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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

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Contact Religious Education Office at 847-234-2179

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

Bulletin Date

January 12

January 19

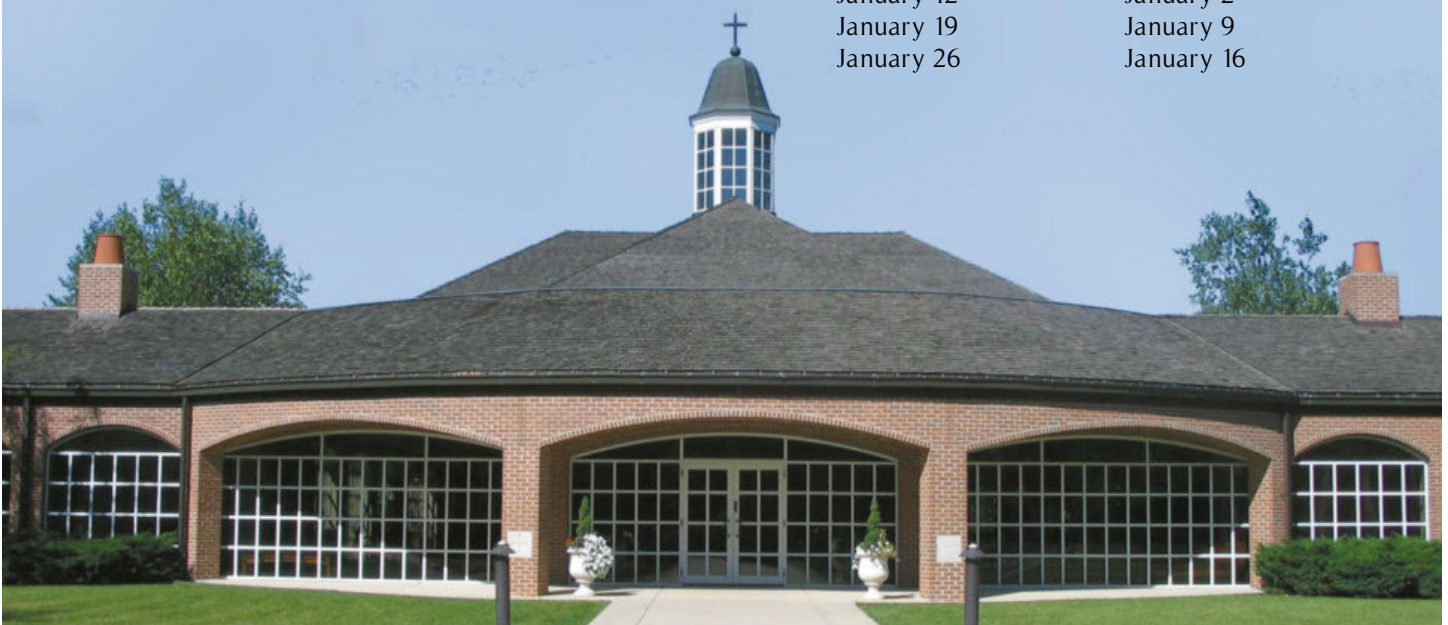
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Due Date

January 2

January 9

January 16



From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

January 5, 2025

Dear Friends,

On Christmas Eve Pope Francis opened the holy door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and marked the official start of Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope. In January 2021, as the world struggled to return to some kind of normalcy after the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Pope Francis announced that he had chosen "Pilgrims of Hope" as the theme for the Holy Year.

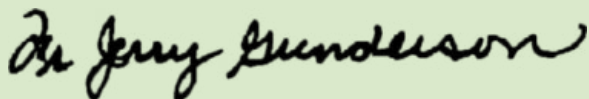
"We must fan the flame of hope that has been given to us and help everyone gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart, and farsighted vision," the pope wrote in a letter entrusting the organization of the jubilee to the Pontifical Council for Promoting the New Evangelization. The pope prayed that the Holy Year would be marked by "deep faith, lively hope and active charity."

The holy year of jubilee is a time of pilgrimage, prayer, repentance and acts of mercy, based upon the Old Testament tradition of a jubilee year of rest, forgiveness, and renewal. Holy years are also a time when Catholics make pilgrimages to designated churches and shrines, recite special prayers, go to confession, and receive communion. Unlike in previous jubilee years the only holy doors that will be opened will be in Rome: St Peter's Basilica, St. John Lateran, St Mary Major and St. Paul outside the Walls. However, for people who cannot travel to Italy on pilgrimage, the archdiocese has established 24 pilgrimage sites at local parishes in each vicariate.

