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**PLEASE CONSIDER SUPPORTING
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**Dear Lord, I lift every unborn child into Your care.
Shield them from all harm and keep them safe in
their mother's womb. May no plan of the enemy
prosper against them. Preserve their lives and
destinies, for they are fearfully and wonderfully
made by You. Amen.**

**Our Annual "Baby Bottle Collection"
for Women's Choice Services will take
place in the month of February.**

Prayer for Protection for Unborn Baby



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. *in English*
7:00 p.m. *in Spanish*
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. *in English*
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. *in English*
12:00 p.m. *in Spanish*

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. *or by appointment; seasonal services*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontrado en la oficina.

January 17-18, 2026: The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 17-18, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #931 of the Journey songs Book

Monday January 19

MARTIN LUTHER KING HOLIDAY – OFFICES CLOSED

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (Pope St. Fabian) January 20

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (St. Agnes) January 21

9:15 A.M. † Sandy Doll

Thursday January 22

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

9:15 A.M. † Souls in Purgatory

Friday (St. Vincent) January 23

9:15 A.M. † Deceased Former Pastors

7:00 P.M. † Francesco Cosenza

Saturday (St. Francis de Sales) January 24

4:00 P.M. † Jeanette Bukowski (Family)

Sunday (3RD WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME) January 25

10:30 A.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

12:00 P.M. † Giuseppe & Carmela Cosenza

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COLLECTION COUNTERS:

January 18, 2026 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

January 25, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

January 3-4, 2026 TBA

**THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$3,000 TO PAY OUR
BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CON-
SIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.**

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1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at
☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE: This month,
the Sanctuary Candle is being lit in memory of
Marleen, Terry & Jerry.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P. Anderson, N. Atkin-
son, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betour-
ney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coff-
man, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz,
A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D.
Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, A. Fuhrmann, R. Gall,
Tony & Adrienne Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K.
Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R.
Kazee, A. Kijewski, Joe Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leran-
th, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J.
McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse,
C. Ortman, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Prov-
ost, P. Reising, D. Roberts, M. Saldaña, A. Schaff,
J. Schopf, A. Schmid, D. Schmied, K. Simpson, B.
Siwicki, B. Spagnola, M. Tolbert, M. Tolmer, H.
Tousignant, S. Trubach M. Velazquez, C. Vickery,
M. Williams, Gary Witherell, M. Witherspoon, S.
Young, J. L. Zagal, A. Zimmerman, M. & L. Zink and
G. Zokal.



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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday, January 24 (Fr. Conde) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: B. Boicken

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess
D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, January 25 (Fr. Matt P.) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer

Lector: A. Volek

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller, P. & C. Bickel

Sunday, January 25 (Fr. Uriel) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: N. Viveros, G. Carmona

Ushers: C. Dueñas, R. Camacho

Altar Servers: M. Torres, P. Gonzalez, B. Aguirre

Altar Servers: L. Flores, K. Flores, A. Flores



WELCOME

FR. TOM CONDE!

As of January 1, 2026, Fr. Tom Conde celebrates his retirement from active ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Having a resi-

dence up in Crete, IL, Fr. Tom is a classmate of diocesan priests Fr. Ron Neitzke (the pastor in Herscher, Goodrich & Irwin) and Fr. Doug Hauber (pastor in Chebanse, Ashkum, Clifton and L'Ereble and Dean of the Ford/Iroquois Deanery). It had been awhile for the three classmates to "catch-up" with life – the life of a priest is busy! Please welcome Fr. Tom as he enjoys his senior years of ministry with us.



BIENVENIDOS

FR. URIEL

MARTINEZ!



Living in Guanajuato, MX, Fr. Uriel studied for the Diocese of Joliet back in 2003. Fr. Uriel has visited us before and is living over at the St. Patrick's Rectory during the month of January, covering all the Spanish Masses we celebrate at the parish. If we can help Fr. Uriel improve his English, he would have a better chance remaining in the diocese, as our diocese very much is need of "restocking the pond," so to speak.

We thank Frs. John Eustice & Jhobany Orduz, CSV, who help us during the year at the parishes. Both fathers are out of the area during the month of January so we are grateful for Frs. Conde and Uriel for covering our Masses this month. We also thank Frs. Matt Pratscher and Roy Horn from St. John Paul II Church in Kankakee for helping us with the week-day Masses during the month of January as well.



The St. Pat's 31 Day Drawing has moved to March 2026. Tickets are \$20 each for 31 chances to win a total of \$10,000! The \$1,500 payout will be on St Patrick's Day. Call ☎ (815) 472-2864 for More Info or to Buy Your Tickets. Thank you for your support!



