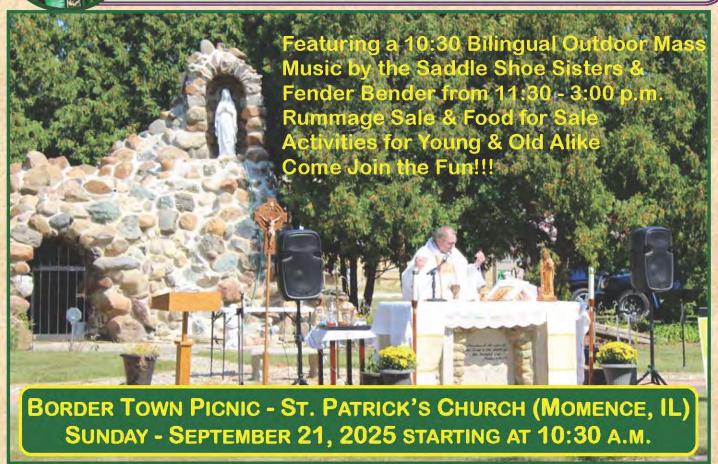


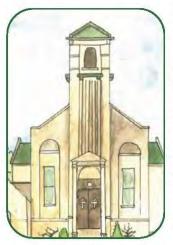
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Monday - Friday 9:15 a.m. in English 7:00 p.m. in Spanish Saturday Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. in English Sunday Masses 10:30 a.m. in English 12:00 p.m. in Spanish HOLY DAY MASSES Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

Religious Education (Kindergarden - 8^{TH} Grade)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITATION 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.

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

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Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

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

August 16-17, 2025: The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 16-17, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #987 of the Journey songs Book



Monday August 18 Communion Service 9:15 A.M. Tuesday (St. John Eudes) August 19 Communion Service 9:15 A.M. Wednesday (St. Bernard, Abbot) August 20 Rita Orth 9:15 A.M. Thursday (St. Pius X Pope) August 21 9:15 A.M. † Bernice Narolewski Friday (The Queenship of Virgen M) August 22 9:15 A.M. † Edward Siebert 7:00 P.M. † Anthony Elwood Fox

† Leonides Berrones Saturday (St. Rose of Lima) August 23 † Jeannene Knowles 4:00 P.M. (Kevin & Jeannine Blanchette) † Jim & Marlene LaMotte

Sunday (21st Sunday in Ordinary Time) August 24 10:30 A.M. † Roger Duke 12:00 P.M. † Rosina Salituro

† Elieser Jaramillo

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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.

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LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday August 23 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 P.M **Eucharistic Minister:** S. Surprenant Lector: D. Surprenant K. Bukowski, R. Hess Ushers: S. Pansa, D. Rademacher

Sunday August 24 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m. **Eucharistic Minister:** B. Volek

Lector J. Rehmer Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, P & B. Bickel, J. & B. Miller

Sunday August 24 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

E. Zagal, C. Andrade **Eucharistic Minister:** G. Carmona, F. Franco Lector: **Ushers:** C. Dueñas, M. Arellano

P. Gonzalez, B. Aguirre, I. Falcon

Altar Servers: T. Carmona, D. Ojeda, V. Ojeda E. Camacho, J. Silva



St. Patrick's Prayer Line: Please call Marcy Siwicki at @ (815) 472-

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





NEWS & NOTES FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at pjankowski@yahoo.com.

From Ligouri Magazine, November 1999

POPE CLEMENT AND THE CUP OF COFFEE



He negotiated the Union of Brest in 1596, which brought the Ukrainian Church back in communion with Rome. He revised the breviary and promoted the Forty Hours devotion. But for many Catholics, the greatest contribution of Pope Clement VIII, a former bank clerk, was allowing coffee to be introduced to the Western world.

