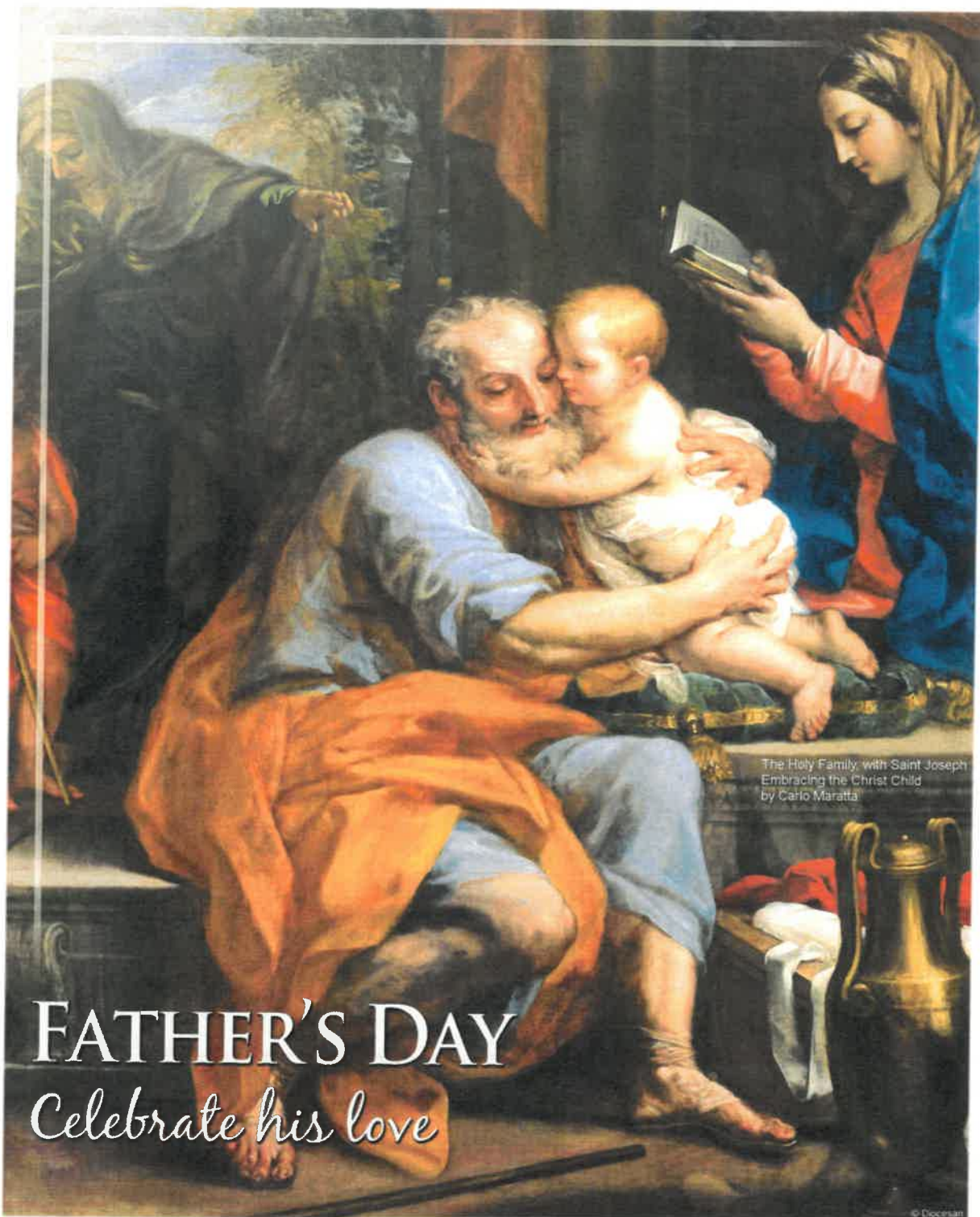




The Holy Family, with Saint Joseph
Embracing the Christ Child
by Carlo Maratta

FATHER'S DAY
Celebrate his love



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
 14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
 Manhattan, Illinois 60442
12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 June 21 , 2026

Most Reverend Bishop Dennis Spies
 Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

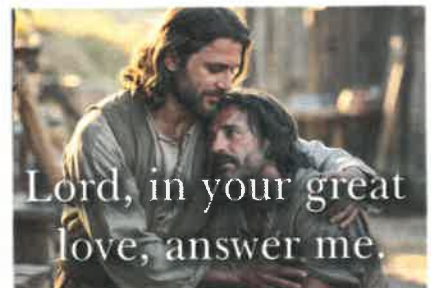
June 20	5:45pm	ALL FATHERS +Dan Phelan req. by Lynne and Family +Gladys Meyer req. by the Family
June 24	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by the Family +Grace Niemiec req. by The family
June 27	5:45pm	+Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick
July 1	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by Dan & Judy Robbins +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family
July 4	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Haley Donzella req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
June 20	Sherrie Ashley	C. Smith
June 27	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
July 1	Sue Nugent	P. Engler

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of June 21, 2026**

Sunday Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time Jer 20:10-13; Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35; Rm 5:12-15; Mt 10:26-33

Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13; Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 10-11; Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist Vigil: Jer 1:4-10; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab and 17; 1 Pt 1:8-12; Lk 1:5-17

Mass during the Day: Is 49:1-6; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15; Acts 13:22-26; Lk 1:57-66, 80

Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Mt 7:21-29

Friday 2 Kgs 25:1-12; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Mt 8:1-4

Saturday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21; Mt 8:5-17

Sunday Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19; Rm 6:3-4, 8-11; Mt 10:37-42



*Welcome to the
Parish Family
CALLIE ALEXANDRA OFRAN
&
KENDALL ANNE COFRAN
Daughters of
John & Alexandra Cofran*

Also

*EMERSON CHRISTINE MOOI &
CHRISTOPHER THOMAS MOOI*

*Infant children of
Carter Mooi and Haily Lopez
Who was Baptized
Saturday, June, 20 2026*

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
6/14/2026**

Sunday - \$1005.00

Maintenance - \$200.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1211.54
Thank you for your faith filled support.



