without Jesus as the Divine Physician. This year’s theme focuses on healing and comes from words we say at Mass. When our souls heal, all heals, despite our suffering. The words we pray at Mass, “**Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed,**” have the power to remind us of, to open our eyes to, the healing that Jesus offers us in the Eucharist, which is essential, eternal, and ever open to us. We humbly ask Him to say the word, and with that prayer, we have faith that, with the fantastic and improbable prospect of Jesus entering under our roof, our souls shall be healed.

What is Catechetical Sunday? As part of a 1935 initiative to recognize and celebrate the gift that catechists give to their parish communities by volunteering their time for the education of children, the Church began what we know today as Catechetical Sunday. Catechetical Sunday always takes place on the third Sunday in September. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith. The day provides an opportunity to celebrate those who do the important work of handing on the faith, and an opportunity for all of us Catholics to consider ways we are witnesses for Jesus Christ ourselves.

Who are Catechists? Each Catechetical Sunday, we celebrate catechists. All those who teach the Catholic faith and share the Church’s teachings are catechists. The word catechesis is from a Greek word meaning “to echo.” All those who teach in the Church’s name and about Jesus, by the way they live, are catechists. Parents **and** guardians are also catechists; **they are** the first and primary teachers of the faith for their children.

On this Catechetical Sunday, we come together as both a Parish and Church community to acknowledge the dedication of those who serve as catechists in our St. Patricia Parish family. Let us also pray and honor these most amazing teachers of the Word of God: Catechists of St. Patricia School, Catechists of our Religious Education Program, and the Catechists of RCIA, Teen RCIA, SPRED, Vacation Bible School, and CLOW.

Vicariate V Ministry Commission
Presents: **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
TRAINING**



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is the formal title of laypeople who distribute the Eucharist during Mass.

This training provides all those wishing to serve in this ministry sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical preparation to fulfill their role with knowledge and reverence.

All ministers of Holy Communion should show the greatest reverence for the Most Holy Eucharist by their demeanor, their attire, and the manner in which they handle the consecrated bread or wine. This training is open to adults and teens who have received their confirmation.

***Liturgical Minister Training for Extraordinary
Ministers of the Eucharist***

DATE: Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.
PRESENTER: Kathy McNicholas
LOCATION: Incarnation Church, 5757 West
127th Street, Crestwood, IL

**PLEASE REGISTER with Missy Keegan by
Monday, Sept. 20, 2021 - by 12:00 noon.**

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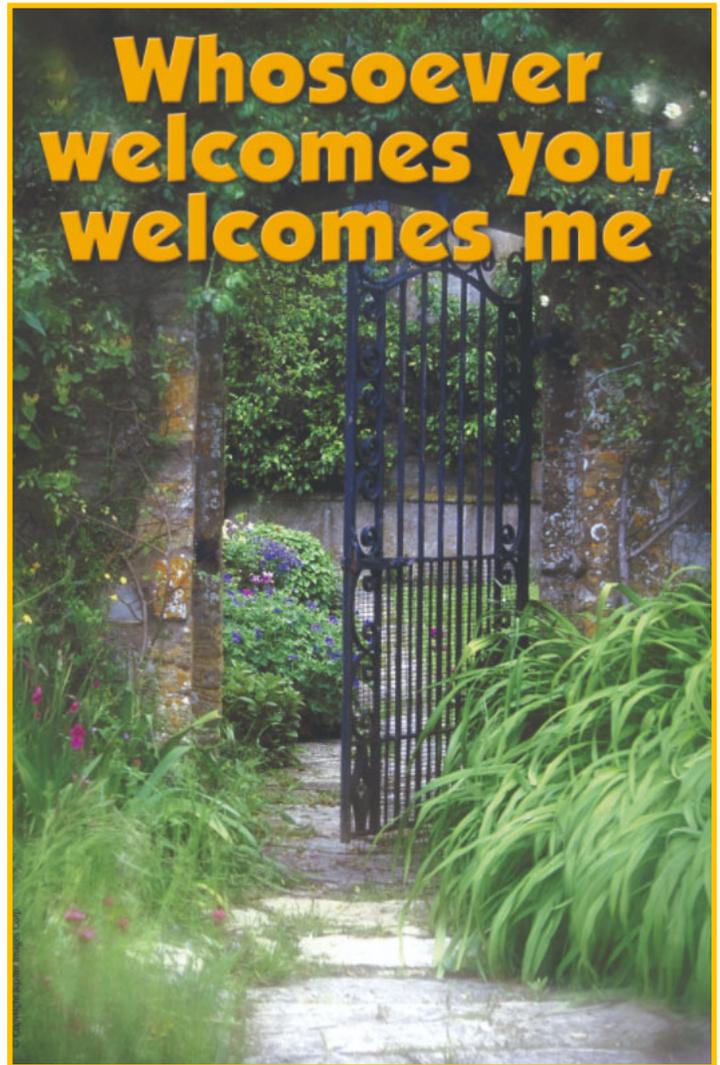
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THE MEANING OF DISCIPLESHIP — The geography of today's Gospel is significant. Jesus is completing his ministry in Galilee and beginning his journey to Jerusalem, where he will meet both death and resurrection. The prediction of his death placed here is the second of three in Mark's Gospel, and as usual it is the occasion for an important teaching on the part of Jesus. Today, that lesson is tied to the need for his disciples to embrace a ministry of service. A play on words in Aramaic would have linked the words "child" and "servant," thus turning Jesus' gesture of placing a child in their midst into an illustration of his understanding of himself as the Servant of the Lord. It is that same awareness of the meaning of their ministry that Jesus (and Mark) wishes to instill in the disciples. There must be a ministry of service if they are to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. And that service might even require of them that they be "handed over" to death. What would have been—in the culture of Jesus' day—an ordinary discussion of social status ("who is the greatest") becomes in Mark's context a key insight into the meaning of discipleship for the disciples and for us.

