



*Strive
to enter
through
the
narrow
gate*



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442

21st Sunday—In Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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 & Kim 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
Sept. 13	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Deb Robinson Parish Family of St. Patrick

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 8/17/2025

\$1,705.00

Assumption B.V.M \$330.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

The Scrap Drive will be on Saturday September 13 from 8:00am until noon. Bins will be available Thursday (September 11) in the afternoon. If you have large items and need help getting them to the church, please call the office so we can arrange for some assistance. See list on back for items we can accept.



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

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

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians share a love for the Byzantine liturgy because it is during the Eucharist that the Church is most true to its identity, expresses its integrity, and discovers its vocation. Eastern Catholic and Orthodox Christians celebrate essentially the identical liturgy, with only very slight variations. It is a fairly complex ritual weaving together three separate layers of prayers: a liturgy prayed in the sanctuary by priests, often hidden by a curtain or screen; a liturgy sung by the assembly and led by a deacon in front of a screen formed of painted icons; and a third layer of private prayer by the priest, who prays in support of the deacon and the faithful. It is an eyes-wide-open experience, gorgeous in visuals, and filled with the sound of God's people singing prayer. The energy of the worship centers on the presence of Christ, largely through an awareness of heaven touching earth when the Church gathers to celebrate.

In the late twentieth century, Latin Rite Catholics were encouraged to embrace a style of worship that was "full, conscious, and active," a value that has never been lost in the East. The liturgy has great impact in its beauty, in its poetry and contemplation, and by the actions of bowing, signing with the cross, and chanting that are required of the assembly. Contact with the Eastern Church reveals some key values that have been obscured in our own Church and are slowly being recovered.

—James Field

**SCRAP DRIVE ITEMS
WE CAN ACCEPT
METAL ITEMS ONLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 8:00AM—NOON**

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

NO WOOD—PLASTIC—OR ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Scripture Readings

For the Week of August 24, 2025

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

Monday 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-3, 4-6; Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Monica

1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab; Mt 23:27-32

Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and 17; Mt 24:42-51

Friday Memorial of the Passion of John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12; Mk 6:17-29

Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11, Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9; Mt 25:14-30

Sunday Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

JOYFUL AGAIN

Are you widowed and still hurting?

Please join us.

What: Attend a Joyful Again!

2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: Sept 20th & 2st, 2025

Where: University of St. Mary's of the Lake,

Seminary, Mundelein, IL. Over-

night Accommodations available

For further information,

call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org

*"For behold,
some are last
who will be first,
and some are first
who will be last."*

Please Remember our sick;

especially: Dan Phelan, 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**



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Looking Good

Don't you love it when the underdog wins? When the Cardinals beat the Yankees for the championship or the Blues beat the Redwings, or the Rams beat anyone? Even when I watch a game with no St. Louis teams playing, I still like to root for the underdog. That is what I like about today's Gospel: the last will be first and the first will be last.

Some say that Jesus was referring to the Jews, God's chosen people, whom Jesus called first to be his disciples. When they rejected him, the call went out to the Gentiles, who became followers. Or perhaps in Jesus' time, he was talking about the leaders of the Jews, the scribes and Pharisees. These refused to follow Jesus, while ordinary Jews who did not feel threatened by Jesus' teaching became disciples.

In a way, you can understand why the leaders rejected Jesus. They made a nice living out of the offerings made by ordinary Jews. As long as they could decide who could enter the temple, they had a nice income flow. They were smart enough to include the poor, by asking them for smaller offerings. And who could argue with them? They worked for God. How dare Jesus say that they would be cast out, while people from the rest of the world would enter the Kingdom of God!

And how about us? Remember that the Gospel was not written for non-believers. Are we threatened by Jesus' message? Just as the scribes and Pharisees considered themselves important in God's eyes because of their office, do we consider ourselves "saved" because we call ourselves Christians? Do we respect all people, or just the ones we like? Are we generous to the poor, or just to our friends? Do we give good example to the people we work with? Do we follow our conscience or do we follow the crowd?

Entry into the Kingdom of God is not a fashion statement. We don't get there by looking good. We are invited by Jesus to be last on earth so we can be first in the Kingdom.

Tom Schmidt