



I know that there is nothing
better for people than to be happy
and to do good while they live.
That each of them may eat and
drink, and find satisfaction in all
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
22nd Sunday—In Ordinary Time
August 31, 2025

Most Reverend Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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
Sept. 20	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer & Grace Niemiec req. by Joyce Gregory Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

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

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are
attending

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
8/24/2025

\$1,800.00

Maintenance \$100.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54
THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

PLEASE CALL 815-221-6192 TO REGISTER

Saturday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM

Cathedral of St. Raymond



Feel the need to help those who are hurting?

Phone Counselors Needed!!

Contact Exec. Director Dr. Terry Smith 1-630-988-7395

www.CatholicHotline.org CatholicHotline@gmail.com

If you are a Catholic who would like to provide spiritual and emotional support to our callers that need undivided attention especially during this time of crisis, you can be trained to become one of our phone counselors and work remotely.

The Upper Room Hotline is a ministry in the Catholic Tradition where our phone counselors are acting to extend Jesus' care and compassion through the guidance of the Holy Spirit using active listening, empathy, prayer when requested.

Our phone counselors receive free training on private Zoom Meetings. They cover various areas by credentialed University Instructors and Clinical Professionals that will specifically prepare you to assume responsibilities on the hotline.

Call now to be put on our waiting list

Hurry and Sign up Now! Classes begin Sept. 30th-Nov. 20th

Call 1-630-988-7395

**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 31, 2025

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

Monday 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-
12, 13; Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk
4:31-37

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Gregory the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church**
Col 1: 1-8; Ps 52: 10; 11; Lk 4:38-44

Thursday Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk
5:1-11

Friday Col 1:15-20; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 5:33-
39

Saturday Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8; Lk 6:1-5
Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Wis
9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17; Phlm
9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

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

POPE'S INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For relationship with all of creation - let
us pray that inspired by St. Francis, we
might experience our independence
with all creatures who are loved by God
and worthy of love and respect.

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

T	C	M	I	N	V	I	T	E	P	U
S	H	U	M	B	L	E	A	B	P	A
L	D	O	C	G	I	V	E	H	E	X
O	R	G	Q	T	T	I	S	O	X	O
W	X	S	S	A	U	D	J	N	A	H
E	C	O	I	H	D	X	Q	O	L	R
S	H	B	J	I	P	I	E	R	T	H
T	N	R	N	G	W	M	N	U	I	S
X	O	P	Y	H	J	T	K	E	B	C
R	L	H	W	E	G	J	R	P	I	U
V	Q	M	F	R	R	E	P	A	I	D

Dine Honor Host Give Lowest
Higher Exalt Humble Invite Repaid



**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**

Meek and Humble of Heart

Jesus, always the loving and gentle teacher, is being watched by the Pharisees. And He is watching them too. He sees them vying for the place of honor, in need of prestige and recognition. They are driven by their narrow vision to exalt themselves, rather than lift others up.

Jesus could easily call them out individually and embarrass them, putting them in their place. He is, after all, the King of the Universe. But he is also Incarnate Love. And so, rather than embarrass them, He tells a parable to the whole group gathered, and gives them the freedom and opportunity to take a good look at themselves and maybe even change their ways.

He knows the human heart better than anyone, and He understands the desire for self-promotion; it is part of fallen human nature to reach for what I refer to as the "5 P's": power, prestige, prosperity, popularity, pleasure. And He knows that we are made to be filled, not emptied; He knows that we cannot create a vacuum in ourselves by simply pushing away every desire. We must fill ourselves with good things, so there is no room for the bad.

He does not tell them that they should not desire honor; instead, he redirects their desire, elevating it. He points us heavenward, reminding us that any "honor" we receive on earth is meaningless if it does not result in heavenly reward. If we give something in order to be repaid, we are making ourselves the recipient of our own gift, which is no gift at all! When, on the other hand, we give something without desire for repayment of any kind, we "will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

When we try to exalt ourselves, we can never be exalted enough, and self-affirmation notoriously fails miserably. We cannot sincerely believe compliments or honor that we have manipulated others to give us. When we give to others without our own prestige and popularity as the goal, we are acting in true generosity. It is God alone Who sees these generous deeds, and God alone Who can repay them. When we acknowledge our littleness in the grand scheme of things and focus our energies on lifting others up, we act according to the humble Heart of Christ, and we are "blessed indeed."