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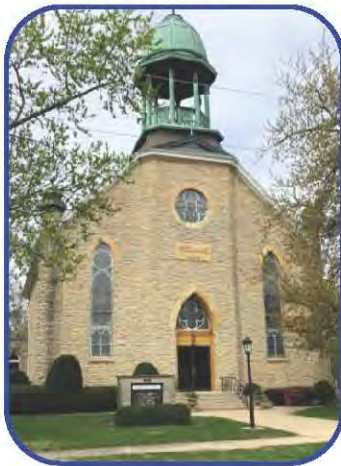
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2025 Holy Week Highlights at the Border Town Parishes



Have a Blessed Easter Season!



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday at 8:30 a.m. or
by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

(At St. Patrick's) Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1st or 4th Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

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.

April 5, 2026: Easter Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #902 of the Journey songs Book

Sunday (EASTER SUNDAY) April 5

9:00 A.M. † Terry & Diane LaReau (S. Ortman)

Wednesday April 8

5:00 P.M. Cosenza Family

Sunday (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY) April 12

9:00 A.M. † Minni Polletta (George & Gwen Polletta)

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmotence.org!!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

March 15, 2026 \$1,533.00

THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$2,000 TO PAY OUR BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.

PLEASE CONSIDER NAMING ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!! WE ARE LOOKING TO ESTABLISH A \$2,000,000 FOUNDATION WHICH WILL SUSTAIN ST. ANNE'S CHURCH!

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE

NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



\$2,000,000 Goal
St. Anne's
\$3,000,000 Goal
St. Pat's
 Border Town Parishes

HELP US ESTABLISH A FOUNDATION AT ST. ANNE'S!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Eva Bell, Paula Bertrand, Lola Billings, Duane Blanchette, Sue Bonvallet, Cheryl Boswell, June Burns, Cindy Capriotti, Ashley & Jesse Childress, Abraham Daily, Aria Dionne, Carol Futcher, Raelynn Garrett, Val Lagacy, Pam & Bentley Lottinville, Linda Miramontes, Ruth Sparenberg, Cynthia Vickery, Marie Vickery and John Wojnowski.

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).

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) April 5

Eucharistic Minister: G. Polletta

Lector: F. Hebert

Ushers: J. Sparenberg, G. Polletta

Altar Servers: C. Chaca

J. Martinez, B. Miramontes

Counters: Chris & Faith

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) April 12

Eucharistic Minister: R. Lottinville

Lector: F. Blanchette

Ushers: G. Polletta, C. Sutherland

Altar Servers: L. Bell

C. Chaca, F. Villafuerte

Counters: Rick & Lora

St. Patrick's Church
 Motence, IL - April 1, 2026
 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.
 Confessions - Divine Mercy
 Chaplet - Adoration
 In English & Spanish
Divine Mercy Sunday



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

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As we enter into yet another Easter Season here at St. Patrick's, I was going back through some of my previous homilies and the stories of faith that our RCIA candidates and catechumens have shared through my twenty some years in the priesthood. Every Palm Sunday of Holy Week, I have been blessed to join those receiving the Easter Sacraments on a special retreat, asking them to write out their stories of how their faith life has grown through this experience. I thought that in this Easter bulletin, I would share a few of these stories from good people in the parishes I have served who have offered their stories of faith. May their stories inspire us and our efforts to pray and support those in the faith.

This past year going through RCIA opened my eyes to a lot of things I didn't know before. It has been a positive experience and has helped me get through some struggles as well as make me appreciate the gifts that God has given me. Finding God and making him an important part of my life has always been what I have wanted but didn't have. It took seeing the faith of my husband and his family to show me what was waiting for me and has always been waiting for me. My husband and especially his mom have taught me what it means to have faith in God and to appreciate the small things in life which I sometimes take for granted. I know now even when times are tough that I have God with me, guiding me, and reminding me to appreciate everything in my life. (Tara Culotta)

My faith journey really started when I met the most wonderful person to ever come into my life, my fiancée. She and her family have shown me the importance of prayer and how this common bond can really strengthen a relationship between family and friends. I feel extremely strong about the importance of letting God into my life. Before I met my fiancée, the Church of God didn't play any role in my life. But God plays a very mysterious role in everyone's life, even mine. My fiancée's family is very strong and handles the good with the bad. I feel the presence of God in their lives has a lot to do with this. God loves all of us and we should show our love back. Love your neighbor as you wish to be loved. (Brian Gordon)

While I grew up with religion in my life, I hadn't really developed a true sense of faith. I separated from the religion I knew during childhood by the time I was twelve. Since then, I've struggled with life, having encountered numerous highs and lows in my life. These experiences and others have left me in search of support and a reason to be optimistic. For this I turned to someone who had become a source of strength and for whom I had a great deal of admiration – my husband. The optimism and light-heartedness that he brought to even the most stressful moments was inspiring. The more deeply I began to know him over the past five years, I realized this source of strength comes from his faith. He taught me that being a good person and having the right source of support can guide you through even the roughest of times. (Clarisse Winecki)



Perhaps one of the most wonderfully meaningful Easter Vigils for me took place in 2004-2005 when we offered sacraments to OVER FORTY ADULTS each year at our Saturday evening liturgies those two years. Every so often, when something "clicks" for one of our "neophytes" (= "newly planted"), it inspires them to greater things in the faith. At St. Joan of Arc Church in 2006, one of those neophytes was named Ben Petty (attached is his picture from the RCIA Group) who, like so many others in the faith, explored the Catholic traditions and chose to walk that path with the parish I serves twenty years ago.

