

December 29, 2024 The Holy Family

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Sunday Masses

Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 11:45 am in the Main Church

Daily Masses:

Monday through Friday 8:00 am in the Little Church

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:15 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 to be made at least six to eight months prior to wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick Contact Fr. Gunderson at 847-234-1401

Holy Communion for the Homebound Please call the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Children's Religious Education and Formation Mondays and Tuesdays, 4:30pm - 5:45pm Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

Sacraments, Visiting of the Sick, & New Parishioner Registration Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Sacrament of Confirmation Contact Brandin Stoy at 847-234-1401

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth 312- 534- 5254 www.archchicago.org

Bulletin Deadlines

All articles must be submitted by noon of the deadline date. Please contact the parish Ministry Office.

Bulletin Date January 5 January 12 January 19 **Due Date** December 23 January 2 January 9

From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

December 29, 2024

Dear Friends,

Families often tell stories about the birth of its members. Some of the stories are true. Some of the stories are mythic. Some of the stories point to the future.

My story begins at 7:20 AM on May 13, 1950, when Dr. Koff delivered me as the third child of Bud and Lillian. Now it was a girl and two boys, but more would come later. While I was still quite young there was a car accident. My older brother was seriously injured. He fully recovered. The repentant driver gave him a beautiful Schwinn bike (of which I was jealous). A parish priest befriended my brother and our parents. That's where my vocation began.

Birth stories influence our expectations about ourselves and our world. The stage on which we play out our lives is set at the beginning and a cast of characters is there to tell us who we were meant to be.

Families tell foundational stories to establish and maintain a particular identity/self-understanding. Stories like these are a verbal coat of arms for the family. By repeatedly telling these stories, the family is shaping itself and it is shaping its offspring

Luke's gospel begins even before the birth of Jesus with stories of birth announcements and long journeys. Luke is an artist who paints a picture more than a scribe providing an eyewitness account. He wasn't there. The gospel today revisits many of the themes by which Luke has painted the picture of Jesus' birth. Luke highlights the role of Jerusalem and the temple. He emphasizes the religious practice of Jesus' parents who made the annual pilgrimage to Jerusalem. He is the only evangelist who offers this account of Jesus' youth. It points ahead to whom Jesus will become.

The story follows a pattern found in stories of other great individuals, who in their youth, gave signs of future greatness. Like Samuel, the boy in the temple who heard the call of God. And David, the ruddy youth who slayed Goliath and became king of Israel. The story suggests that the destiny of the human family and the destiny of this young boy becoming a man are inextricably connected. The moment preserved by Luke's story is not unlike times when our families face realities of life like the lost being found, the discovery of a vocation, the desire to strike out on one's own, teenage conflicts with parents.

Today, when the family of Jesus celebrates a mass just after Christmas, God continues to be at work shaping the lives of individuals and in the lives of families. God is still shaping our collective lives not according to some idealized or prefabricated model but according to a divine plan. With incredible faith passed from one generation to the next, families can respond to constantly changing challenges and opportunities with hope and love.

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Fr. Jerry Gunderson

This Week

<u>Sunday, December 29</u> Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

8:00am Mass, Fr. Jerry 10:00am Mass, Fr. McCoy 11:45am Mass, Fr. Hennessey

Monday, December 30 No RE Classes

Tuesday, December 31 New Year's Eve Offices Closed at Noon No RE Classes 5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

Wednesday, January 1 The Solemnity of Mary New Year's Day 10:00am Mass - Fr. McCoy

Thursday, January 2

Friday, january 3 6:30am Men's Group Mass - MC 2:30pm Adoration - OC

6:30pm Benediction - OC Saturday, January 4 5:00pm Mass - Fr. Jerry

Sunday, January 5 Epiphany of the Lord 8:00am Mass - Fr. Franzman 10:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry 10:50am Youth Ministry - PC 11:45am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

Monday, January 6 4:30pm RE Grades 1-7 - PC

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

In gratitude to the Lord, Hannah returned the gift of her son, Samuel. Is there a gift from the Lord for which you are particularly grateful?

