

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

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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

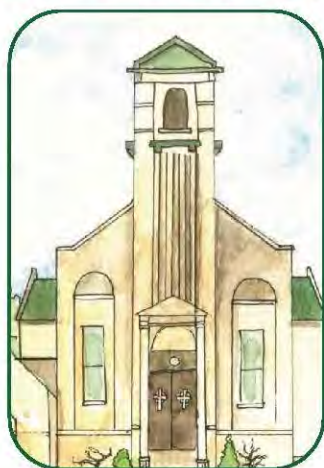
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Beer Garden Music

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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 22-23, 2026: The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 22-23, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #988 of the Journey songs Book

Monday (St. Bartholomew, Apostle) August 24

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (St. Louis) August 25

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday August 26

9:15 A.M. † Pat Shainauskas

Thursday (St. Monica) August 27

9:15 A.M. † John & Louise Hess

Friday (St. Augustine) August 28

9:15 A.M. † Barbara O'Byrne

7:00 P.M. † José Ramón Caro Castillo

† Sherri Lucas

Saturday (Passion of St. John Bap.) August 29

12:00 P.M. Baptisms in Spanish

2:00 p.m. Quinceañera of Valeria Pérez

4:00 P.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church

Sunday (22ND SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME) August 30

10:30 A.M. † Michael & Mary Soltysik

12:00 P.M. † Luis Ángel Haro y Rosario Lechuga

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:

August 8-9, 2026 \$2,359.00

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 23, 2026 B. Boicken & M.J. Boicken
August 30, 2026 D. & C. Bramer

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 29 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. J. Boicken

Lector: B. Boicken

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

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, August 30 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Meyer

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: M. Facko

Sunday, August 30 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: P. Caro, N. Viveros

Ushers: C. Dueñas, L. Flores

F. Franco, F. Nelson, M. Torres

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: P. Anderson, N. Atkinson, R. Bailey, D. Barth, Beedle Family, J. Betourney D. Brown, M. Cárdenas, P. Caro, B & E. Coffman, S. Conner, M & D Cousin, M. Cronk, M. Cruz, A. Delaney, M. Dionne, J. Dobbins, E. Duke, D. Dunlap, G. Field, C. Fritz, J. & R. Gall, Tony & Adrienne Gallinaro, J. Grill, R. Harper, K. Hensa, J. Hibbs, D. Hiller, C. Jones, L. Kane, R. Kazee, A. Kijewski, J. Kraus, L. Lee, L. Leranth, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, 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.



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

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St. Patrick's Progressive Raffle

First Prize as of Aug 2026

\$1,500.00

Prizes Drawn September 13, 2026 at Our Church Picnic...

Help Us Sell Our Raffle Tickets!

Last Year's First Prize Exceeded \$5,000!!!

The More Tickets We Sell, the Higher the Prize!!!

Bless me, Brothers and Sisters, for I have sinned...

You may have noticed this year that I have not been running a "full court press" on our 50/50 Border Town Picnic Raffle on September 13, which is up to \$1,500 for the First Prize, \$500 for the Second Prize and \$250 for our Third Prize. To be honest, things have been going so well at both parishes that we have been focusing on parking lots and other repairs (we recently had to repair the rectory roof which had been damaged with years of water leakage and about \$10,000 to repair a church wall for the same reason). So many good souls have been very generous of their resources to help us out at both parishes – we are so grateful for all the help we are getting!



Now that the picnic is about three weeks away, perhaps we should try to focus on what we are doing. The picnic begins with a 10:30 a.m. bilingual Mass at St. Patrick's Grotto (weather permitting), followed by Polka and Easy Listening Music by the Ray Koncar trio and Old Time Rock 'n Roll by the

Fender Benders. Leigh Ann Sokoloff if working on the Rummage Sale (there will be no Rummage Sale at St. Anne's this year). We also will have our games for the kids, caterer and parishioner Kyle Volek on the grill (along with the Taqueria el Country Food Truck), and so much more! The more tickets we sell for the 50/50 Raffle, the higher the prize; tickets are located in the entranceways of our churches and at the parish offices.



