

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

IF MY BROTHER
sins against me.

MATTHEW 18:21





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 13, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

September 12	5:45pm	Special Intention of Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 16	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family +Jerry Ulman req. by The Family
September 19	2:30pm 5:45pm	Thomas/Dean Wedding +Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 23	5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family
September 26	5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 12	Sherrie Ashley	P. Engler
Sept. 19	Mark May	L. Cakora
Sept. 26	Sue Nugent	C. Smith

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 13, 2026**

Sunday Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sir 27:30-28:7; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Monday Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Num 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 19:25-27

Wednesday Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
9/6/2026**

**Sunday - \$1,580.00
Maintenance - \$35.00**

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,346.15
Thank you for your faith filled support.

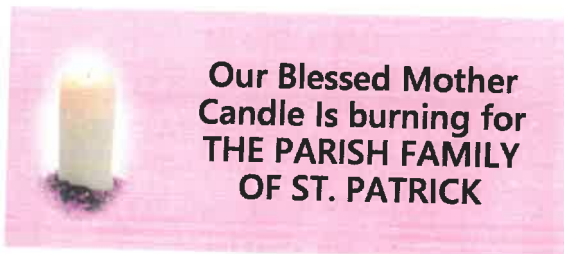
Please Remember our sick: especially:

Jim Shields, Katie Horath, 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, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard.

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

**HOLY FATHER INTENTION FOR
September**

For the care of water Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.





She wasn't alone when she became principal

When Colleen Carroll stepped into her second year as principal of St. Jude Catholic School in New Lenox, she wasn't walking the path alone.

Through the Emmaus Mentor Program, supported by your gifts to the CCMAA, Colleen was paired with veteran principal Carol Albreski, giving Colleen support and a person to reach out to with the everyday challenges of a first year in the principal's office.



Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CCMAA
brings to our community

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

PARISH GOAL: 10,500.00

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$10,655.00

AMOUNT PAID: \$10,455.00

DONORS - 24

MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM
ALL ARE WELCOME TO
COME AND PRAY
FOR OUR PARISH

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candle-light vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

— Rev. James Field

Grandparents DAY

Grandparents bestow upon
their grandchildren the
strength and wisdom that time
and experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their
grandparents with a youthful
vitality and innocence
that help them stay
young at heart forever.



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Cross of Forgiveness

Why should we forgive those who hurt us? This Sunday's Gospel gives us three reasons: First, because Jesus commands it. Second, because forgiveness is part of loving one another. And third, because we want to be forgiven for our sins.

Obviously, Jesus expects us to forgive one another. In this passage, he commands us to forgive without ceasing, without limit. That might be a challenge for even the most patient people. So, does forgiveness exclude tough love? Does it mean we should let someone hurt us again and again? No. It is possible to forgive someone and also prevent them from hurting us, if we do so with love (the second reason). For example, we can forgive an alcoholic relative but still insist that they seek help. We can forgive a son or daughter who breaks the law but still let them face the consequences so they learn from their mistake. We can forgive a friend who borrows money without paying it back and also refer them to a credit counselor instead of lending them more money. Since forgiveness is part of love, it is also part of tough love.

That leads to the third reason: we forgive because we want to be forgiven. Or more accurately, we forgive because we have been forgiven. Jesus already died for our sins. His resurrection shows us that the Father accepted the sacrifice of his Son Jesus for our sins. If we truly believe that Jesus rose again and that we will rise with him to eternal life despite our sins, how can we refuse to forgive someone who hurts us? When we promise to take up the cross each day and follow him, we must remember why Jesus took the cross and realize that we must forgive as he forgives. That's why the cross is such a powerful symbol. It asks us to accept suffering for Jesus' sake. It reminds us that sometimes the cross is simply about forgiving someone rather than hurting or hating them. If Jesus gave his life to forgive us, are we willing to spread that forgiveness far and wide?

By Tom Schmidt