Second Reading:

As children of God, John teaches us that believers should love one another and believe in the name of Jesus. *In addition to faith and love, what else do you think unites us as children of God?*

Gospel:

Luke presents an anxious experience that Mary and Joseph had as parents raising the young boy, Jesus. *Do you recall a time when your parents were worried or anxious about you?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 (see a)/1 Jn 3:1-2,		
	21-24/Lk 2:41-52		
Monday:	1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40		
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, <mark>1</mark> 3/Jn 1:1-18		
Wednesday:	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3,5, 6, 8 (2a)/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21		
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3c <mark>d</mark> -4/Jn 1:19-28		
Friday:	1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, <mark>5</mark> -6/Jn 1:29-34		
Saturday:	1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn <mark>1:35</mark> -42		
Next Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10 <mark>-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/</mark> Mt 2:1-12-24/Lk 2:41-52		

May the Gospel of Jesus Christ keep your hearts open to the world. Your traditions are a treasure to be cherished and cultivated, not to isolate yourselves, but always to encounter and share them with others. Thank you all! #ApostolicJourney

-Pope Francis - follow @pontifex

Finances

YTD ending December 15, 2024

<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$327,185	\$304,008	\$23,177





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BEGIN THE JUBILEE YEAR - JOIN A PILGRIMAGE FREE CHRISTMAS BOOK PROVIDED, WHILE WE HAVE THEM!

The Year 2025 is a Catholic Jubilee Year, and this is the best way to begin -- 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory. Matthew Kelly says ... "You are about to embark on an incredible journey. 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory isn't just another book ... it is an invitation to participate in a sacred journey—a spiritual pilgrimage. It's a guide that will lead you to the essence of what it means to be Catholic...and it will change your life in the most marvelous of ways. Eucharistic Consecration will take your spiritual life to unimaginable new levels, but it will also energize your relationships, refocus your professional life, rearrange your priorities, awaken your dreams, and show you the genius of Catholicism."

Get a copy of the book and look it over – this is easy and we will be with you on the journey....

- Introductory sessions will be Mondays (Jan. 13th & 20th), 7 PM
- You begin the Journey on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd (Day 1), with reading the daily reflection
- Continue each day with the reflection, Weekly Monday sessions for faith sharing.
- Consecration Day is Saturday, March 1st , 2025 8 AM Mass at St. Patrick

We will have various ways to participate. Open to all; Daily reminders; and Weekly tag-up sessions on an intense journey. Scan the QR code for details.

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Dec 29 8:00 am † The Wade family, req. Peg & Wal Wade

10:00 am

- + Sophia & Stanley Haberski, req. Mariann Gregory
- + Walter Gregory, req. Mariann Gregory
- The McKay family, req. Peg & Wal Wade
- + David Robinson, req. Mariann Gregory

11:45 am People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, Dec 30 8:00 am † Richard H Brandt, req. Liz & Ted Brandt

Tuesday, Dec 31 5:00 pm

Wednesday, Jan 1 10:00 am

Thursday, Jan 2 8:00 am

Friday, Jan 3 6:30 am † Frank Keres, req. The men's group

8:00 am

Saturday, Jan 4 5:00 pm † Mathew Blackburn, req. Julie Blackburn

Sunday, Jan 5 8:00 am

10:00 am
† Marie A Roti, req. Angie & John Lyons
† John Murray, req. St. Patrick women's group board Special intention for Kit O'Brien, req. Ann O'Brien