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



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
+DAN PHELAN
Req. by The Dan
Phelan Family**

Please Remember our sick: especially:

Ralph Kuntz, Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori, Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Ken Smith, Laura Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A
LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**

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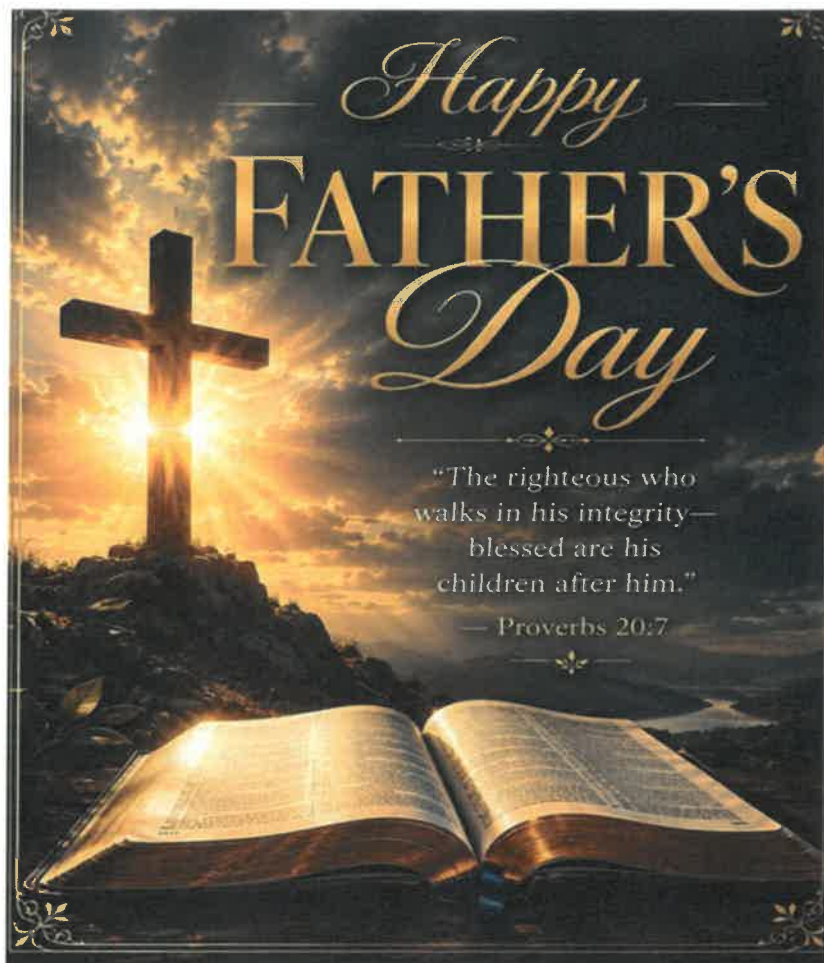
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Father Sebastian is Scheduled to relocate as of July 1. He is still planning on helping us whenever he can after he moves.

Lets get together after Mass on July 25 and thank him for helping us.

Check you schedule and sign up next weekend to attend Sign up sheet will be in the vestibule.





Father's Day Second Collection
This weekend we celebrate all fathers on Father's Day, including our spiritual fathers, also known as our parish priests. Our parish priests dedicate their lives to serving God, the Church, and their parish families. And when a priest may fall seriously ill, it is our duty as Catholics to care for them.

Please prayerfully consider supporting our infirm and retired priests so they receive the dignity, safety, and higher quality of care needed with a gift to the Father's Day Second Collection. On behalf of all priests who will benefit from your sacrifice, thank you!

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time The Paradox of Faith

"Do not fear men," Jesus says. He is talking about fearing those who persecute you for your faith. In the verses preceding this Gospel passage, he tries to prepare us for persecution and says that just as people did to him (Jesus), they would do to his followers.

But what happened to Jesus? He was crucified, but he rose from the dead. He triumphed over his persecutors. They couldn't stop him. And that's what he promises us too. We may suffer any persecution, ridicule, or discrimination for our faith, but we cannot be destroyed as long as we hold to that faith.

The best way to keep the faith alive is to give it to others. It sounds like a contradiction, but it means that when we spread the faith, our faith grows too. Sure, it takes courage to tell someone else about our faith, but when we share our stories about what God means to us, we relive those experiences and remember what God has done for us. And when we allow others to share their faith with us, we feel encouraged and supported. That's why Jesus says there is nothing hidden that will not be revealed: True faith is never hidden; it must be shared.

Sometimes we may hesitate when speaking about faith. If we are tempted to remain silent, we are allowing the devil to have his way. The only thing we should fear is our weakness, not Satan's power. That's why Jesus said that whoever denies him before men, he will also deny him. However, Jesus died for our sins, so not even they can destroy us if we turn to the Lord. Just as God knows every sparrow that falls, He also knows us when we fall, and He values us far more than sparrows.

So thank Him for His forgiveness, but don't forget to spread the word that you've been forgiven. You might encourage someone else to have the courage to return to the Lord, and thus achieve another victory of faith that overcomes fear.

By Tom Schmidt

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