





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.  
Manhattan, Illinois 60442  
33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
November 16, 2025

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies  
Administrator

Office Phone 815-478-3440  
Facebook St. Patrick Church of Wilton Center  
Website: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org)

### MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

|         |        |                                                                                                                                         |
|---------|--------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Nov. 15 | 5:45pm | In Thanksgiving req. by Ed & Judy Phelan<br>+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family<br>Parish Family of St. Patrick                            |
| Nov. 22 | 5:45pm | +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family<br>Poor Souls req. By Ed & Judy Phelan<br>Parish Family of St. Patrick                                 |
| Nov. 27 | 9:00am | THANKSGIVING DAY - For all Our Blessings<br>+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family<br>+Brad Reign and +Talon Turner req. by Roxana & Mark May |
| Nov. 29 | 5:45pm | +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family<br>+Deceased Members of The Stromski Family<br>Parish Family of St. Patrick                            |

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

#### Lector

Nov. 15 Sherrie Ashley L. Cakora

Nov. 22 Sue Nugent C. Smith

Nov. 27 Mark May L. Cakora

Nov. 29 Amy Pfeiffer P. Engler

#### SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are

attending

### WEEKLY OFFERING FOR 11/9/2025

Sunday \$1299.00

Maintenance \$40.00

All Souls Day - \$20.00

Seminarian Foundation - \$40.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

Scripture Readings  
For the Week of November 16, 2025

Sunday Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19

Monday Memorial of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday 2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 19:1-10  
Wednesday 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd; 5-6, 8b  
and 15; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2; 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

Friday Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd; 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd; Lk 19:45-48

Saturday Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Mar-  
tyr 1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of  
the Universe 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5; Col-1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

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

SAVE THE DATE

PARISH HOLIDAY

POT LUCK

Saturday, Dec. 6

After 4:00PM Mass

Sign up sheet available

in vestibule

To bring either a

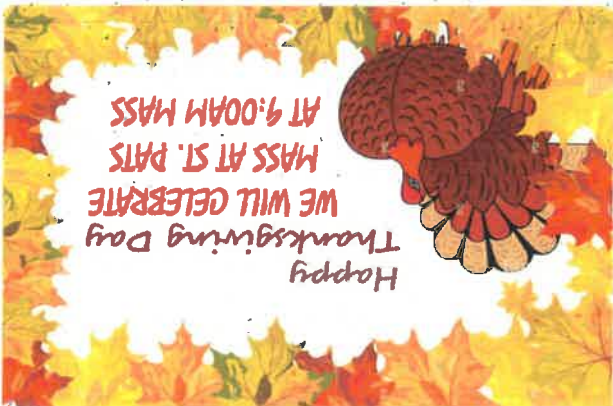
Salad, vegetable,

Potatoes, or dessert

During the Month of  
November  
Our Blessed Mother Candle  
Is burning for  
THE POOR  
SOULS IN PURGATORY



Happy  
Thanksgiving Day  
WE WILL CELEBRATE  
MASS AT ST. PATS  
AT 9:00AM MASS



November 12, 2025

Dear Friends,

Today the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a powerful and unified "Special Message" on immigration. Deeply rooted in our Gospel tradition of loving our neighbor, this letter affirms our solidarity with all our brothers and sisters as it expresses our concerns, opposition, and hopes with clarity and conviction. It is grounded in the Church's enduring commitment to the Catholic social teaching of human dignity and a call for meaningful immigration reform.

I encourage each of you to take the time to read it, pray with it, and share it with others. Let it be a source of reflection in your homes, parishes, and communities. I hope its message of compassion and justice will influence our thoughts, words, and actions. May it also inspire the work we do together as a Church. Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, may God's light bring peace, justice, and healing to all who need it most.

And may God bless you always.

As I remain —

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

*+ Ronald A. Hicks*

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks  
Bishop of Joliet

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time No Good Deed Goes Unpunished

When Jesus rose from the dead, he showed his disciples that even death will be overcome by God. In today's Gospel, he expands that to include most of the bad things that can happen to both non-believers and disciples alike.

Starting with the destruction of the temple in Jerusalem, Jesus mentions most of the scary things that people thought would bring the end of the world. He gives two pieces of advice. First, don't be fooled by anyone who says this is the end or who claims to be Jesus. When Jesus comes again, there will be no doubt about who it is. You won't have to learn about it on the evening news. Then, don't be terrified by natural disasters or wars. Wars, epidemics, earthquakes, and the rest happen throughout history and will happen again.

As disciples, we hope we would respond to disasters not with fear, but with love. Believers can voluntarily help those affected, comfort the survivors, or help rebuild their homes or schools. You may choose to give at a blood drive or donate to one of the charities that help disaster victims. People have welcomed strangers into their homes after a flood or hurricane has destroyed a neighborhood.

