



This is
MY BELOVED SON
with Whom I am well pleased

MATTHEW 17:5



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
18th Sunday—In Ordinary Time
August 3, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

August 2	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by Claud & Etta Werner Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 9	5:45pm	Grace Niemiec req. by Horath Family Gladys Meyer req. by Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
August 15	5:30pm	ASSUMPTION OF B.V.M. - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION +Parents of Ed & Judy Phelan +John & Ann Shields +Gladys Meyer req. by The family
August 16	5:45pm	+Grace Niemiec req. by Bob & Kim Bruning +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Aug, 9	Jim Kreske	C. Kinsella
Aug. 15	Jim Kreske	C. Kinsella
Aug. 16	Sherrie Ashley	J. Kinsella
Aug. 23	Sue Nugent	S. Nugent
Aug. 30	Amy Pfeifer	C. Smith

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 7/27/2025

\$1,143.00

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

GOD Bless

**OUR STUDENTS
& TEACHERS**

Scripture Readings
For the Week of August 3, 2025

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and
17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Monday Memorial of Saint John Vianney, Priest
Nm 11:4b-15; Ps 81:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mt
14:13-21

Tuesday Nm 12:1-13; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 6cd-7, 12-
13, Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wednesday Feast of the Transfiguration of the
Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19;
Lk 9:28b-36

Thursday Nm 20: 1-13; Ps 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9, Mt
16:13-23

Friday Dt 4:32-40; Ps 77:12-13, 14-15, 16 and
21; Mt 16:24-28

Saturday Dt 6: 4-13; Ps 18: 2-3a, 3bc-4, 47 and 51;
Mt 17:14-20

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2,
8-19 or Heb 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or Lk 12:35-
40

Please Remember our sick;

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

Transfiguration of the Lord

In the event of the Transfiguration we contemplate the mysterious encounter between history, which is being built every day, and the blessed inheritance that awaits us in heaven in full union with Christ, the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

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

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY IS FRIDAY, AUGUST 15
AND IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
AT 5:30PM IN OUR CHURCH**



**Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is Burning for
GRACE NIEMIEC
Req. by Kay Bertrand**

**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY OF
ST. PATRICK**

The Poor in Spirit Are Rich

Today's readings all point Heavenward. They call us to give up the vanity of earthly thinking, of "toil and anxiety of heart" (Ecc. 1) and the things that pass, to "seek what is above" (Col 3).

We are reminded to listen to the voice of God, and we can do this only when we "number our days aright" and thereby "gain wisdom of heart" (Psalm 90). When we are aware that this current mode of life is short, we keep our eyes on the life that is waiting for us, "where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3).

Jesus responds to the man asking him to arbitrate an inheritance dispute with his brother by pointing beyond the immediate disagreement: "one's life does not consist of possessions," and telling a parable to remind us of the shortness of this life, and the poverty of earthly "riches."

We all find it easier to focus on the things before us, the things that demand our immediate attention, the things by which we measure our effectiveness and fruitfulness. We all find it easier to store up some kind of treasure right here – it may be money, experiences, knowledge, influence, order, good causes, or even some spiritual treasure, like religious art or prayer books or devotions. These give us a sense of satisfaction and security because they are tangible in some way. But Scripture calls us to surrender our own ideas of what constitutes real treasure, reminding us that what is of true value is hidden.

We must work to "think of what is above, not of what is on earth" because our "life is hidden with Christ in God" (Col 3). In another place, Jesus tells us to store up treasures in heaven (Matt 6:20), where moth and rust do not destroy; and at the end of his life, he tells Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world" (Jn 18:36).

The Kingdom of Heaven is unlike any kingdom on earth, and Jesus' mission to establish this Kingdom among us continues through the work of the Church. We, too, must make the eternal Kingdom the priority in our own lives, and in the life of the world. Jesus turned the values of this world upside down, illustrating how far from our ways are God's ways. By walking with Christ in every moment, we learn to value what he values, we build up treasure in Heaven, and Christ at last "is all and in all" (Col 3).

By Kathryn Mulderink