11:45 am People of St. Patrick Church

Those Serving Our Country

Lt. Col. Patrick Burke, Jr., US Air Force Son of Patrick and Patty Burke

Lt. Col. Patrick J. Fahey, USMC Son of Tom and Marilyn Fahey

Lt. Col. Michael J. Koob US Air Force Son of Mike and Donna Koob

Captain Colt Marcyan, US Army Son of Ana and Carl Marcyan

Major General Stephen L. Davis, US Air Force, Son of Karen Davis

Staff Sgt. Section Chief Joseph D. Whitley, US Army, Nephew of Cathe Keres

Ensign Owen William Platt, US Navy, Son of Roger and Liz Platt

Cadet Reid Walsh, United States Military Academy, Son of Allison & Brian Walsh

The Lake County Veterans and Family Services Foundation is dedicated to helping Veterans and their families get the military benefits they have earned. If you need help connecting with Veterans Administration or other related resources, please contact foundation representative Bob Gorman at <u>robertegorman@sbcglobal.net</u>

Our Sick

Fr. Ronnie Calkins Joseph Zittnan Nicole Tallarico Carolyn Welby Florence Gatti Jennifer Mikell Gianfranco Isaia Paul Zittnan Bob Seiler

> Names added to the prayer requests will remain for 1 month. To add or re-add a person please email <u>jmanarik@stpatrick-lakeforest.org</u> or call the ministry office at 847-234-1401.

Gerard "Jerry" Zeitner, uncle of Jennifer Boldry

December, 2024

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to share the Annual Financial Report for Parish Operations in the fiscal year that began July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024. It tells a story of your generosity and our effort to be good stewards.

You will notice that we separate ordinary and extraordinary items. I will explain below why that is important. We have a strong balance sheet and no debt. Our overall financial position is strong. St. Patrick ended its fiscal year with an increase in Net Income of \$154,407, an improvement of \$106,119 from the previous fiscal year.

The loss from Operations, however, totaled \$290,842, reflecting modest progress from last year. What this means is that the cost of keeping our parish open and available is greater than the money received from our regular, or ordinary, sources of income.

Total Receipts from Operations were \$1,163,706, an increase of \$75,426. This is largely due to improved offertory collections, for which we are grateful. However, the cost of keeping our parish running also grew. Total Payments were \$1,454,548, higher by \$69,428 as compared to a year ago. The largest increases were incurred in Salaries & Benefits and Other Payments. Nearly all other expenses were below those spent last fiscal year.

Special Receipts less Payments totaled \$445,249, an increase of \$100,121 over the prior year. While important, these receipts and payments should not be considered a part of the parish's day-to-day financial operations. Special Receipts increased due to generous parishioner donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal and gains in interest and investment income. Special Payments totaled \$131,315 representing funds shared with other parishes and required Archdiocesan Collections. Capital Improvement expenditures were for deposits on the new crucifix and Holy Family statue which were covered by parishioner donations.

Cash and Investments totaled \$3,660,809, an increase from last year of \$148,505. The Parish's financial assets were used to cover its losses from ordinary Operations this year and last and to finance future capital improvements.



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While we have financial assets, they are designated for specific things like tuck pointing, roofing, mechanical systems, old and new church capital projects, rectory projects, etc. By growing financial assets, we generate funds to offset operating losses so we don't have to access principal. Continued reliance on financial assets to cover operating losses is not a good strategy. We need to reverse what has been a multi-year trend.

In the remaining seven months of the current fiscal year, I ask that we all focus on increasing the Sunday and Holy Day Collections. As the costs of running the parish increase, Ordinary Operating Revenue needs to rise. The most direct way each of us can do that is to increase our regular Sunday Offering. Especially if it has been some time since you have made an increase, I am asking that you prayerfully consider doing so now.

Like most pastors, I don't like asking for money. However, someone once told me that when a pastor asks his congregation to give money, he is asking for them to do something spiritual. That made sense to me. While money is tangible, the spiritual life in a parish that it funds is priceless.

The Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2023-June 30, 2024 tells a story of generosity. Thank you for your continued support of the spiritual and communal life of our parish. God bless you and Merry Christmas!

