

By Your cross you have
**REDEEMED
THE WORLD**

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
September 14, 2025

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

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
Sept. 27	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Deceased Members of Ulman Family For A Safe Harvest req. by Ed & Judy Phelan
Oct. 4	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 13	Jerry Kinsella	P. Engler
Sept. 20	Sherrie Ashley	S. Nugent
Sept. 27	Jim Kreske	L. Cakora

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR

9/7/2025

\$1,220.00

Maintenance \$90.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

REMINDER!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
OUR HARVEST SOCIAL
CARD PARTY
OCTOBER 29, 2025
11:30AM TO 3PM
MORE INFO TO FOLLOW

No matter how much
you're hurting

No Marriage is Beyond Hope

A REFUGIUM FOR MARRIED COUPLES
RE²TROUVAILLE
OF JOLIET ILLINOIS

There is a light at the
end of the tunnel.

#blessedinRETROspect
#RetrouvailleJoliet

Retrouvaille is a program designed to help married couples who are struggling. We will help you learn to communicate on a deeper level, approach conflict constructively, build a stronger marriage, and rediscover the love you once had for each other.

Our Joliet area weekend is coming this September 19th – 21st, 2025

HelpOurMarriage.org

For more information, call us at 815-246-2080
or visit us at HelpOurMarriage.org



815-246-2080



**COLLECTION DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CLIENTS
OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.**

OCTOBER 18-19, 2025

We will be collecting donations of basic needs items for the clients of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet at the Parish the weekend of October 18-19. Any donation of new underwear, socks, and diapers are welcome. Catholic Charities has requested that we focus on the following items this year:

- Adult diapers in all sizes (Small to XXXL) (preferably the pull up kind)
- Diabetic or easy-on socks.
- Non-skid house slippers with backs (for fall prevention)
- Men's underwear (any size)
- Women's underwear (any size)

*Thank you for caring
for the poor and
vulnerable in our
community.*



Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 14, 2025

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

Monday Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows
1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday Memorial of Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs
1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday 1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday Memorial of Saint Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13

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.



**Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
+FRANCES & +MARGIE QUIGLEY
& +CALEB S.
Req. by
Pat Poll & Family**



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

Fix Your Eyes on the Cross

“And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” (John 3:14-15)

At Mass recently, as the priest lifted the host I visualized the cross being raised up with Jesus already nailed to it as the soldiers clumsily used ropes to pull it up. It made me cringe thinking of the way His wounds must have widened a bit by the jerking and sheer force of the jolt into the ground. He hung there for three hours. We now gaze upon crosses in our Churches or in our homes. Our Eucharistic Lord also allows us to gaze upon Him as the host is lifted up during the consecration—His life laid down again and again for us—and held up for us before we say “Amen” to receive Him and His life within us. The cross and the Eucharist are both constant reminders of Jesus’ sacrifice for us.

Jesus became the bridge in our relationship with God by becoming a sacrifice. Where there once was a great chasm, Jesus on the cross bridged humanity with the Father once again. Just as Moses lifted the serpent on a pole in the desert so that anyone bitten by a snake could be healed, so Jesus is placed on a cross so that all who gaze upon Him might be contrite for their sins and seek reconciliation with God.

Satan comes and tries to steal God’s life from us by persuading us to sin. The devil tries to foster feelings of dissatisfaction, compelling us to question God, just like he did with Eve in the garden. But now we have the cross to remind us of God’s love for us. God sent His only begotten Son to us as a remedy from the evils of sin. He is an example to follow, a sacrifice lifted high for all to see.

Jesus’ sacrifice is where we fix our gaze, not only because He laid down His life for us, but also because we know the rest of the story. We know the lifting up does not end with the cross. Jesus also rose from the dead and ascended into heaven where He is seated at the right hand of the Father. The story does not end with death but instead with *new life*, eternal life.

The cross changed everything for us. There, in Him, we can find mercy, love, understanding, compassion, generosity, and perfection which heals us in supernatural ways. As we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross, let’s fix our eyes on Him, believing in His saving power and trusting in His great love for us.

By Nicole Berlucchi