From January 15-25 I will accompany to Rome a group of pilgrims who are members of Illinois Patrons of the Arts of the Vatican Museums. We will visit each of the designated churches in Rome. This group sponsors a variety of programs highlighting the close relationship between art and faith. Patrons also raise funds for the restoration work at the Vatican museums. I hope to also visit Castel Gandolfo where the Pope has a summer residence. Recently Pope Francis established Castel Gandolfo as a center to foster the implementation of "Laudato Si," his encyclical on the Care of the Earth. He named a Chicago priest, Fr. Manny Dorantes, to be the director. Fr. Manny is a friend I hope to have as tour guide.

While I am away from St. Patrick, Fr. Wilfred Bwezani Phiri will reside at the rectory, preside at Masses, hear confessions, and be available for sacramental and pastoral assistance. Fr. Wilfred is my priest friend from Zambia who is visiting the US. I will be able to spend time with him both before and after my trip. He has graciously agreed to take my place.

At the end of January, Fr Wilfred will speak at all the Masses on behalf of Friends of Chikwa Parish. I want him to share the story of all that the partnership between Chikwa and its friends has made possible.



Fr. Jerry Gunderson

This Week

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

Tuesday, January 7

8:30am IH Leaders Meeting - CR

4:30pm RE Grades 1-7 - PC

Wednesday, January 8

8:30am IH Prayer Group - CR

9:05am St. Mary Mass - MC

10:00am IH Bible Study - PC

7:00pm 1st Communion Parent Meeting - Zoom

Thursday, January 9

Friday, January 10

Saturday, January 11

5:00pm Mass - Fr. Franzman

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

8:00am Mass - Fr. Jerry

10:00am Mass - Fr. Hennessey

11:45am Mass - Fr. Jerry

4:00pm Confirmation Classes - PC

Monday, January 13

4:30pm RE Grades 1-7 - PC

7:00pm MG Meeting - PC

7:30pm PPC Meeting - CR

Scripture Questions of the Week

First Reading:

Isaiah foresees a time when the people of Jerusalem will be overwhelmed with happiness and prosperity. *What gift could you receive that would bring you great joy?*

Second Reading:

Paul informs the Ephesians that he received a revelation of God's plan to save all people through Christ Jesus. *What do you think makes your friends or relatives open to this idea?*

Gospel:

The visit of the magi teaches us about God's desire for the whole world know about his son, Jesus. *When do you first recall hearing about Jesus?*

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This Week's Readings

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Finances

YTD ending December 22, 2024

Actual	Budget	Surplus/Deficit
\$354,654	\$316,675	\$37,979

Jubilees are precious times for taking stock of our lives, both as individuals and as communities. They are opportunities for reflection, recollection, and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to us today (cf. Rev 2:7).

#Jubilee2025

-Pope Francis - follow @pontifex





CHRISTMAS BOOK PROGRAM



Join us for 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory - Have your life transformed, the best way to start the New Year.

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St. Patrick is handing out this free book and will begin a daily reading challenge starting Wednesday, January 22nd, 2025. Each participant can read daily, on their own. It concludes with participants saying the Consecration Prayer on Saturday March 1st after the 8 AM Mass.

January 5, 2025

From the Desk of Fr. Jerry

Dear Friends,

On Epiphany we can reflect on the theme of the entire Advent Christmas Season: “The Word became flesh and dwells among us.” I am thinking of all the efforts made by so many people to express the mystery of the Incarnation. We have all benefitted from the service of many. The Advent - Christmas Season at St. Pat’s was enhanced by the liturgy committee members who planned our observance and recruited families and individuals to light the Advent wreath. Thanks also to those who did it. Thank you to Dawn Isaia, Marcella Lee, the choirs, cantors and music ministers for the beautiful Advent and Christmas music. We are grateful to all those who signed up to be liturgical ministers: ushers, communion ministers, lectors, altar servers and the priests who presided and assisted at liturgies. During Advent we celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation communally and individually. Thanks to all those who took advantage of this opportunity and the priests who helped. It was very special. The church environment was appropriately set for Advent, thanks to Anna LeVert. It glowed with light and flowers for Christmas. Jen Boldry, Joanne Manarik, and our pastoral staff, and Jack Miller, Jose Felix, Antonia Felix, and Brandin Stoy for all that they did. Thank you to those who sent cards and gifts or stopped by the parish to say Merry Christmas. All of us wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Fr. Jerry Gunderson

