

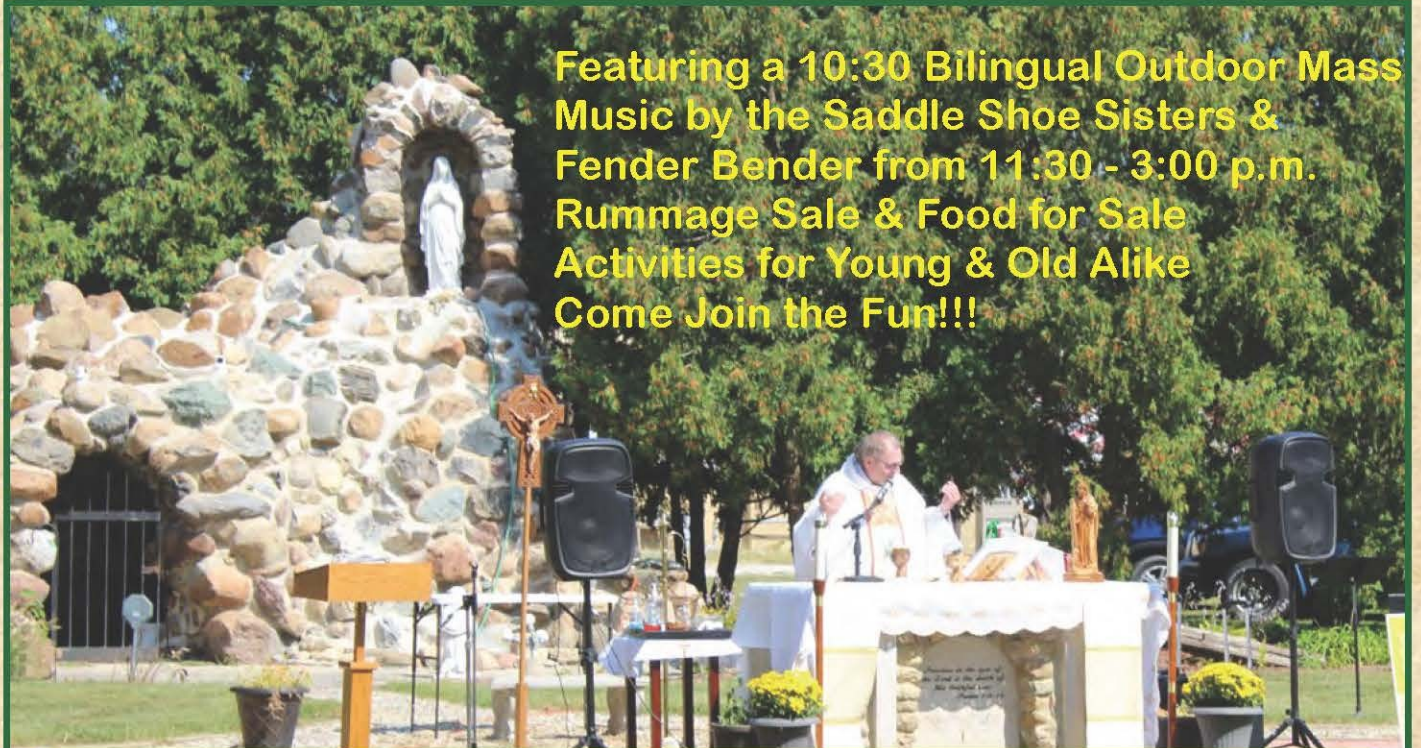


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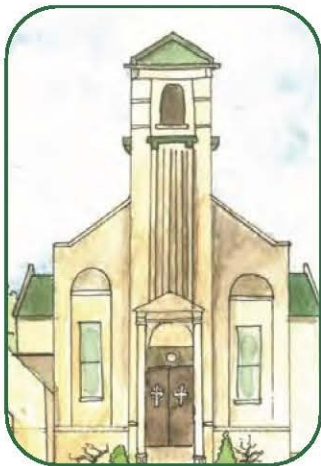
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Come Join the Fun!!!**

**BORDER TOWN PICNIC - ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH (MOMENCE, IL)
SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 STARTING AT 10:30 A.M.**



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 23-24, 2025: The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23-24, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #990 of the Journey songs Book

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Monday (Sts Louis, Joseph Calasanz) August 25

