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Border Town Parish Picnic St. Patrick's Church

(119 N. Market St. – Momence, IL)

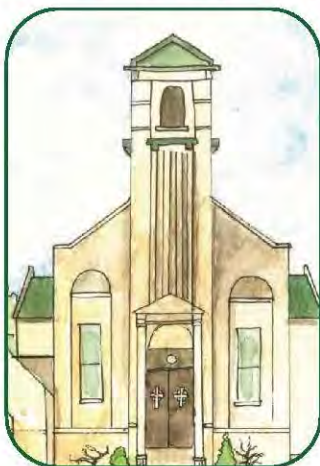
Sunday – September 13, 2026
starting with the 10:30

Bilingual Mass

Beer Garden Music

The Fender Benders Rock 'N Roll

**Food – Games – Adoration – Rummage
Sale – All Are Invited!**



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 (KINDERGARDEN - 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.

August 15-16, 2026: The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 15-16, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #985 of the Journey songs Book

Monday	August 17
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Tuesday	August 18
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Wednesday (St. John Eudes)	August 19
9:15 A.M.	Health of Frank & Louise Shainauskas
Thursday (St. Bernard)	August 20
9:15 A.M.	† Souls in Purgatory
Friday (St. Pius X)	August 21
9:15 A.M.	Family of Valerie Szopinski
7:00 P.M.	† Jennifer Jankowski
Saturday (Queenship of Mary)	August 22
12:00 P.M.	Baptisms in Spanish
2:00 p.m.	Quinceañera of Layla Franco
4:00 P.M.	† John Hermann
Sunday (21ST SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME)	August 23
10:30 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church
12:00 P.M.	† Angelina Salituro

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

PLEASE KEEP ST. PATRICK'S IN MIND FOR YOUR WILL & ESTATE PLANNING. A \$3,000,000 FOUNDATION WILL GO A LONG WAY TO HELP OUR PARISH!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

July 18-19, 2026 \$4,968.00

PLEASE REMEMBER – WE NEED TO COLLECT \$3,000 A WEEK TO MAINTAIN OUR BUDGET!

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

August 16, 2026 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoft
August 16, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken

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



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

To Dedicate a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, August 22 (Fr. Pete)	4:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	D. Surprenant
Lector:	S. Surprenant
Ushers:	K. Bukowski, R. Hess D. Rademacher, S. Pansa
Altar Servers:	A. Fuhrmann
Sunday, August 23 (Fr. Pete)	10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Meyer
Lector:	J. Rehmer
Ushers:	M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers:	M. Facko
Sunday, August 23 (Fr. Pete)	12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Andrade, E. Zagal
Lector:	G. Carmona, F. Franco
Ushers:	B. Aguirre, M. Arellano G. Camacho, R. Camacho, N. Viveros
Altar Servers:	E. Camacho, T. Carmona D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda

PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a loved one by dedicating a church pew (\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a building named in honor of your loved one for \$1,000,000! For more info, contact St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864, St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at pjankowski@yahoo.com.





NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

Jim & Marie Lynch served with me in Joliet for over twenty years. They chose to write this letter to me about our work together in the faith...

As our new pastor, you immediately began making all kinds of repairs and improvements to Sgt. Paul's including having the overhead lights in the church cleaned by a guy willing to climb up high to do the work - that would be JIM LYNCH! You said you were afraid of heights and would instead help him move pews to do the work. You were not afraid of getting dirty though. We saw you get down on your knees in winter in order to mop up the wet floors at the entrances as people came into Mass so no one would slip.

- You supported our dream of starting a Marriage Prep Program for engaged couples at St. Paul's and enthusiastically encouraged all our efforts to build a Welcoming Day event to get the couples started on their preparation.
- You came yourself to the Engaged Couple Welcome Day, blessed the couples with love and an inspiring talk, then presented a Bible to them at the concluding Mass.
- You played the guitar as you sang a special song to the parishioners Christmas Eve.
- You put time and effort into homilies at St. Paul's that touched our hearts.
- You watched out for children's safety.
- You have loved our dear friends the Poor Clares and even agreed to learn how to celebrate the Latin Mass for them.
- You have loved and helped the Vilaseca sisters whom we also love.
- During the time churches were closed, you offered Mass online and made it extra special with

all the Catholic information you added about the Holy Land, etc.

- On your "vacations" on Holland American cruises, you shared your priesthood with crew and passengers and then also posted pictures on Face Book so we could share in the adventures.
- You enthusiastically embraced the challenge of a group of parishes in the Kankakee area and have found ways to involve lots of people into working together to make so many improvements, repairs, and bring services, food, etc. to those in need.
- You have non-stop given of yourself to the parishes in First Communion, Weddings, Funerals and so many other celebrations of God's goodness.
- You have continued the St. Ann novena event every July and through it brought many graces to so many people including us!