Sincerely,

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Fr. Jerry Gunderson

2023-2024 Income Statement		
	12 Months Ended <u>6/30/24</u>	12 Months Ended 6/30/23
<u>Donations</u>	0/30/24	0/30/23
Sunday and Holy Day Collections	\$672,389	\$611,936
Christmas Collection	102,376	105,571
Easter Collection	<u>72,416</u>	70,752
Total Donations	\$847,181	\$788,259
Religious Education	42,515	39,915
All Other Receipts	<u>274,010</u>	<u>260,106</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$1,163,706</u>	<u>\$1,088,280</u>
Payments		
Salaries & Benefits	\$815,618	\$785,429
Utilities	90,949	91,814
Maintenance	46,215	49,402
Archdiocesan Assessment	89,520	90,252
Priests' Retirement Fund Assessment	30,084	30,672
Tuition Subsidy to St. Mary's	42,875	46,773
Administrative Expense	144,892	142,328
All Other Payments	<u>194,395</u>	<u>148,450</u>
TOTAL PAYMENTS	<u>\$1,454,548</u>	<u>\$1,385,120</u>
Income/Loss from Operations	<u>(\$290,842)</u>	<u>(\$296,840)</u>
Additional Information Not Included Above		
Sharing Collection for Other Parishes/Entities	\$28,229	\$36,198
Archdiocesan Collections	51,315	62,297
Annual Catholic Appeal Parish Share	111,543	86,556
To Teach Who Christ Is Capital Campaign	450	23,034
Interest Income and Mutual Fund Gain (Loss)	191,388	72,604
Other	<u>193,639</u>	<u>153,669</u>
Total Special Receipts	<u>\$576,564</u>	<u>\$434,358</u>
Sharing Collection Given to Other Parishes/Entities	\$30,940	\$26,756
Archdiocesan Collections	35,564	62,145
Capital Improvements	39,741	0
Other	<u>25,070</u>	<u>329</u>
Total Special Payments	<u>\$131,315</u>	<u>\$89,230</u>
Increase/Decrease in Net Assets	<u>\$154,407</u>	<u>\$48,288</u>

2023-2024 Balance Sheet		
	12 Months Ended <u>6/30/24</u>	12 Months Ended <u>6/30/23</u>
Assets	0/30/24	0/30/23
Cash	\$295,201	\$355,854
Operating Savings at the Archdiocese Bank	612,012	519,723
Long-Term/Restricted Savings	56,958	56,758
Endowment and Special Investment Savings	<u>2,696,638</u>	<u>2,579,969</u>
Other Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS	<u>\$3,660,809</u>	<u>\$3,512,304</u>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Accounts Payable and Other Liabilities	<u>\$6,521</u>	<u>\$12,425</u>
Equity		
Changes in Net Assets	\$154,409	\$45,787
Retained Earnings	(1,628,828)	(1,674,615)
Equity	<u>5,128,707</u>	<u>5,128,707</u>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u>\$3,654,288</u>	<u>\$3,499,879</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$3,660,809</u>	<u>\$3,512,304</u>



Christmas Flower Donation Remembrance

The beautiful flowers decorating the church during this Christmas season have been donated by parishioners in loving memory of beloved departed family and friends, or in honor of someone. We, as a parish, are grateful for the floral beauty afforded in our worship space during this beautiful season by our fellow parishioners. We commend them to your prayers.

In Memory Of:

Ori & Nora Hickey Alyce Gilroy Joe Kreiner Keith Kreiner Joseph Roberti Mary Seiler Will & Betty Wolgast Fr. Bill McNulty Mrs. Mary Ellen Kadleck Regina & John E. Sabalaskey Mrs. Gina Sutton Pearl & Oren Cunningham Cecilia & Konstanty Nieminski Mae and Lee Ford Helene & Earl Hukill Hattie & John Kadleck Norma Hoaglund

In Honor Of:

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