Long a part of Arab culture, coffee began finding its way into the West in the late 1500s via Italian trading ships returning from Constantinople. The bitter elixir soon gained popularity among the people in Venice and other port cities in Italy. Church officials in Rome, however, were wary of the dark drink. Fearing that coffee had been invented by Satan himself for the infidels, priests forbade the faithful to imbibe. They argued that if wine was the drink sanctified by Christ and used in Holy Communion, then coffee – the preferred beverage of the Muslims, whose religion forbade the drinking of wine – must be the Antichrist's brew.

Into this ring of debate stepped Clement. Although known as a devout and spiritual pope, Clement had his practical side. He spearheaded missionary efforts in the Far East, Persia, Mexico, and South America. He brought schismatic Serbians and Ukrainians back into the Church. Closer to home, he often visited hospitals, not only to comfort the sick but to inspect the food that was being served.

Having heard all the fuss about the devilish Turkish drink, Clement asked that a cup of it be brought to

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St. Patrick's Progressive Raffle
First Prize as of July 2025

Prize Drawn September 21, 2025 at our Church Picnic... Help Us Sell Our Raffle Tickets! Last Year's First Prize Exceeded 12,000. The More Tickets we sell the Higher the Prize!!

him. Onlookers held their breath as their beloved pope first smelled, then sipped the exotic beverage. Would he die on the spot? Would the devil himself appear? Nothing quite so dramatic happened, of course. But after satisfying his palate, Clement made a proclamation that was nonetheless surprising: "This Satan's drink is so delicious," Clement intoned, "that it would be a pity to let the infidels have exclusive use of it. We shalt cheat Satan by baptizing it." Clement reasoned that it would be a larger sin to keep the drink from the Christian world.

The on-the-spot blessing opened the floodgates for coffee imports to the West, paving the way for the first coffeehouses to open in Italy in 1645.



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.





Where I Stand

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

ne day, as I was walking in a local nature preserve, I came across what someone had written in the sand: "It's time to take a stand."

Though the person never suggested what we should take a stand on, all of us take stands in life. In many ways, those stands define our lives: Republican or Democrat, pro-life or pro-choice, NRA and guns, save the whales, vax or anti-vax, ecology. As we all know so well, where we stand on any given issue can become divisive among friends and even family.

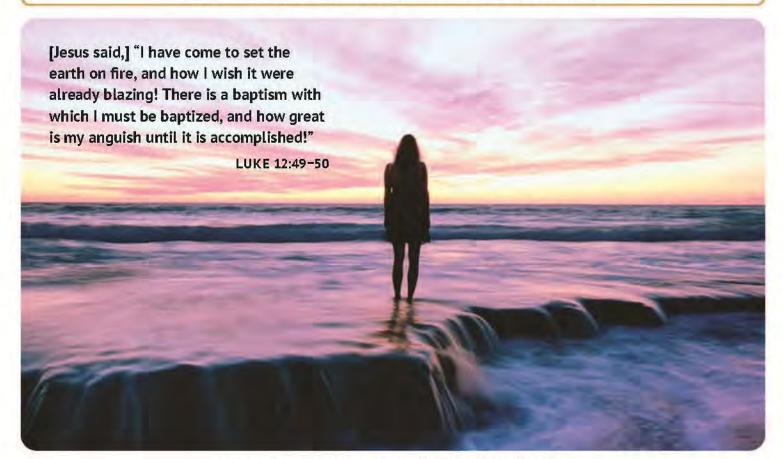
The Scriptures this weekend tell of the prophet

Jeremiah, who took a stand of faith against the king who
trusted in military arms rather than in God. The Letter to

the Hebrews mentions an Old Testament "cloud of witnesses" who placed faith in God without knowing where that would take them. And, Jesus himself recognizes that those who place their faith in him and the vision of life he proclaimed would find themselves in conflict with others. For every person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, the question becomes how this faith affects all the other stands we take. To "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus" influences the lifestyle we choose, how we spend our time and our money, who our friends are, and even who we vote for. At some point, faith insists we take a stand.

Reflect

How does my faith affect all my other beliefs and practices?



Dear Padre,

Is "co-redemptrix" a title for the Blessed Virgin Mary?

The Church does not officially regard Mary as a co-redemptrix with Christ. Her "unique holiness'...'from the first instant of her conception' comes wholly from Christ: she is 'redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son'" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 492).

