

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Whoever does not carry his own cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
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23rd Sunday—In Ordinary Time
September 7, 2025

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Sept. 6	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by Maria Martrone Special Intention of Ed & Judy Phelan
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

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Sept. 6	Mark May	L. Cakora
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
8/31/2025**

\$1,348.00

Maintenance \$175.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54
THANK YOU For your faith - filled support



**Just a
reminder...**

- 1) The Scrap Drive will be on Saturday September 13 from 8:00am until noon. Bins will be available Thursday (September 11) in the afternoon. If you have large items and need help getting them to the church, please call the office so we can arrange for some assistance. See list on back for items we can accept.
- 2) Undy Sunday donations will be on-going. New socks, T-shirts and underwear for both men, women and children are always in great need.
- 3) Harvest Social will be October 29—More Information to follow.



Feel the need to help those who are hurting? Phone Counselors Needed!!

**Contact Exec. Director Dr. Terry Smith 1-630-988-7395
www.Catholic hotline.org Catholic hotline@gmail.com**

If you are a Catholic who would like to provide spiritual and emotional support to our callers that need undivided attention especially during this time of crisis, you can be trained to become one of our phone counselors and work remotely.

The Upper Room Hotline is a ministry in the Catholic Tradition where our phone counselors are acting to extend Jesus' care and compassion through the guidance of the Holy Spirit using active listening, empathy, prayer when requested.

Our phone counselors receive free training on private Zoom Meetings. They cover various areas by credentialed University Instructors and Clinical Professionals that will specifically prepare you to assume responsibilities on the hotline.

Call now to be put on our waiting list

Hurry and Sign up Now! Classes begin Sept. 30th-Nov. 20th

Call 1-630-988-7395

**SCRAP DRIVE ITEMS
WE CAN ACCEPT
METAL ITEMS ONLY
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 - 8:00AM—NOON**

Aluminum:

Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Siding
Aluminum pots / pans
Vehicle Rims—No Tires

Copper:

Copper Pipe
Copper Wire
Household Wire
Extension Cords
Computer Cords

Stainless Steel:

Sinks
Pots / pans
Springs
Pet dishes
Door hinges

Batteries:

Car Batteries
Lawn Mower Batteries
Motorcycle Batteries

Electric Engines:

Box Fan motors
Ceiling Fan Motors

Brass:

Faucet Fittings

Appliances:

Washers
Dryers
Stoves
Refrigerators
Freezers
Dishwashers

Steel:

Bed Frames
Metal Shelves
Ironing Boards
Bicycles—No Tires
Brake Rotors
Vehicle Engines
Vehicle Rims—No Tires
Farm Silos
Ditch Culverts
Chain Link Fence
Fence Post—No Cement

Farm Equipment;

Tractors
Combines
Grain Boxes

NO WOOD—PLASTIC—OR ELECTRONICS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Scripture Readings
For the Week of September 7, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b; Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17;
Phlm 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Monday Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Tuesday Memorial of Saint Peter Claver, Priest

Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-9, 10-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

Thursday Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 6:27-38

Friday 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11; Lk 6:39-42

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Chrysostom,

Bishop and Doctor of the Church 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5 and 6-7; Lk 6:43-49

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



Please Remember our sick;

especially: Dan Phelan, Jim Kreske,
Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price,
Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara
Schrivier, 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**



Bishop Hicks' Column
September 2025
The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days



In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The "Leo Effect," as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our Augustinian priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in Dolton, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, "He listens more than he talks." That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the "fire of love" that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, formed as a missionary in Peru, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence, reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. He has called for peace in conflict zones, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new Mass for the Care of Creation, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God's earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter's, he reclaimed the use