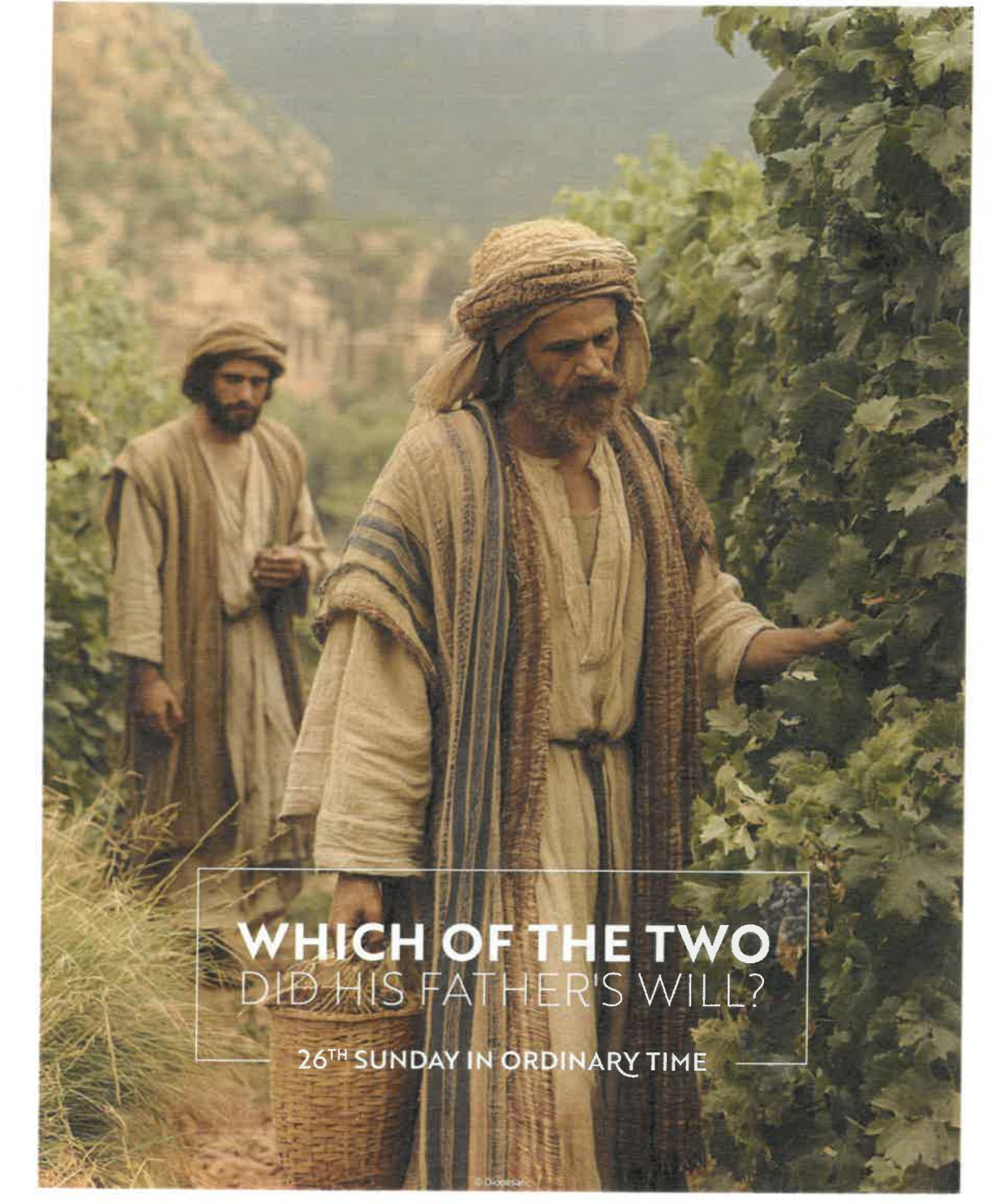




WHICH OF THE TWO
DID HIS FATHER'S WILL?

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
 14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
 Manhattan, Illinois 60442
26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 September 27, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

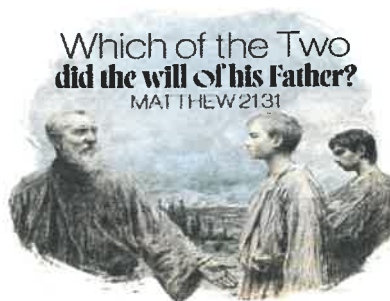
September 26 5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
September 30 5:30pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family
October 3 5:45pm	+Dan Phelan req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
October 7 5:30pm	+Dan Phelan
October 10 5:45pm	+Craig Cieply req. by The Family +Jim & +Rita Phelan req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick
October 14 5:30pm	+Julia Elkin req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Dan Phelan req. by The Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 26	Sue Nugent	L. Cakora
Oct. 3	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella
Oct. 10	Christine Yonker	P. Engler

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 27, 2026**

Sunday Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Phil 2:1-11 or Phil 2:1-5; Mt 21:28-32

Monday Job 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rev 12:7-12ab; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor of Church Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church Job 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12

Friday Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43



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CARMEN AT 815-693-8234

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
9/20/2026**

Sunday - \$2,200.00

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

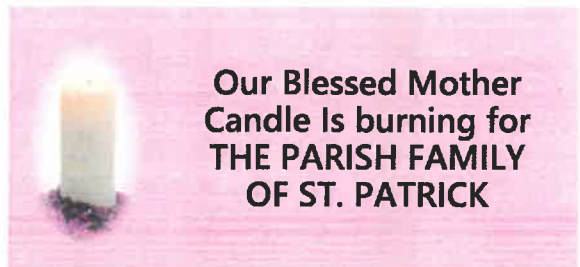
Please Remember our sick: especially:

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
October**

For mental health ministry
Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.