According to Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, the title "co-redemptrix" would

"obscure" the origin that "everything comes through Christ," as written in Ephesians and Colossians. "Mary, too, is everything she is through Him," stated the future Pope Benedict XVI, adding that "co-redemptrix" is a departure "from the language of Scripture and of the Fathers, and therefore gives rise to misunderstandings."

Likewise, in 2019, Pope Francis quoted St. Bernard, who said that no praise is sufficient to talk about Mary, but, ultimately, her title as a humble "disciple" best represents Mary's faithfulness to "her Son, the only Redeemer." "She never wanted for herself something that was of her Son," explained the pontiff. "She never introduced herself as co-redemptrix. No. Disciple."

Pope Francis reiterated the Church's position on this matter in 2021, saying that Jesus entrusted the universal Church and all the faithful to Mary, "Not as a goddess. Not as a co-redemptrix. As a mother." Incidentally, "Mother of God" (Greek: *Theotokos*, "God-bearer") is Mary's oldest title, established in 431 by the Council of Ephesus.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
August 18	August 19	August 20	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24
Weekday	Weekday	St. Bernard,	St. Pius X, Pope	The Queenship	Weekday	Twenty-first
Jgs 2:11-19	Jgs 6:11-24a	Abbot and	Jgs 11:29-39a	of the Blessed	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11;	Sunday in
Mt 19:16-22	Mt 19:23-30	Doctor of the Church	Mt 22:1-14	Virgin Mary	4:13-17	Ordinary Time
				Ru 1:1, 3-6,	Mt 23:1-12	Is 66:18-21
		Jgs 9:6-15		14b-16,22		Heb 12:5-7,
		Mt 20:1-16		Mt 22:34-40		11-13
						Lk 13:22-30



A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Gospel does not leave things as they are; when the Gospel... is listened to and received, things do not stay as they are. The Gospel provokes change and invites to conversion. It does not dispense a false intimist peace, but sparks a restlessness that sets us in motion and drives us to open ourselves up to God and to our brothers and sisters.

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 14, 2022



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Picnic



\$t. Patrick's Community Picnic \$unday - \$eptember 21, 2025 \$tarting with Outdoor Bilingual 10:30 Mass



Hot Dogs - Burgers - Tacos
Rummage Sale - 50/50 Raffle
Bring Your Family for the End of the
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- Picnic Games
- · Children's Games
- Parish Rummage Sale
- The Music of the Saddle Shoe Sisters at 11:30 a.m. and the Fender Benders at 1:30 p.m.
- The 50/50 Raffle, Service Raffles and Other Prizes!!

- Sirviendo Hot Dogs, Taquitos, Pollo, Bistec, Pambazos y Refrescos.
- Juegos de picnic
- Venta de Garaje
- La Música de las Hermanas Saddle Shoe a las 11:30 a.m. y los Fender Benders a la 1:30 p.m.
- ¡Rifa 50/50, Rifas de Servicio y Otros Premios se Otorgarán!



Gratitude the most overlooked attitude for Happiness

When you ask someone, what makes him/her happy, have you heard them stating "Gratitude" as an important element?

What is gratitude? Gratitude is an act or attitude of appreciating the good things, that have been received. Whether the recipient deserves or not, the giver gives with love. Hence, gratitude is an act of demonstrating, how much the recipient appreciates the love of the giver.

In fact, the virtue of gratitude is an invitation to open our eyes to recognize that others and especially God gives, not out of duty, but out of love and generosity.

St. Paul in his first letter to the Thessalonians writes, "... give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18). By expressing gratitude, we acknowledge God's gifts and that of others; it fosters deeply our relationship with God and others. When we take time to reflect prayerfully, who we are and what God has done for us, then the only adequate response will be gratitude.

Ultimately, gratitude is all about love. The level of gratitude to God, whose infinite and caring love, we taste and experience every day, can be measured with how much we are grateful to those around us, who show us acts of love. The more we are aware of others' love and above all God's love for us, the happier we would feel. If you reflect, you will agree with me that gratitude has so much to do with our level of happiness.