Our Prayers

Mass Intentions

Sunday, Jan 5
8:00 am

10:00 am

† Marie A Roti, req. Angie & John Lyons
† John Murray,
req. The St. Patrick Women's Group Board
Special intention for: Kit O'Brien, req. Ann O'Brien

11:45 am
People of St Patrick Parish

Monday, Jan 6
8:00 am

Tuesday, Jan 7
8:00 am

Wednesday, Jan 8
8:00 am
Special intention for: Kit O'Brien,
req. Ann O'Brien

Thursday, Jan 9
8:00 am
† Mary & Stephen McGlone, req. Peg Scichili

Friday, Jan 10
8:00 am

Saturday, Jan 11
5:00 pm

Sunday, Jan 12
8:00 am
† Stephen McGlone, req. Peg Scichili

10:00 am
† Dr. Kathleen Fitzgerald, req. Thomas Fitzgerald
Special intention for: Kit O'Brien, req. Ann O'Brien
† Vivian Ripple, req. Linda & George Jackson

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 robertegorman@sbcglobal.net

Our Sick

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

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

Our Deceased

Rudolph Kallinger, father of Jim Kallinger



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
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Mrs. Gina Sutton
Pearl & Oren Cunningham
Cecilia & Konstanty Nieminski
Mae and Lee Ford
Helene & Earl Hukill
Hattie & John Kadleck
Norma Hoaglund
Bill Walsh
Sharon & Jim McWeeney
Joseph Hake
Adolf Wolski

In Honor Of:

Fr. Gunderson
Msgr. Dempsey
Fr. Franzmann
Fr. Webb
Fr. Dunn
Fr. Hennessey
Olive, Lottie & Lennon
Arlene Fortunato

Congratulations!



Please join us in welcoming into our parish family those newly baptized in December

Caiden Bierwirth, son of Trevor and Lane
Grace Therese Tabit, daughter of Corey and Colleen
Thomas Michael Ward III, son of Thomas and Sara



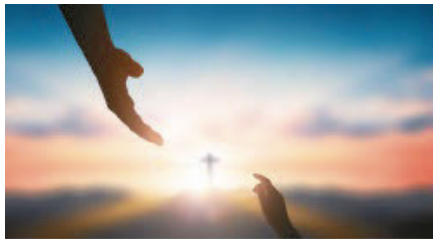
Sharing Tree



A most heartfelt THANK YOU to those who participated in our Sharing Tree program this year. The generosity of our parish community continues to provide the opportunity for us to make a difference in the lives of others. This year, financial donations allowed us to provide more gift cards to the food pantry at Most Blessed Trinity than we did last year AND we provided gifts to 75 under-resourced families. None of this would have been possible without our incredibly generous parishioners. In summary, we provided 75 families (225 children) with “wish list” gifts that ranged from diapers to coats and boots to toys and bikes. Those families were provided to us by Catholic Charities. We were also able to provide Most Blessed Trinity Food Pantry with 247 \$50 Walmart/Target gift cards through money collected (\$11,350) and gift cards donated. Those were distributed to children in Waukegan.



Thank you for continuing to make Christmas a little brighter for so many less fortunate and struggling families during the season of hope.



A Sacred Trust 3rd Wednesdays

Has God entrusted you with the care of a disabled person - a child, spouse or family member?

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Join others on a similar journey for fellowship, information sharing and support. Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every Month at the O’Gara Center of St. Patrick’s Church, Lake Forest at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome, please share with others.

01/15/24 - Planning for Adulthood - Mike Walther - Oak Wealth Management

Email Marilyn_Merrifield@comcast.net to join and receive receive agenda and speaker notifications.

Due to the nature of this event, we ask that only parents or guardians attend.



Christmas Luncheon

Thank you to the 107 people who attended the Women's Group Christmas Luncheon!



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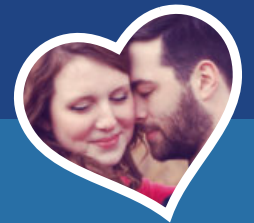
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