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- You have created a parish environment where all feel welcome.
- After being assigned to the Kankakee area, you continued to give tons of time and goodness to the students at the University of St. Francis traveling up to Joliet despite distance or bad weather.

St. Pope John Paul II said, "The priesthood is a gift, a service that entails renunciation is not sadness but the joy of living for Christ." You have shown joy and a humanity that is "down to earth" and approachable to everyone.

Marie & Jim Lynch



Who Do You Say That I Am?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

“Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” An easy answer if you just report what other people say and what you have heard. No commitment. No revelation. No risk. But it all changes when the question is more to the point: “Who do *you* say that I am?” Tell me what you know, not what you heard. The silence is almost deafening. Vulnerability, not just anonymous reporting, is required in the asked-for response. No surprise—it is Peter who answers. Never one to hide his emotions or edit his thoughts, it is Peter who reveals what he knows, perhaps even what he is unsure of, perhaps the truth that he only hopes for but has not yet declared. “You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God” (Matthew 16:16).

Jesus responds with a prayer of blessing; the apostles, on the other hand, remain silent. Although we are very familiar with Peter’s assent of faith, his declaration was almost unheard-of or unexpected from a first-century Jewish man. It was dangerous to identify someone as Messiah. It was blasphemous to



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name someone as the Son of the Living God. Yet, in faith and humility, Peter made the declaration and, in the naming, entrusted his life, his hope, and all that he believed firmly into the hands of Jesus. This was no simple act. This was no ordinary day. ●

Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the
Messiah, the Son of the Living God.”

MATTHEW 16:16



Reflect

How would you answer if Jesus asked you, “Who do you say that I am?” (He is asking you!)

Dear Padre,

Can a non-Catholic serve and hold an office in a Catholic parish organization?

According to their knowledge, competence, and position, the Christian faithful have an obligation to assist in the necessary works of the Church and promote the common good of the parish—its worship, its apostolic mission, its charities, the care of its ministers, and its care of the poor. (See *Code of Canon Law*, 222.) In general, canon law and most diocesan regulations stipulate that members of primary decision-making entities must be active, registered Catholics who participate in the sacramental life of the Church. For example, members of a pastoral council must be “in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL 512 §1). However, non-Catholics—such as spouses of parishioners or experts in their fields (e.g., finance, law, architecture)—are sometimes invited to lend their skills by serving on advisory boards and committees or in other support roles that are usually in a non-voting capacity. In all cases, the pastor or bishop has the discretion to involve non-Catholics in specific initiatives. For instance, a bishop “can invite as observers to the diocesan synod other ministers or members of churches or ecclesial communities which are not in full communion with the Catholic Church” (CCL, 463 §3). A non-Catholic interested in serving should consult the local priest about available opportunities, based on the norms of a diocese. ●



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

I genuinely hope that our Christian lifestyle will always reflect this fraternal, “Samaritan” spirit—one that is welcoming, courageous, committed, and supportive, rooted in our union with God and our faith in Jesus Christ. Enkindled by this divine love, we will surely be able to give of ourselves for the good of all who suffer, especially our brothers and sisters who are sick, elderly, or afflicted.

MESSAGE ON WORLD
DAY OF THE SICK,
ROME, FEBRUARY 11,
2026

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

August 24
St. Bartholomew,
Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14
Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday

August 25
Weekday
2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17
Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 26
Weekday
2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18
Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 27
St. Monica
1 Cor 1:1–9
Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop
and Doctor of the
Church
1 Cor 1:17–25
Mt 25:1–13

Saturday

August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mk 6:17–29

Sunday

August 30
Twenty-second
Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Jer 20:7–9
Rom 12:1–2
Mt 16:21–27

St. Patrick's Progressive Raffle First Prize as of Aug 2026

\$1,500.00



St. Patrick's Progressive "Split the Pot" Raffle

First Prize: Half the Pot, minus \$750
Second Prize: \$500 ♦ Third Prize: \$250
Drawing at Parish Picnic - September 2023
Check www.stpatricksmomence.org
for Current Prize Totals
Winner Not Be Present for Drawing

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Church!

Please Help Us with Our St. Patrick's "Progressive Split the Pot" Raffle by Selling Raffle Tickets!! Let's see if we can at least get first prize up to the \$5,000 Mark!!!

Time and Talent



At St. Patrick's Parish Picnic

Can you paint a room? Can you rake a yard? Can you clean a house? We are looking for trade skills to auction off at our Parish Picnic on September 24th. If you can help, please call the parish office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.

¿Puedes pintar una habitación? ¿Puedes rastrillar un jardín? ¿Puedes limpiar una casa? Estamos buscando habilidades comerciales para subastar en nuestro Picnic Parroquial el 24 de septiembre. Si puede ayudar, llame a la oficina de la parroquia al ☎ (815) 472-2864.