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Registration for our Full Year RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Program Is Now Underway!

Looking ahead, we pray our world will be healed and our lives will be more back to “normal” when we return in September for our new RE year. We cannot wait until we are all reunited in person at our church and our school! It will be a day of great celebration! Be sure to sign up and share the registration form with other families you may know, so that we may keep the Catholic faith and the love of God alive and flourishing in our community!



What grades are offered for the Full Year RE Program?

We offer RE classes for Kindergarten through 8th grade. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

What are the requirements for children to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation?

Children must be baptized. The Archdiocese requires the children to take part in a two-year preparation program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation.

Do you offer any classes for Teens who are in need of receiving Sacraments?

Yes, they may register for our **Teen RCIA Program**. It is a one-year program which runs from September through March. Classes will be held on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

Do you offer any program for Adults who are in need of receiving Sacraments?

Yes, they may register for our **Adult RCIA Program**. It is a one-year program which runs from October through March or April. Classes will be held on Monday evenings.

Where are the registration forms located? You can find our registration form on our website, in the church gathering space, or at the rectory. You can also request a registration form by email at reled@stpatriciaparish.com, or call our office at **708-599-1221**.

SIRE and Vacation Bible School: Unfortunately, we will not be able to offer our SIRE (Summer Intensive Religious Education) Classes or our Vacation Bible School Program this June. Hopefully, these two wonderful programs will return in June of 2022. But, for this year, we will be offering a FREE, virtual, Vacation Bible School program for all of our parish families in the summer months! We will keep you updated on the details.

**Jesus is waiting for you here at St. Patricia Parish!
Come join us; grow in the beauty of your Catholic faith!**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: TWO-YEAR REQUIREMENT FOR SACRAMENTS WAIVED FOR THIS YEAR

The Archdiocese of Chicago has announced the two-year requirement to receive Sacraments will be waived this year for all incoming 2nd and 8th Graders who were unable to attend Religious Education last year. These students will participate in a very short catch-up program, in addition to this year's classes, so they will be able to receive the Sacrament(s) appropriate to their grade level this school year. Please be sure to register for these RE classes soon! You can contact us at reled@stpatriciaparish.com, or **708-599-1221** and ask for Mrs. Siu Yu. **Thank you!**

Mrs. Christine Ramos

Coordinator of Religious Education



Saturday, September 18

- 4:00 RoseMarie Lipinski - Brian Oszakiewski
John Skorupa - Barbara Jaworek
Bud Skorupa - Barbara Jaworek
Bobby McCarthy - John and Ann Filipiak
Patrick and Marie O'Connor - O'Connor Family

Sunday, September 19 - CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

- 7:30 Kathryn Olson - Larry Olson
Bobby McCarthy - Robert and Diane Faxel
Mary Vallejo - Clyde and Lucy Tomala
- 9:30 Lillian Zielnik and Alice Cunat - Bernice and Suzanne
Tekla Piotrowski - Zielnik Family
Leo Przekaza - Coletta Przekaza
Billy Hathaway - Wife, Fran
Robert Weitendorf - John and Ann Filipiak
- 11:30 Vince Murphy - Wife, Joan and Family

Monday, September 20

- 8:30 For All the People of St. Patricia Parish

Tuesday, September 21

- 8:30 Jerry Dietz - Family
- 6:00pm **Religious Education Begins — Family Mass**

Wednesday, September 22

- 8:30 Paul and Rose Thoompil (Repose of Soul) - Geenu Kunnengode

Thursday, September 23

- 8:30 **For the Students of St. Patricia - Grades 6, 7, 8 Attendee Mass**

Friday, September 24

- 8:30 Bobby McCarthy - Bertha Castro and Amy Fedor

Saturday, September 25

- 4:00 Sally Smith - Family
Mary Ann Littrell - C. Hilarzek
Tom Driscoll - The Driscoll Family
Bobby McCarthy - Anna Marie Jezuit and Family

Sunday, September 26

- 7:30 James Martin - Holly and Hank Oszakiewski
Bobby McCarthy - Robert and Diane Faxel
- 9:30 Walter and Lillian Zielnik - Zielnik Family
Billy Hathaway - Wife, Fran
Robert Weitendorf - Kathy Hoigard
Arthur and Robert Weitendorf - Hal and Carolyn Budach
Bobby McCarthy - Anne Carroll
- 11:30 Jozef Mrowca - Swajnos, Gangestad, and Mrowca Family
Vince Murphy - Wife, Joan and Family
Rosalba Cruz (Health and Blessings) - Mr. and Mrs. Allan Maryjowski
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Banns of Marriage

We congratulate the following couple on their upcoming wedding:
II - Daniel Mrowca AND Joanna Gawlak

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
 TUESDAY: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13
 WEDNESDAY: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
 THURSDAY: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
 FRIDAY: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
 SATURDAY: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
 SUNDAY: Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-14; Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

OUR BEST
 The more the world is at its worst, the more we need the Church at its best.

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