Eventually, Ben went to the seminary and was ordained a priest in 2019 in the Archdiocese of Washington, DC. Currently, he serves as a chaplain at George Washington's Newman Center in 2022 and currently is the Vice Rector at St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington, DC, forming the next generation of priests who serve the Church.



I have come to learn that you never know how you can affect those in the faith, in good ways or bad. We just do the best we can do, despite our flaws, knowing that God will carry us in the world of faith if we let him. Have a Blessed Easter, everyone!



Believing Is Seeing

MIGUEL DULICK

We celebrate Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring, which is also the first Sunday after Passover. The whole history of the world comes to this point, and today's gospel catches the eternal thrill of that day. A desperate Mary Magdalen cannot find her Lord in the tomb. Thinking that his body has been stolen, she alerts the apostles. Peter and John go running, and a moment of unforgettable suspense follows as first Peter and then John enter the tomb. The details are significant. They saw the burial cloths there and “the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place” (John 20:7). Thieves would not have taken

the time to unwrap the body and fold the face cloth. These details are intended to point to the truth of the resurrection. They saw and believed!

The first reading from the Acts of the Apostles follows the story of the centurion Cornelius, the first prominent pagan convert. (His story is fascinating—take time to read it this week.) Peter gives a speech including a kind of catechism that had been standardized in a formula repeated at least six times in Acts. This proclamation, or *kerygma*, incorporates the message and the motivation for a change of life. God anointed Jesus, raised him from the dead, and promised that all who believe in him will be forgiven their sins and rise with him. Happy Easter! ●

Reflect

Why do I believe in the resurrection, and how does my belief impact my life?

Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.

JOHN 20:8



Dear Padre,

I'm marrying my girlfriend! Although she grew up Catholic, she doesn't practice the faith. Is it still OK to marry her?

Will you enter marriage with your fiancée because of a mutual love for each other? Do you both understand that this love will be strengthened by the sacramental grace of your matrimonial union, a grace you will receive because of baptism, not practice? Will you both try to create a loving family and, together as a family, try to be open each day to the grace of God already at work in your lives? Do you both realize that this grace calls you to create, in the name of Jesus, a witness to the truth of the gospel, which is even more powerful than the love you share?

If you hesitate to answer any of these questions with a wholehearted “yes,” then consider exploring these questions together with your pastor or another person helping to prepare you for marriage. Perfect faith is not required for a good, sacramental marriage. Openness to faith is believing that the Lord who has brought you together is not yet finished with either of you. You both have more to learn, and, with God’s grace, you will respond to his love. Jesus will work through both of you in ways that you may not even be able to imagine. In that spirit, marry her, build a life together, and know that God’s plan for you will always be there. ●

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



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Holy Saturday...is the day in which heaven visits earth most deeply. It is the time in which every corner of human history is touched by the light of Easter.... Nothing can be excluded from [Christ's] redemption. Not even our nights, not even our oldest faults, not even our broken bonds. There is no past so ruined, no history so compromised

that it cannot be touched by mercy.

**GENERAL
AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 24,
2025**



MARCO IACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

April 6
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday

April 7
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday

April 8
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday

April 9
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday

April 10
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14

Saturday

April 11
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday

April 12
Second Sunday of Easter
(Sunday of Divine Mercy)
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31



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WILLS & ESTATES

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH
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Upcoming Church Projects

St. Anne Foundation - \$2,000,000

St. Patrick's Foundation - \$3,000,000

St. Anne's Building Generators - \$50,000

Paving of St. Pat's Church Parking Lot - \$100,000

St. Pat's Academy Gym Parking Lot - \$275,000

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.



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WHY VOLUNTEER?

Have you ever wonder what the Bible says about volunteering at church? Is it one of God's commandments? Is it just a good thing to do? Will it help us get into heaven?

Here's the deal, volunteering at church will not get you into heaven and it isn't one of the Ten Commandments, but God does have a lot to say about serving Him, the church, and others. Check it out.

So in book of James in the New Testament it talks a lot about Faith and Works. We don't have to do good works (volunteer our time, help those in need, etc.) to earn our way into heaven; we do good works because we love God! We can show our faith by our actions ([James 2:18](#)). James also goes on to say that faith without work is DEAD. So if we claim to be part of "one, holy and Catholic Church," we need to show it through our actions. One way to do that is by volunteering our time at church.