Among the raffle prizes in store are a 50" Samsung Class M70H AI Companion Smart TV (I purchase this each year to broadcast our previous Picnic Online Masses) and an Apple 11-inch A16 chip, 11-inch Model iPad, courtesy of Law Rae Farms.

We will be selling tickets for these Raffle Prizes in upcoming weeks.

I also would ask you prayerfully to consider helping us with whatever donations that you can. Maintaining our buildings and property has been quite a task lately. Your contributions are essential for the well-being of our parishes. St. Anne's needs to maintain a \$2,000 weekly collection to maintain her well-being; St. Patrick's needs \$3,000 weekly. We would be doing a service to future generations by considering a will or estate planning gift for each parish as well.

If we truly believe in the gospel message from Philippians 2: 3 (faith is about God and emptying ourselves for the sake of the other), we then understand what good we do in supporting our parishes.

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.





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

22-23 Agosto 2026: XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Más del 40% de la población católica en Estados Unidos es de origen hispano y solo el 6% de los sacerdotes son hispanos. Hay algo que está mal en las cifras. Parte del problema es que en los seminarios estadounidenses no saben qué hacer con las vocaciones y culturas hispanas. Por otra parte, los hispanos deseamos que nuestros hijos tengan mejor vida y la vocación sacerdotal no constituye un lugar privilegiado en la escala social.

Ciertamente, había un tiempo en que los sacerdotes se trataban con mucho respeto, ya no. Últimamente la escasez de sacerdotes y los escándalos en la Iglesia han hecho que el sacerdocio pierda mucho de su encanto. La vida sacerdotal se ha hecho muy difícil. Hoy día el joven que busca el sacerdocio lo busca por servicio y vocación, no por prestigio o posición social.

El sacerdocio es un apostolado que se recibe con el sacramento del Orden. Ser ordenado es recibir órdenes, es decir, ser obediente. Hoy más que nunca, el sacerdote está llamado a la misma obediencia de Jesucristo, obediencia que lo llevó a la cruz y a la resurrección.

Oremos por nuestros sacerdotes para que su entrega sea total.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos - Glz, OFM, Copyright © J.S. Paluch Co., Luc.

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.



**¡Necesitamos
tu ayuda!**

Este año, nuestro picnic se llevará a cabo el domingo 13 de septiembre de 2026, comenzando con una misa bilingüe al aire libre a las 10:30 a.m. (si el clima lo permite). Necesitamos ayuda para cocinar y servir comida, ayudar con los juegos para niños, conseguir premios para la rifa, montar y limpiar, ¡así como con todo tipo de otras tareas! También necesitamos personas que nos ayuden a vender boletos de la rifa 50/50. Si puedes ayudar, por favor llama a la oficina parroquial al
☎ (815) 472-2864.

LECTURAS DE HOY

PRIMERA LECTURA - Pondré en sus manos la llave de la Casa de David (Isaías 22: 19-23).

Salmo - Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones (Salmo 138 [137]).

SEGUNDA LECTURA - Los designios de Dios son impenetrables, no se pueden comprender sus caminos (Romanos 11: 33-36).

EVANGELIO - Tu eres el Cristo, el Hijo de Dios vivo (Mateo 16: 13-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

LUNES: Apo 21: 9b-14; Sal 145; Jn 1: 45-51

MARTES: 2 Tes 2: 1-3a, 14-17; Sal 96;
Mt 23: 23-26

MIÉRCOLES: 2 Tes 3: 6-10, 16-18; Sal 128;
Mt 13: 27-32

JUEVES: 1 Cor 1: 1-9; Sal 145; Mt 24: 42-51

VIERNES: 1 Cor 1: 17-25; Sal 33; Mt 25: 1-13

SÁBADO: 1 Cor 1: 26-31; Sal 33; Mk 6: 17-29

DOMINGO: Jer 20: 7-9; Sal 63 (62): 2-6, 8-9;
Rom 12: 1-2; Mt 16: 21-27

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

\$1,500.00

50 50
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

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

**10 a Ticket
6 for \$50**
**All Proceeds Go
Towards Campus
Renovations.**
**Thanks for
Supporting Our
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

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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.



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