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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Understanding Father

Jesus is saying something important in today's Gospel. He talks about tax collectors and prostitutes who repented after hearing John the Baptist preach. He must have shocked the priests and elders when he said those prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. After all, his listeners had spent their whole lives being faithful to the Law. Yet Jesus was saying that sinners who repented will enter God's kingdom first. Jesus' point was not so much about final salvation as about our daily choices.

Remember the parable about the two sons. The second son said what his father wanted to hear, with no intention of doing it. The first was honest about not wanting to go to the vineyard, but then decided to do it anyway. I suspect the father of those men knew what each would or would not do.

And whom do we want to imitate? The priests and elders said all the right things about obeying God's laws, but they were more interested in looking important than living a holy life. Are we like that – telling everyone I am a good Christian, going to church every Sunday (or at least on Christmas and Easter), and yet never making any effort to be loving, forgiving, patient, honest, or any of the difficult things that Jesus calls us to be?

The tax collectors and sinners knew that they were unworthy, but they listened to the call to repentance and let God make them worthy. Are we honest enough to look at our lives and repent of our hatred, our selfishness, or whatever keeps us in sin, and then to follow Jesus with our whole heart? We may not always like doing what God asks of us, but God is an understanding Father who can accept our weaknesses and forgive them when we are ready to return to him. - Tom Schmidt

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Chief
Elders
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SUNDAY

eDiocesan



Pope Leo XIV Appoints Bishop Brendan J. Cahill as the Seventh Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet

On September 17, 2026, Pope Leo XIV appointed Bishop Brendan John Cahill as the seventh Bishop in the Diocese of Joliet. Bishop Cahill was born in Coral Gables, Fla., on Nov. 28, 1963. He is the son of Joe and Joan Cahill and the fourth of five children. His family moved to Houston in 1971. Most of his family, including his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephew live in Houston today. Bishop Cahill attended St. Cecilia Catholic School and in 1981 he graduated from St. Thomas High School.

After a year at Rice University he entered St. Mary Seminary in Houston in 1982. He also received a bachelor's degree in psychology and a Master of Divinity degree from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. Ordained a priest for the Diocese of Galveston-Houston on May 19, 1990, he served as parochial vicar of St. Frances Cabrini Church in Houston from 1990 to 1992, and at Christ the Good Shepherd Church in Spring from 1992 to 1994. In 1994, he earned a Master of Theology degree with a specialization in African-American Catholic Studies from Xavier University, New Orleans.

Later that year, he moved to the Casa Santa Maria (North American College) in Rome to pursue further academic studies. These studies developed his knowledge and appreciation of the richness of culture in the expression of faith, and the depth of thought of the theologians and bishops involved in the Second Vatican Council. He earned a Licentiate degree in Dogmatic Theology in 1996 and a Doctorate in Fundamental Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in 1999. He speaks English, Spanish, and Italian, with a working knowledge of the Latin, French, and German languages. Upon his return from Rome, he moved to St. Mary Seminary in Houston where he served as formation director from 1998 to 2001, and as rector from 2001 to 2010.

During this time, he taught at the University of St. Thomas School of Theology and ministered at the Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. He was the Director of the Secretariat for Clergy Formation and Chaplaincy Services and Vicar for Clergy of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston from 2010-2015. From September 2014 to June 2015 he was the administrator of St. Joseph Church in Houston. Throughout his years of service in Houston he was involved with several boards and organizations, which included the National Federation of Priests' Councils; University of St. Thomas; William J. Flynn Center for Irish Studies; Paradisus Dei; Anti-Defamation League Coalition of Mutual Respect; Adore Ministries; and Gratia Plena Counseling. He is a Magisterial Chaplain of the Order of Malta and a member of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre.

He was the spiritual director of the Houston Senatus of the Legion of Mary, chaplain to the Houston Serra Club and chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Galveston-Houston Chapter. In addition, he was a monthly co-host on "A Show of Faith" radio show with a Baptist minister and a rabbi on KNTH 1070 in Houston, a weekly celebrant of Mass for the Missionaries of Charity and a monthly celebrant for Casa Juan Diego during his ministry in Galveston-Houston.

On June 29, 2015, Daniel Cardinal DiNardo ordained Bishop Brendan as the third Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria in Texas. Bishop David Fellhauer and Archbishop Joseph Fiorenza were co-consecrators. Since becoming the Bishop of Victoria, he joined the Communities of Faith in Victoria with other Christian, Jewish and Muslim leaders and has been an active supporter of the Gulf Bend Center Coalition for Mental Health.