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday August 26

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (St Monica) August 27

9:15 A.M. Cordano & Brehn Families

Thursday (St. Augustine) August 28

9:15 A.M. † Mr. & Mrs. Harry Vickery

Friday (St John Baptist) August 29

9:15 A.M. † Louis Brown

7:00 P.M. † Jacob & Angeline LaFranzo

† Maria Guadalupe Bello Ruiz

(Fam. Morales Bello)

Saturday (St Rose of Lima) August 30

4:00 P.M. † Keith Blanchette

(Kevin & Jeannine Blanchette)

† John Hermann

Sunday (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) August 31

10:30 A.M. † Joseph Reising

12:00 P.M. † John Salituro

† Isaias Lira Lorenzo, +Bertha Lira Molina

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT

www.stpatrickmomence.org!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

August 31 Bonnie Kovacs, & Susan Ekhoft

September 7 Dave & Cheryl Bramer

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SUNDAY COLLECTION:

August 9-10, 2025 \$

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

GOAL FOR ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH \$19,300

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



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.

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, D. Demack, 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. Leranthe, E. Lopez, B. Love, J. Marcotte, W. Marten, J. McCracken, L. McNulty, L. Mercado, R & V Morse, C. Ortman, M. Peterson, C. Piec, J. Prather, C. Provost, E. Provost, R. Rehmer, P. Reising, D. Roberts, B. Ryan, 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday August 30 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 P.M

Eucharistic Minister: M. Porter

Lector: B. Boicken

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

S. Pansa, D. Rademacher

Sunday August 31 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer

Lector: L. Meyer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

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

Sunday August 31(Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: R. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: P. Caro, C. Dueñas

Ushers: N. Viveros, M. Torres

G. Carreño, L. Flores, I. Falcon

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



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Marcy Siwicki at ☎ (815) 472-4688

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

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





A THANK-YOU E-MAIL FROM BILL AND MARY DAVEY FROM WHIT- TLESEA, AUSTRALIA ABOUT OUR "IDYLIC" PARISHES!!!

Father Pete, thank you for your hospitality. Very pleased you encouraged us to go to the Spanish Mass as well. It was wonderful to see people celebrating Mass in such a joyful way. Loved the female singers at both the 10:30 am Mass and the Spanish Mass. I do not know how you do it... three different Masses geared to the congregations.

We leave early tomorrow to go to the airport and hence to Louisville for a cruise to St Paul.

Mary Davey

Hi again

I thought Momence would be an obligation served after you helped Mary through covid, but this has been a real highlight of our trip. The three communities you serve are all wonderful, warm people and I am sad we had only one weekend to meet them. Any would be welcome in our churches at Whittlesea in Australia.

I met two women who came down from Joliet just for your services. They see in you what attracted Mary. Educators know that conceptual frameworks are created internally and they must be formed based in lived experience. Your homilies are especially attractive because people can see your explanations as based on experiences they can associate with. Some people call this "down to earth" but it is more than that term implies as the approach creates real understanding of the Christian messages that explain a moral life.

Please stay in this idyllic environment and continue your work!