Behold the Lamb of God!

ANN M. GARRIDO

Of the many names Scripture provides to help us ponder the mystery of Jesus, one of the most intriguing is the name that John the Baptist offers at the opening of today's gospel: "Behold the Lamb of God!" (John 1:29).

Scripture scholars debate what John means here. Is he alluding to the Passover lamb—that unblemished lamb whose blood the enslaved Israelites were to post over their doorways? The angel of death knew to "pass over" these homes. Perhaps John was saying that by Jesus' blood, the people would be freed from death.

Or was John thinking about the guilt offerings mentioned in the Hebrew Scriptures when priests offered animal sacrifices to God as a way of seeking the removal of their sins? Leviticus mentions use of a scapegoat who would carry the sins of the people away into the desert. (See Leviticus 20–28.) Could John have understood that Jesus would bear the sins of the world?

Or did John have in mind the great constellation Aries, the ram, considered the prince of the stars of the sky, the center from whom all the other constellations were mapped in ancient times? Perhaps John was pointing out that Jesus was the center around whom heaven and earth revolve, like the ruling lamb mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

Today at Mass, when the host is elevated and you hear John's words again—"Behold the Lamb of God!"—take a moment to savor these words anew. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Which understanding of the "Lamb of God" resonates with me?

"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world."

JOHN 1:29



Dear Padre,

I thought only priests and bishops should distribute Holy Communion at Mass. In my parish, the priest allows laypeople to help him, and I thought laypeople couldn't because our hands are not consecrated.

You're not the only person with this concern, so thank you for taking the time to write. The distribution of holy Communion has nothing to do with "consecrated hands." Ordinary ministers of Communion include bishops and priests, as you rightly identify, but also deacons and installed acolytes. Of the four ordinary ministers, only the hands of bishops and priests are consecrated. Laypeople are extraordinary ministers and are installed to help the priest so that everyone can receive holy Communion without long lines or wearying the (sometimes elderly) priest. Most extraordinary ministers of Communion approach this ministry very prayerfully.

Your question brings up the subject of the full participation of the laity in the Mass, which is part of a highly contentious theological discussion on social media. There is an unfortunate conflict between so-called "traditional Catholics" and "Vatican II Catholics" or, as they are often misrepresented, "Novus Ordo" Catholics. Some Catholics are led to believe that the "new Mass" is not authentic, even though it has been the ordinary form of the Mass for well over fifty years—that is, since the authoritative Second Vatican Council. Many good and faithful people suffer with doubt and anxiety as a result of this confusion. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 19	January 20	January 21	January 22	January 23	January 24	January 25
Weekday	Weekday	St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children	Weekday	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 15:16–23 Mk 2:18–22	1 Sm 16:1–13 Mk 2:23–28	1 Sm 17:32–33, 37, 40–51 Mk 3:1–6	1 Sm 18:6–9; 19:1–7 Mk 3:7–12	1 Sm 24:3–21 Mk 3:13–19	1 Cor 1:1–13, 17 2 Sm 1:1–4, 11–12, 19, 23–27 Mk 3:20–21	Is 8:23–9:3 Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–17



THOMAS ORRICO / CATHOPIC



FRANCISCO XAVIER ESPINOZA / CATHOPIC

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Ours is a time marked by a growing search for spirituality, particularly evident in young people, who are longing for authentic relationships and guides in life. Hence, it is important that the Christian community be farsighted in discerning the challenges of today's world and in nurturing the desire for faith present in the heart of every man and woman.

MESSAGE TO SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS, ROME, MAY 28, 2025



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JOURNEYS SONGS



\$25 to Dedicate a Church Hymnal for a Loved One!
Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 or St. Anne's at (815) 427-8265 for More Information.

\$1,000,000 to Dedicate St. Patrick's Academy Gym & Community Center!
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\$100 to Dedicate a Church Brick in our Right to Life Grotto! Contact St. Patrick's at (815) 472-2864 for More Information.

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner

Saturday – February 14, 2026
4:00 Mass and Dinner & Entertainment After
St. Patrick's Catholic Church & Hall
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Other Winter Activities at the Border Town Parishes...



HARBOR
HOUSE

We will be collecting new slippers, slipper socks and stockings for women and children in January for those served by Harbor House. All sizes are needed. A warm pair of slippers or socks would be greatly appreciated during the cold winter months. Out of desperation, some arrive at Harbor House with just the clothes on their backs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

As we show gratitude for the mothers and motherly figures in our lives, please consider supporting those who may be struggling with the new or unexpected calling to motherhood by supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign. All proceeds benefit Waterleaf Women's Center, which provides assistance for those facing unplanned pregnancy.