How much are you able to recognize God's love in your life and increase your happiness?

May our hearts be every grateful for the love we receive,

- Fr. Arul Joseph V.

16-17 Agosto 2025: XX Domingo del Ciempo Ordinario

iiiGRATITUD ES LA ACTITUD!!!

Este fin de semana, organizaremos un picnic comunitario en St. Patrick's Grotto, que comenzará con una misa bilingüe a las 10:30 a.m. en Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, si el clima lo permite. Un buen número de almas han estado reparando nuestra gruta y fuente y reviviendo la cascada de nuestra gruta. También hemos podido instalar cámaras de seguridad y nuestras estatuas en nuestra gruta. Todo esto ha sido posible gracias al magnífico trabajo de nuestros donantes y nuestros voluntarios. Quiero agradecer especialmente a la familia de Stephen Loftus y Momence Pallet por ayudarnos con las donaciones para completar lo que hemos hecho en la gruta.

La razón por la que este picnic es tan importante es para unir a la comunidad, a todos los miembros de nuestra comunidad. De muchas maneras, necesitamos instituir la vida social de la parroquia y de todos sus miembros. Entre el trabajo de los Caballeros de Colón, nuestro Comité de Golf, nuestra CCW y tantos otros, se ha logrado una buena parte de esto. Un área que debe abordarse es reunir a todos estos grupos para trabajar juntos por el mejoramiento de la parroquia.

Por eso, ofrecemos un picnic en la parroquia para toda la comunidad. Si la comunidad responde, si nuestras familias asisten, es el desafío que debemos enfrentar para promover la unidad parroquial y asegurar un futuro para la Iglesia de San Patricio.

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

7:00 p.m. por los Viernes



12: 00 p.m. los Domingos Parroquia de San Patricio



Para esta función en particular (similar al Golf Outing), estamos tratando de recaudar fondos para construir baños de primer nivel en nuestro gimnasio para personas con necesidades especiales. Este problema nos ha perseguido durante décadas: la mayoría de los eventos en el gimnasio requieren el uso de baños portátiles, ya que los feligreses mayores y con necesidades especiales no pueden subir escalones para usar los baños de nuestros casilleros. Como el gimnasio sirve como refugio de emergencia fuera de las escuelas para la comunidad en general, nosotros, como parroquia, debemos unirnos para atender esta necesidad.

Quisiera agradecer a Abby Altenberger ya la Olivet-Nazarene Steel Drum Band por venir a tocar para nosotros en el picnic, a CCW por los postres y a todos nuestros voluntarios por todo lo que han hecho para hacer de este un día especial para nuestros feligreses. Como siempre, me gustaría agradecer a Ana Rivas y al Coro Camino y Esperanza por todo lo que han ofrecido a nuestra parroquia de tantas maneras en la Misa y fuera de ella. - Padre Pedro

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura — El profeta del Señor sufre peligros y deshonra para proclamar el no grato mensaje de Dios para la ciudad (Jeremías 38:4-6, 8-10).

Salmo — Señor, idate prisa en socorrermel (Salmo 40 [39])

Segunda Lectura — Persevera en la lucha igual que Cristo soportó la cruz (Hebreos 12:1-4).

Evangelio — Jesús vino a purificar la tierra con su santo fuego y a sembrar división y no paz (Lucas 12:49-53).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Tes 1:1-5, 11-12; Sal 96 (95):1-5;

Mt 23:13-22

Martes: 2 Tes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96 (95):10-13;

Mt 23:23-26

Miércoles: Ap 21:9b-14; Sal 145; Jn 1:45-51

Jueves: 1 Cor 1:1-9; Sal 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51

Viernes: 1 Cor 1:17-25; Sal 33 (32):1-2, 4-5, 10-11;

Mt 25:1-13

Sábado: 1 Cor 1:26-31; Sal 33; Mt 25:14-30

Domingo: Eclo 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68 (67):4-7,

10-11;

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