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Luke 12:49



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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20th Sunday—In Ordinary Time
 August 17, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

August 16	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by the Piasecki Family +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 23	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by The Hoehn Family Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 30	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Bob & Kiim Bruning Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sept. 6	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Maria Martrone Special Intention of Ed & Judy Phelan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Aug. 23	Sue Nugent	S. Nugent
Aug. 30	Amy Pfeifer	C. Smith
Sept. 5	Mark May	L. Cakora
Sept. 13	Jerry Kinsella	P. Engler
Sept. 20	Sherrie Ashley	S. Nugent

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 8/10/2025

\$1007.00 ++++

Our weekly budget goal is \$1211.54
THANK YOU For your faith - filled support



Council of Catholic Women has begun new year. We are busy planning our Scrap Drive, Undy Sundry, and Harvest Social Card Party.

The Scrap Drive will be on Saturday September 13 from 8:00am until noon. Bins will be available Thursday (September 11). See back page for items we can accept.

Undy Sunday offers us the opportunity to help those in need. New socks, T-shirts, underwear for both men, women, and children are always in great need. Along with diapers (both children and adults). Look for sales now, your gifts can be dropped off in our vestibule at any time.

Our yearly Harvest Social Card Party will be held on Wednesday, October 29 at the Wilton Center Hall. This all parish event offers a warm lunch, wonderful dessert and an afternoon of fellowship and fun, along with door prizes and a split the pot raffle. Doors open at noon, ticket information will be available soon.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

How much is good enough? How do we know when we have been generous enough or faithful enough to please the Lord? How do we know we have done enough to avoid sin?

Although I do not for one minute believe that God is sitting up in heaven next to a giant scoreboard keeping a tally of our good and bad deeds, we *will* be judged at the end of our lives. Today's second reading provokes self analysis in this regard: "In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood."

How do we react when we sin? Do we give into temptation so often that we don't even feel a ping to our conscience? Do we instantly regret what we have done and seek forgiveness from the person we have wronged? Do we look for the next available confession time? Do we let our sins pile up one upon the other and only seek the Sacrament when we can no longer stand it?

Our Lord revealed to St. Faustina just how much sin hurts His Sacred Heart. If we truly took that to heart, we would flee from sin so much more often. It would become repugnant to us. During the Divine Mercy Novena, we read "bring to me all mankind, especially sinners, and immerse them in the ocean of My mercy. In this way you will console Me in the bitter grief into which the loss of souls plunges Me" (*Diary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska*).

So let us turn away from sin and instead spread love and joy and truth. Let us set the earth on fire with the blazing love of God!.

**SCRAP DRIVE ITEMS
WE CAN ONLY ACCEPT
METAL ITEMS
NO WOOD/PLASTIC OR ELECTRONICS**

Aluminum:

Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Siding
Aluminum pots / pans
Vehicle Rims—No Tires

Copper:

Copper Pipe
Copper Wire
Household Wire
Extension Cords
Computer Cords

Stainless Steel:

Sinks
Pots / pans
Springs
Pet dishes
Door hinges

Batteries:

Car Batteries
Lawn Mower Batteries
Motorcycle Batteries

Electric Engines:

Box Fan motors
Ceiling Fan Motors

Brass:

Faucet Fittings

Appliances:

Washers
Dryers
Stoves
Refrigerators
Freezers
Dishwashers

Steel:

Bed Frames
Metal Shelves
Ironing Boards
Bicycles—No Tires
Brake Rotors
Vehicle Engines
Vehicle Rims—No Tires
Farm Silos
Ditch Culverts
Chain Link Fence
Fence Post—No Cement

Farm Equipment;

Tractors
Combines
Grain Boxes
Tractor Wheels—No Tires

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 17, 2025**

Sunday Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Monday Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday Memorial of Saint Pius X, Pope

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed

Virgin Mary Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday Ru 2:1-3, 8-11, 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2; Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30



Please Remember our sick;

especially: Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson



**Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
JACKIE PARKS and
JUNIPER NORRIS
Req. by
Bruce & Mary Boyle**

The Blazing Fire

Jesus said in today's Gospel, "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!" He is anxious for the whole world to experience the fire of the Holy Spirit, not just two thousand years ago, but today as well.

When we are blazing with the Holy Spirit, we can change the world. But first, we must be transformed by that fire. We can live a good life without being transformed, but we cannot set the world on fire. We cannot help others be transformed by God's grace. It must begin with us.

What might that look like? It could be a miraculous moment like Paul being knocked down and hearing the voice of God (Acts 9). More common is a gradual movement of God that opens our eyes so we can see the world differently. Scripture comes alive and has more meaning. We see the most difficult people in our lives with compassion and charity. We notice crude language and immorality around us and reject it. We confidently talk about our faith and what God is doing in us, for us, and through us. Worship has meaning and is no longer an obligation, but a hunger. We desire holiness and virtue. We are filled with supernatural joy and peace and others notice. That's transformation and it is thrilling!

When you are transformed, the people you live with may not be so thrilled. They stay the same and wonder what's wrong with you. Some might ignore your transformation. Others will avoid you or reject you. Still others will argue with you about it. In the same Gospel passage, Jesus tells us that He will bring division. If you suddenly reject worldly values and success, your spouse may not be happy about that. Your parents might worry that you won't be able to support your family. Your kids might not like the new restrictions you set on technology. There is conflict, accusation, rejection, complaining, threats, and sometimes separation. Jesus warned us.

Division is caused by Satan, not Jesus. He wants all people to be saved. He wants to open our minds to the truth, but some don't want to hear it. Does that mean we should stifle the Holy Spirit? Never! We have to love God more. We have to pray and fast for those who have not yet been transformed. We have to ask the Holy Spirit to give us holy boldness and prudence.

We can and should ask for more fire. God is always willing to give more. Are you willing to receive it? Be open to the blazing fire of the Spirit. Your transformation will help others open their hearts, minds and souls to God as well.

By Colleen Orchanian