Our Annual Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner at St. Patrick's Church on February 14, starting with the 4:00 Polka Mass and the Appreciation Dinner to follow in the basement. Thanks to Ray Koncar and his Polka Group for providing music for our Complementary Dinner. You can RSVP by calling the parish offices by February 8.

St. Patrick's Irish Mass & Dinner - On March 14, we will offer our Annual Bagpipe 4:00 p.m. Mass & Dinner, with Entertainment after Mass courtesy of the Galway Girls. Prices TBA. Come join us in supporting St. Patrick's Church and celebrating with good faith, friends... and Food! Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew and other surprises to come!!!



**At St. Anne on
February 20,
March 6 & March 20
At St. Patrick's Every
Friday from February 20
through March 27**

17-18 Enero 2025: El Segundo Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



¡BIENVENIDOS P. TOMAS CONDE!

El 1 de enero de 2026, el Padre Tom Conde celebra su retiro del ministerio activo en la Arquidiócesis de Chicago. Residente en Crete, Illinois, el Padre Tom es compañero de clase de los sacerdotes diocesanos Pa-

dre Ron Neitzke (párroco en Herscher, Goodrich e Irwin) y Padre Doug Hauber (párroco en Chebanse, Ashkum, Clifton y L'Erable, y decano del decanato Ford/Iroquois). Los tres compañeros habían tardado un tiempo en ponerse al día con la vida: ¡la vida de un sacerdote es ajetreada! Den la bienvenida al Padre Tom, quien disfruta de sus últimos años de ministerio con nosotros.

¡BIENVENIDOS P. URIEL MARTINEZ ZARATE!!

Residente en Guanajuato, México, el Padre Uriel estudió en la Diócesis de Joliet en 2003. El Padre Uriel nos ha visitado anteriormente y se encuentra en la Rectoría de San Patricio durante enero, cubriendo todas las misas en español que celebramos en la parroquia. Si podemos ayudar al Padre Uriel a mejorar su inglés, tendrá más posibilidades de permanecer en la diócesis, ya que nuestra diócesis necesita urgentemente



LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL



7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



EL ROSARIO Y CATECESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

"reabastecer el estanque", por así decirlo. Agradecemos a los Padres John Eustice y Jhobany Orduz, CSV, quienes nos ayudan durante el año en las parroquias. Ambos padres se encuentran fuera de la zona durante enero, por lo que agradecemos a los Padres Conde y Uriel por cubrir nuestras misas este mes. También agradecemos a los Padres Matt Pratscher y Roy Horn, de la Iglesia de San Juan Pablo II en Kankakee, por su ayuda con las misas entre semana durante enero.

No me escogieron ustedes a mí,
sino que yo los escogí a ustedes
y los comisioné para que vayan
y den fruto, un fruto que perdure.
Así el Padre les dará todo lo que
pidan en mi nombre.

Juan 15:16



LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Tu eres mi servidor, Israel. Te voy a poner coma una luz para el mundo (Isaías 49: 3, 5-6).

Salmo - Aquí estoy, Señor, para hacer tu voluntad (Salmo 40 [39]).

Segunda Lectura - A los que Dios santifico en Cristo Jesús ... tengan bendición y paz, de parte de Dios Padre y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor (1 Cor 1 1-3).

Evangelio - Ahí viene el Cordero de Dios, el que quita el pecado del mundo. Él es el Hija de Dios (Juan 1: 29-34).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Sm 15: 16-23; Sal 50 (; Mc 2: 18-22

Martes: 1 Sm 16: 1-13; Sal 89; Mc 2: 23-28

Miércoles: 1 Sm 17: 32-33, 37, 40-51; Sal 144 (143): 1b, 2, 9-10; Mc 3: 1-6

Jueves: 1 Sm 18: 6-9; 19: 1-7; Sal 56 (55): 2-3, 9-13; Mc 3: 7-12

Viernes: 1 Sm 24: 3-21; Sal 57 (56); Mc 3: 13-19

Sábado: 2 Sm 1: 1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Sal 80 (79): 2-3, 5-7; Mc 3: 20-21

Domingo: Is 8: 23 -9: 3; Sal 27: 1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1: 10-13, 17; Mt 4: 12-23 [12-17]



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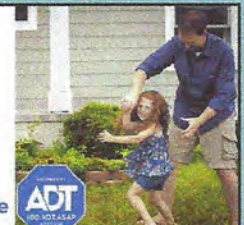
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