Dr William Davey



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

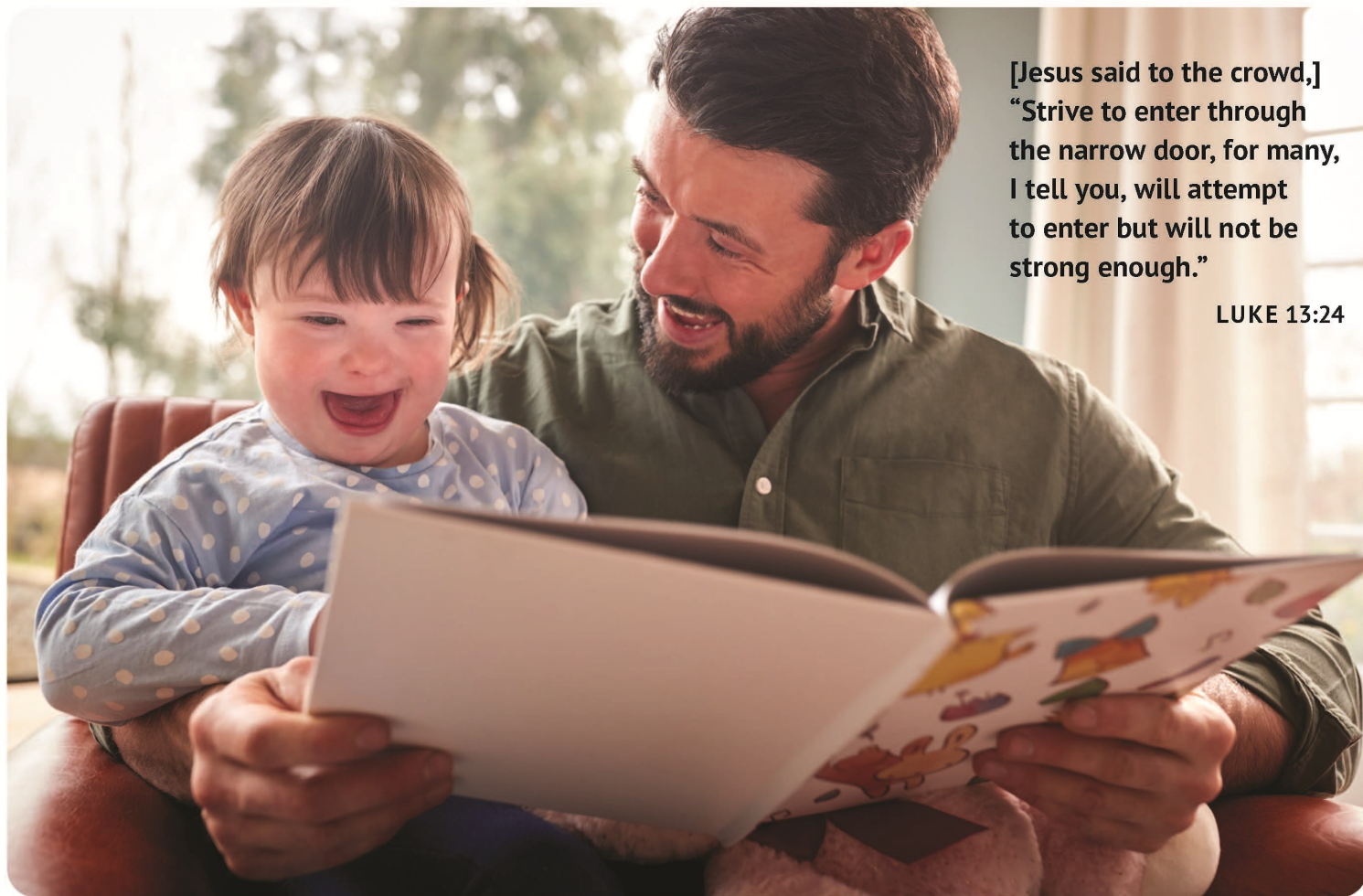
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One area in which Catholic Churches often fall short in regard to their Protestant friends is in the area of fellowship. When the members of the Body of Christ pray and play together, so much good will result from it and then we show God that we really do care about each other, no matter who the "other" happens to be.



This was evident during our "Birthday Baseball" outing on August 12 where members of both parishes joined me in an evening social activity. As I told the souls who attend our daily Masses, I came to realize that the \$8 front row tickets to the Joliet Slammers' games pales in comparison to the same seats on Stub Hub being sold at Wrigley Field for \$1,015 a piece! I wish to thank our local bus company for donating their services to us as well. We filled the party bus almost beyond capacity but some of our parishioners ended up driving themselves because the bus was full! God bless you for supporting our parishes!





[Jesus said to the crowd,]
“Strive to enter through
the narrow door, for many,
I tell you, will attempt
to enter but will not be
strong enough.”

LUKE 13:24

The Narrow Gate

FR. JOSEPH JUKNIALIS

Some people find love in their lives; others complain of loneliness. Some find peace, while others seem to be perpetually angry. Some live comfortably amid human diversity, yet others insist that the rest of the world be like them. There are those who are able to forgive and compromise and offer compassion and those who cannot. The difference seems to be the ability to forgo one's own desires for the sake of a greater good or the common good. Such may be the narrow gate through which some may not be strong enough to enter.

Phrases like *the kingdom of God* or *the kingdom of heaven* are not just references to places to which we go

but also ways of being or states of existence. They all refer to God's presence, to life with God. You've heard people say they were so happy that they felt it was like heaven on earth. It wasn't a place they went but an experience of being filled with joy and peace. It's pure gift. No one ever finds it by focusing on oneself. It is the narrow gate by which we find our way into such a life. It is the doorway of caring for others. ●

Reflect

What is the “narrow gate” before me now—the most difficult challenge as a follower of Jesus?

