



Saint Patrick's Catholic Parish
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From FR. C.P.
On Sept. 7 (today), Pope Leo XIV will canonize Blessed Carlo Acutis together with Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati as the first new saints of his pontificate. A gamer and computer coder who loved the Eucharist, Carlo Acutis will be the first millennial Catholic saint. He was born May 3, 1991, in London, where his father was working. Just a few months later, he moved with his parents, Andrea Acutis and Antonia Salzano, to Milan, Italy. Carlo was diagnosed with leukemia as a teenager. Before his death in 2006, he offered his sufferings for Pope Benedict XVI and for the Church, saying: "I offer all of my suffering to the Lord for the pope and for the Church in order not to go to purgatory but to go straight to heaven." From a young age, Carlo had a special love for God, even though his parents weren't especially devout. Antonia Salzano, his mom, said that before Carlo, she went to Mass only for her First Communion, her confirmation, and her wedding. Carlo's love for the Eucharist inspired a deep conversion for his mother. Carlo's witness of faith as a child led adults to convert and be baptized. He was not afraid to defend Church teaching, even in situations when his classmates disagreed with him. Carlo was a faithful friend. He was known for standing up for kids at school who got bullied, especially kids with disabilities. Carlo was fascinated with computer coding and taught himself some of the basic coding languages, including C and C++. He used his computer skills and Internet savvy to help his family put together an exhibition on Eucharistic miracles. Carlo loved playing video games. Carlo died on Oct. 12, 2006, and was buried in Assisi. Pope Francis recognized a miracle attributed to Carlo's intercession in a decree on May 23, 2024. The miracle involved the healing of a 21-year-old girl from Costa Rica named Valeria Valverde, who was near death after seriously injuring her head in a bicycle accident while studying in Florence in 2022. Hundreds of thousands of pilgrims from around the world have visited Carlo's tomb since his canonization was announced. The canonization of Carlo Acutis, along with Pier Giorgio Frassati, will air live on EWTN at 3 a.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7 and the encore presentation will be at 3 p.m. ET on the same day. (www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/46048/who-was-carlo-acutis-a-cna-explainer).

Daily Masses are celebrated in the Eucharistic Chapel -Please use the southwest entrance. When a funeral Mass is held, there will be no daily Mass. The Mass intention will be rescheduled.
Baptisms: Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese
Marriages: Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese six months before scheduling (a four-month period of preparation is required).
Pastoral Home/Hospital Visitations: If a family member or friend is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. & Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.
New Parishioners: Welcome! Please register at the Parish Office, 1039 14th Ave.
Diocesan Mass times: www.gidiocese.org/Parishes.aspx
Nationwide Mass Times: www.masstimes.org

Mass Schedule for the Week			
Monday, Sept 8	5:15 p.m.	Int. Geri O'Holleran	
Tuesday, Sept 9	5:15 p.m.	Int. Fr. C.P. Varghese	
Wednesday, Sept 10	7:15 a.m.	Int. Patty Collins	
Thursday, Sept 11	12:15 p.m.	NO MASS	
Friday, Sept 12	7:15 a.m.	Int. Jerry & Cheryl Cronk	
Saturday, Sept 13			
	Sloan Estates	9:30 a.m.	Mary Cabela
		5:00 p.m.	Bill Hughes
Sunday, Sept 14	10:00 a.m.	Int. John Phillips	

Eucharistic Gem
The more often we receive the Eucharist, the more we become like Jesus and the more we get a foretaste of heaven.
---Bl. Carlo Acutis.

St. Patrick's Community News	
Sept 10	Faith Formation Classes Begin
Sept 11	No Mass. Funeral for Katherine Disney.
Sept 12	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction at 5:45 p.m.
Sept 13	Fall Alliance Deanery Meeting
Sept 13-14	Rosary before Masses
Sept 15	All-day Adoration (Exaltation of the Holy Cross)
Sept 15-19	No Mass or Reconciliation (Priests' Retreat)
Sept 16	OCIA Classes Begin
Sept 26	Divine Mercy Chaplet & Benediction at 5:45 p.m.
Sept 27	St. Agnes Church Pilgrimage
Sept 28	Youth Mass, please volunteer if available
Sept 28	Carlo Acutis-- blessing of the painting
Sept 28	Coffee and Cookies after Mass

Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
The first weekend of every month we will be doing the Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction before Mass. Sat at 5:00 p.m. followed by Mass at 5:30 p.m. and Sun at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you there!

++ FAITH FORMATION & EVENTS ++
Your family is invited to register your children/youth in our Faith Formation program. We are accepting registrations for grades Pre-K-12th. To register visit our website at www.sidneystpats.com or pick up a paper form at the parish office. Classes will begin on Sept 10th 2025. Contact Joan Falcon at (308) 254-2828 with any questions.

OCIA-- Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
OCIA sessions begin Tues., Sept 16, 6 pm in the parish center meeting room. If you are thinking about joining and have questions, feel free to call/text Pat Mertz (308-250-3412) or call the parish office (308-254-2828). You are also more than welcome to join us on the 16th! There is no obligation or cost, just "come and see." We are looking forward to a great year!

Ministries for Sept 13/14		
	Sat. 5:30 p.m.	Sun. 10:30 am
Greeters:	Don Douglas Lynelle Hughes VOLUNTEER	Ron Stein Caiden Gloor VOLUNTEER
Leader:	Scott Rolls	Cindi Egging
Lector:	Rich Phillips	Gayland Leypoldt
Min. of Bread:	VOLUNTEER	Colleen Langdon
Min. of Cup:	Charlotte Dorwart Jean Holly VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER	Walter Egging Christy Ningen Joe Hruska Jerry Langdon
Altar Servers:	Dylan Elston Hunter Elston	Anna Dorcey Dabreya Egging Sunora Tuzicka
Ushers:	Mike Leininger Tino Lopez	Jim Brown Jeff Smith
Music:	Jack/ Dennis/ Kathy/ Nyla/ Jim	Guitars/ Heather

Rummage House News Open Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. Sept 12/13 Team #1 Phyllis Tuzicka	The Lord's Portion Aug 30-31- \$2,727.00 Harvest- \$485.00	Children's Liturgy of the Word: Sept 14 Nicole Bailey Sept 21 Julie Gehrig
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Office Hours:	Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m.—	3:00 p.m.	Friday	8:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Catholic Living
Preferential Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Our church teaches us that "The moral test of a society is how it treats its most vulnerable members. The poor have the most urgent moral claim on the conscience of the nation. We are called to look at public policy decisions in terms of how they affect the poor. The "option for the poor," is not an adversarial slogan that pits one group or class against another. Rather it states that the deprivation and powerlessness of the poor wounds the whole community. The option for the poor is an essential part of society's effort to achieve the common good. A healthy community can be achieved only if its members give special attention to those with special needs, to those who are poor and on the margins of society."
1. Who comes to mind when I think of the poor and vulnerable? Are there individuals or groups that I think of?
2. Where do we, as a nation and as individuals, live out this care for the most vulnerable members? What specific actions come to mind?

Communion to Extended Care/Home Bound
September 13/14
Volunteer/ Jean Holly