James is pretty straight forward that we are called to do work, but here are three others reasons we should volunteer at church:

USE YOUR GIFTS! In his letter to early Christians, Peter writes, "God has given you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to SERVE others." ([1 Peter 4:10](#)) God has given each of us who follow him specific and unique gifts. Some of us have the gift of hospitality. We enjoy making people feel loved and welcomed. A great way to use this gift in the church is by being on the Hospitality Team. You can greet guests as they come to church, make them feel at home. Some of us have the gift of teaching. Use this gift to lead a bible study or a kids class. Use the gifts God has given YOU to volunteer at church.

IT IS GREATER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED! Jesus himself said in [Matthew 20:28](#), "For the even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as ransom for many." Jesus was the ultimate example of serving others. He was fully God yet He came to serve man. In John 13, Jesus serves his closest followers, the disciples, by washing their feet. He is setting the example for not only the disciples but also for us that serving others is greater than being served. There is so much more than coming to church to hear a good sermon and sing songs. We are called to serve others. By volunteering at church we can serve others.



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4-5 Abril 2026: Domingo de la Pascua

SE TRATA DEL FUTURO DE LA PARROQUIA...

“Si hay entusiasmo, cada uno es bien recibido con lo que tenga, y a nadie se le pide lo que no tiene.” - 2 Corintios 8: 12

Por 175 años, los fieles de la Iglesia de San Patricio se han dedicado a servir a la gente de nuestra comunidad en nombre de Dios. Para que podamos seguir con este “Espíritu Irlandés,” le pedimos que considere las siguientes maneras en que puede ayudar a nuestra parroquia, que presentan al donante muchas opciones, distintas a la contribución en efectivo, en su intento de proporcionar ayuda a la Iglesia de San Patricio. Si desea discutir como la **PLANIFICACIÓN DEL PATRIMONIO** se puede utilizar para hacer un regalo a la Iglesia de San Patricio, por favor comuníquese con nosotros al ☎ (815) 472-2864.

- ♣ **LEGADOS** - Por medio de su testamento, usted puede legar a San Patricio una cantidad fija, un porcentaje de su patrimonio o lo que reste de otras opciones que haya tomado. Ejemplo del lenguaje podría ser: “A la Iglesia de San Patricio de Joliet, le dejo la suma de \$75,000 para ser utilizados a discreción del destinatario.” Cualquier legado que haga a San Patricio reducirá el tamaño de su patrimonio y puede reducir los impuestos de bienes que puedan ser aplicados.
- ♣ **SEGURO DE VIDA** - Al nombrar a San Patricio como beneficiario de una póliza de seguro de vida, sus primas pueden ser deducibles de impuestos y ayu-



dara a asegurar el futuro de la Iglesia de San Patricio.

- ♣ **PLANES DE AHORROS IMPUESTO DIFERIDO** - Dinero en una cuenta de IRA u otro plan similar están sujetos a impuesto de ingresos cuando retire su dinero y si lo deje en su patrimonio pueden estar sujetos también al impuesto de bienes. Si hace a San Patricio el beneficiario del remanente, puede ser que ninguno de esos impuestos se tenga que pagar.
- ♣ Una variedad de **FIDECOMISOS Y ANUALIDADES DE CARIDAD** - Hay una gran variedad de opciones para dar que le pueden proveer a usted o a generaciones futuras ingresos, derechos a propiedad o activos con ahorros de impuestos y el apoyo generoso a San Patricio. Por favor consulte con su abogado o asesor en lo que es mejor para usted. No dude en llamar a la oficina de la parroquia si necesita más información.

“Pongan sus mentes en las cosas de arriba, no en las que están en la tierra.” Col 3: 2 ¿Pones a Dios primero en todas las cosas? Posesiones, dinero, poder, ego, pueden convertirse fácilmente en dioses para muchos de nosotros. Haz una revisión rápida de lo que es importante para usted. ¿Está Dios en lo más alto de la lista? Si no es así, tus prioridades deben ser reajustadas. No permita que las cosas terrenales se conviertan en un dios ante Dios.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Pedro es un testigo: el Señor ha resucitado (Heh 10: 34a, 37-43).

Salmo - Este es el día que hizo el Señor; regocijémonos y alegrémonos (Salmo 118 [117]).

Segunda lectura - Todos los bautizados, eleven su corazón al cielo (Colosenses 3: 1-4) o

Segunda lectura - Cristo nuestra Pascua fue sacrificado; por tanto, celebremos (1 Cor 5: 6b-8).

Evangelio - Tres testigos, Maria, Pedro y Juan; cada uno responde a la tumba vacía (Juan 20: 1-9)

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heh 2: 14, 22-33; Sal 16; Mt 28: 8-15

Martes: Heh 2: 36-41; Sal 33; Jn 20: 11-18

Miércoles: Heh 3: 1-10; Sal 105; Lc 24: 13-35

Jueves: Heh 3: 11-26; Sal 8: 2, 5-9; Lc 24: 35-48

Viernes: Heh 4: 1-12; Sal 118; Jn 21: 1-14

Sábado: Hch 4: 13-21; Sal 118 (117): 1, 14-21; Mc 16: 9-15

Domingo: Heh 2: 42-47; Sal 118 (117): 2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1Pe 1: 3-9; Jn 20: 19-31

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