Very shortly, we Will be looking for items to donate for our Church Rummage sale at our parish picnic on September 13th!

Why Have a Parish Picnic?

A church picnic is a great way to bring members of a congregation together for fellowship and fun. Whether it's a small gathering or a large event, picnics give members a chance to connect in a relaxed setting.



September 13, 2026
10:30 Outdoor Bilingual Mass/Misa
119 N. Market St. - Momence
☎ (815) 472-2864

ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at St. Patrick's ☎ (815) 472-2864, St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



As we continue to upgrade our facilities and help make our Academy Gymnasium a type of Community Center for Momence, we need your help. As we have a need to build parking lots and buy generators to maintain what we have, grant money is available from the county, state and federal governments. If you have a skill to help us writing grants for the sake of our parish and community, please contact the office for more information.

15-16 Agosto 2026: XX Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Frecuentemente, los santos y santas son personas molestas que desafían tanto a los fieles como a los infieles. Tal es el caso del agustino Ezequiel Moreno Díaz (1848-1906), obispo de Pasto, Colombia. Nació en La Rioja, España, en el seno de una familia pobre. En 1865 ingresó en la orden de los agustinos y fue enviado como misionero a Filipinas. Luego se ofreció como misionero en Colombia donde buscó renovar la orden de los agustinos. En 1895 el Papa León XIII lo nombró obispo de Parma, lugar en el que le esperaba un martirio moral de calumnias, desprecios y humillaciones por parte de las autoridades civiles. Sus mensajes y desafíos pastorales llevaron a los fieles a un mayor fervor apostólico a tal grado, que incomodó al gobierno. En 1898 buscó renunciar a su puesto como obispo para no continuar como causa de polémicas y problemas para la Iglesia. El Papa no permitió su renuncia, más bien lo animó a seguir promoviendo el celo apostólico por el bien del pueblo. La polémica nunca debe desanimar a los fieles en Cristo cuando se trata de mejorar la vida moral de la sociedad en la que se encuentran. Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Gluz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch

LLAMADOS A ACTUAR EN EL NOMBRE DE DIOS

“¡Que todos los pueblos te alaben!” (Salmo 67: 4) exclama la respuesta del salmo de hoy. En el salterio y en otras escrituras hebreas, este tipo de invocación es en realidad una invitación a Dios para que actúe e intervenga en las vidas humanas de tal manera que haga que todos – no sólo el pueblo

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

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Todos los Miércoles alas 6:30 p.m.

elegido –exprese alabanzas. Dicho algo más fuerte, es como desafiar a Dios para que “aguante o se calle”, el tipo de palabras duras que los salmistas de Israel, confiando en su íntima relación de amor con Dios, no temían expresar. El Evangelio tiene su propia exclamación que anuncia la aparición de la mujer cananea con un “Entonces” (Mateo 15: 22). “Entonces” o “he aquí” es una señal en la Biblia que nos indica que observemos con mucha atención, que Dios está por actuar o anunciar algo por medio de un individuo o una situación. En el caso de Jesús, Dios iba a obrar a través de esta mujer, a quien ninguno de los seguidores de Jesús hubiera creído pudiera ser una agente de la voluntad divina. Como los salmistas, puede que informemos en forma pasiva a Dios o quizás hasta activamente le desafíemos para que haga algo para que todos lleguen a creer, mas Dios siempre nos volteará las posiciones. Se convierte en nuestro llamado, nuestro deber (como lo fue para Jesús) observar atentamente las situaciones y a las personas en nuestra vida diaria para que Dios pueda actuar a través de nosotros, para que el Reino sea anunciado en nuestro diario vivir. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Mi salvación se viene acercando; mi justicia está a punto de aparecer (Isaías 56: 1, 6-7).

Salmo - Que te alaben, Señor, todos los pueblos de la tierra (Salmo 67 [66]).

Segunda Lectura - Los dones y la Hamada de Dios son irrevocables (Romanos 11: 13-15, 29-32).

Evangelio - Mujer, ¡qué grande es tu fe! (Mateo 15: 21-28).

Dios nos ama a cada uno como si no existiese nadie más.

- San Agustín

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Ez 24: 15-24; Dt 32: 18-21; Mt 19: 16-22

Martes: Ez 28: 1-10; Dt 32: 26-28, 30, 35cd-36ab; Mt 19: 23-30

Miércoles: Ez 34: 1-11; Sal 23 (22): 1-6; Mt 20: 1-16

Jueves: Ez 36: 23-28; Sal 51 (50): 12-15, 18-19; Mt 22: 1-14

Viernes: Ez 37: 1-14; Sal 107; Mt 22: 34-40

Sábado: Ez 43: 1-7ab; Sal 85; Mt 23: 1-12

Domingo: Is 22: 19-23; Sal 138 (137): 1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11: 33-36; Mt 16: 13-20



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