Bishop Brendan has served as a member of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) subcommittee on African-American Affairs. Since July 1, 2017, he has served as the Bishop Promoter for the Apostleship of the Sea in the United States. He currently is the chairman of the USCCB subcommittee for the Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees and Travelers. He is the chair-elect for the USCCB Committee for Migration. He serves on the boards of the National Catholic Partnership on Disability, St. Mary's Seminary in Houston, and the University of St. Thomas in Houston.



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.



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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

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The sacrament of penance has a long and difficult history. The Church sometimes struggles with how best to be faithful to the image of an all-forgiving God. Once a very public rite with publicly visible participation on the part of the penitent, it became in time a very private matter. By the fourteenth century, when a prayer of absolution and a laying on of hands was still required in sacramental confession, theologians were saying that even that was too much liturgy. All that was required was confession itself, and the sacramental words *Ego te absolvo*, or "I absolve you."

In 1614 the Council of Florence tried to flesh out this bare skeleton, requiring that if possible the priest should wear a stole, that the confession should be in church, and that there be questions about the person's state in life, occupation, and last confession. This is the first time the Church recommended that the penitent and priest be separated by a grill, thereby eliminating the ritual laying on of hands once so central to the sacrament, substituting the priest's raised right hand in blessing. This is the rite that remained in force until the sacrament became the subject of very stormy debates at the Second Vatican Council, leading to a major reform in 1974 that is still only partially received.

— Rev. James Field



THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRIESTHOOD

Priesthood Sunday Prayer

Divine Grace, which always heals that which is infirm and supplies that which is lacking, has called our beloved brothers to sacred ministry. Let us pray that they be confirmed and strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Fill them with grace and counsel, that they may love you with all their hearts, all their minds, and all their strength. Grant them irreproachable conduct, steadfast faith, and good works so that they may help and guide your people with unselfish motivation.

Grant them wisdom, let their minds be sober and watchful, so that they may be filled with works of healing and words of instruction. May they teach your people in meekness and serve you in holiness with an undivided mind and a willing soul. May they be the light of your only begotten Son that the word of your gospel may be spread and your name may be glorified in every creature. May they serve at your holy altar with pure hearts and good consciences. Grant that they may prosper in all your commandments and the keeping of your laws, so that they may be able to minister joyfully on the day of your coming.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY, celebrated nationwide on the last Sunday of September each year, is a special day to honor the men who serve as priests. It is also a day to honor all religious and to focus on the importance of vocations. Catholic Scout Packs, Troops, Venturing Crews and Sea Scout Ships are encouraged to make a special effort to involve young people in expressing appreciation to priests. This can be done at Mass on Priesthood Sunday, at a parish or Catholic school event or in other ways.

Priesthood Sunday is a time to affirm the priesthood of Jesus Christ and its central place in the life of the Church. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for young people to connect with their parish pastor, as well as other priests in their community, and learn more about their vocation. This is especially important for young people today because there are fewer priests now than there used to be. Through Priesthood Sunday activities, young people can get to know their pastor or another priest and have the opportunity to learn firsthand about the vocation of priesthood.

The deacons and lay faithful can develop their own special way of marking the day and honoring their parish priests both at Mass and other parish events, such as social celebrations and school activities. Priesthood Sunday is designed to be an event led by the laity, but you may ask your parish priest to participate by talking about how he experienced and answered his own calling and about priests who have inspired him. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity for priests and their parishioners to build a stronger working relationship.

Together, they can dialogue to take an honest look at the challenges of the future and how they can collaborate to meet those challenges as a united force.

Today or Tomorrow?

Sometimes when we get home from work we are so tired that we don't feel like doing anything at all, yet there is so much to do around the house. We might find ourselves uttering the phrase, "I'll do it tomorrow." And as the days go by, we keep repeating, "Tomorrow, I'll do it tomorrow." Perhaps this was especially common back when we still lived with our parents. When they asked us to do our chores, some of us would obey and others wouldn't.

Today's Gospel reading tells the story of two sons and their father. "Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go." Here, the second son lies to his father, claiming he will go work in the vineyard, whereas the first son, despite his initial reluctance to go, ultimately ends up going.

We may possess extensive knowledge of the Bible and the Commandments; we may attend Mass regularly and have read many books; yet we must always put what we know into practice, because our actions serve as an example to others. One illustration of this can be seen during political election campaigns. Some candidates are gifted orators who manage to sway the crowds, but once they have achieved their objective, they forget everything they promised.

There are moments in life when our actions fail to align with the lessons we have learned, and we commit acts of injustice. When this occurs, we must possess the humility to acknowledge our mistakes. We can take time each day to reflect upon our actions, and if someone tells us that we have hurt them, we must find the strength to offer an apology.

The first reading states that when a sinner "turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die." This offers us hope that we can be saved from sin and return to the path of righteousness. By going to Confession, our souls are cleansed of sin, our consciences are set at ease, and our communion with God is restored once again.

Despite our mistakes, we have a perfect Father that is always patient with us and always awaits us with open arms. Do not put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

By Felix Urcia