There is a saying that "no good deed goes unpunished." Jesus never says that his disciples would be given awards for their acts of charity. In the second half of the Gospel, he says that his disciples would be persecuted, hated, and even betrayed by their own families. Jesus has advice for that situation, too. He presents it as an opportunity to give testimony, or witness, to our faith. His advice sounds strange at first. Unlike a modern lawyer, who practices with a witness before they go into the courtroom, Jesus tells us "not to prepare your defense," but to let him give us the words. I suspect that he means not to worry about what you might say, lest you become scared speechless. If you let him, Jesus will "prepare" you with the scripture readings, your pastor's homilies, and your own prayer life. All of these can help open us to the gifts of the Spirit, who helps us proclaim our faith without fear.

Tom Schmidt



Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

## POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER



|                       |                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| JOHN KINSELLA         | MARK GALVEZ          |
| MAURICE KINSELLA      | GERALD KINSELLA      |
| MARILYN KINSELLA      | KATHLEEN KINSELLA    |
| MAE RUSH              | RAYMOND GALVEZ       |
| JERRY, STELLA, GARY   | ALICE GALVEZ         |
| ULMAN                 | MARY GAST            |
| KATHERINE STROMSKI    | RUTH POWERS          |
| STROMSKI FAMILY       | THESESA OSBURN       |
| LILLIAN & FRED CAKORA | PHILAN               |
| GARY LOVE             | JOSEPH & MARGRET     |
| GRACE NIEMIEC         | JERRY & VICKY PHILAN |
| BERNADINE PAPERD      | JIM & RITA PHILAN    |
| RIETSCHLEIN           | DAN GAST             |
| IDONNA & LEONARD      | MARGE GAST           |
| CYNDY BAIRD           | LUCILLE GAST         |
| BENNETT               | FLOYD & LILL GAST    |
| DENNIS & JASON        | BILL GAST            |
| JONATHAN DARLING      |                      |



To learn more or purchase tickets, scan the QR code or call 815-724-1140.



Tickets: \$50

Hollywood Casino, Joliet

Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:30PM

Join Catholic Charities for a beautiful evening of music surrounded by thousands of candles. Holiday favorites will be performed by a live classical string quartet. Proceeds support Catholic Charities' programs and services.

CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT

*Candlelight*

Catholic  
charities  
Diocese of Joliet



## HOLIDAY GIFT TAGS

WE WILL BE HELPING THE CHRISTIAN HELP ASSOCIATION OF WILMINGTON COLLECTING GIFTS FOR THOSE IN NEED THIS SEASON.

GIFTS TAGS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE VESTIBULE. PLEASE RETURN UNWRAPPED GIFTS TO THE VESTIBULE BY DECEMBER 6. THANK YOU



## Stand Erect and Raise Your Heads

The readings this Sunday are full of difficult images: a day blazing like an oven that will turn evildoers into stubble, the Lord coming to rule with justice, the destruction of the Temple, wars and earthquakes and plagues, persecution of those who follow Jesus, mighty signs from the sky... Jesus does not promise His followers an alternate way; in fact, He assures them that difficulties will come. But in this sobering message of disasters and betrayal, Jesus gives a profound message of hope: "Do not be terrified... Not a hair of your head will perish. By your perseverance you will secure your lives." He speaks of perseverance through difficulty, not a secret path around it. This is not blind optimism but true Christian hope, which is not rooted in circumstances, but in God's enduring faithfulness to His people and His promises.

Hope, in the Christian sense, is much more than wishing for a better future. It is the confident expectation that, despite suffering and uncertainty, God is with us and His promises will be fulfilled. Jesus does not sugarcoat reality or fluff over the very real difficulties of life; He prepares us to face it with His help. When everything around us seems to fall apart, He calls us to stand firm, not because we can rely on our own strength, but because we are anchored firmly in Him. We are called to rely fully on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, even to the point of trusting that we will be given wisdom and words to defend the faith, without our own preparation, because He Himself will speak through us in moments of trial and persecution. Again, this is not an irresponsible wishfulness, but must come from the hope that is firmly anchored in Christ.

As Catholics, our hope is nourished through the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. When we receive Christ, we are reminded that He has already conquered sin and death. Our hope is not that we will be spared suffering, but that suffering will never have the final word, and will never overcome us completely. Christ has overcome the world.

In times of fear, chaos, or discouragement, we are encouraged to lift our eyes and cling more firmly to Christ. Everything around us, even the most important to us, even the human institutions on which we have come to rely can fall. But God remains. His Word endures. And His love sustains us.

Let us be people of hope, not because life as Christians is easy, but because we know Who holds the future. Jesus says, "By your perseverance you will secure your lives." May we persevere in faith, knowing that our hope in Christ will never be in vain.

By Kathryn Mulderink