Dear Padre,

My wife mentioned that neither the Book of Mormon nor the Catholic Bible mentions purgatory. Please comment.

A not-uncommon frustration is when a person searches the Bible for a particular word or phrasing. Frankly, it is expecting too much from the religious text to be able to faithfully record a particular word or phrase that originated hundreds of years after the ancient text was composed. Purgatory is one such example of this frustration. The concept of purgatory is referenced in the biblical text, particularly in 2 Corinthians 5:10 and 7:1, Hebrews 9:27 and 12:14, and 2 Maccabees 12:46, but the word is never used.

This should come as no real surprise because it was not until the writings of St. Thomas Aquinas (1225–1274) that the concept was expanded and formed into a theological statement of belief that has become central to Roman Catholicism. And what is that belief? The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is clear: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned” (CCC, 1030, 1031a). The Book of Mormon never references purgatory, but it does speak about the afterlife and the experience of “waiting” in the spirit world for the completion of earthly time. ●

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



SOULS IN PURGATORY BY LORENZO PERETTI / RENATA SEDMAKOVA / SHUTTERSTOCK



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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

The narrow door is an image that could scare us, as if salvation is destined for only a select few, or for perfect people. But...a little further ahead, [Jesus] confirms, “Men will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.”

Therefore, this door is narrow, but is open to everyone!

ANGELUS, ROME, AUGUST 21, 2022

Monday

August 25

Weekday

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday

August 26

Weekday

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday

August 27

St. Monica

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday

August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday

August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Saturday

August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday

August 31

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29

Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a

Lk 14:1, 7–14

Fellowship, food & fun
CHURCH
Picnic



St. Patrick's Community Picnic
Sunday - September 21, 2025
Starting with Outdoor Bilingual 10:30 Mass



Hot Dogs - Burgers - Tacos
Rummage Sale - 50/50 Raffle
Bring Your Family for the End of the
Summer Community Extravaganza!

Featuring the Music of the Saddle Shoe Sisters (Music from the 50s-60s) from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. & The Fender Benders (Old Time Rock 'n Roll) from 1:30 - 3:30



CALL 📞 (815) 472-2864 FOR MORE INFO!

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**St. Pat's
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A white circular logo with a double border, containing the text "Gran Kermes San Patricio" in green.

**Gran
Kermes
San
Patricio**

September 21, 2025

10:30 Outdoor Bilingual Mass/Misa
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(815) 472-2864

- Serving Hot Dogs, Taquitos, Chicken, Steak, Pambazos and sodas.
- 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!

CONSIDER THESE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Tithe your estate. The ancient standard of 10% can do a world of good.
- Imagine that you have a child named "Charity" that will receive a portion of your estate similar to your other children or heirs.
- Name your church as the "residuary beneficiary" of your estate.
- Make a gift that will permanently endow your annual pledge to your church. (General rule: Gift amount x 5% = your annual pledge.) You may create this fund directly through your St. Patrick or St. Anne Foundation with a gift of at least \$10,000.



BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

The "easy bequest." Name your church as the beneficiary of an IRA, a qualified retirement plan, an insurance policy or other assets. There can also be tax advantages to this type of gift.

All donors should consult with their own professional advisors to ensure that an estate plan meets their unique goals and complies with all legal requirements. The foregoing material is provided for general educational and informational purposes only. The Foundation does not provide legal, financial or accounting advice.

For additional information and assistance, please contact:

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REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH

In Your Will or Estate Plan

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your gifts to your St. Patrick's / St. Anne's Church support ministries that change lives and share the love of with a world in need.

With a little planning, a gift to the church through one's will or estate plan can be a meaningful testament to one's faith, an inspiration to family and friends and a force for life-changing ministry in the world.

UNRESTRICTED GIFTS

Ministry is ever-changing. Your church must respond to emerging needs, directing funds where needed most. Unrestricted gifts afford your church maximum flexibility in using funds to achieve its charitable missions. If you wish to allow use of your donation for purposes as needed, then the following language may be incorporated in a will or trust document:

(Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate) to the (Parish Name, followed by current address) for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction. If (Parish Name) does not exist at the time of distribution, then to (Another Organization) for its charitable tax-exempt purposes, without restriction.

RESTRICTED GIFTS

You may want your gift used for a particular purpose such as children's ministries or music programs at your church. Or, you may want the church to invest the gift and only use the income.

Many churches and charities have already created endowment funds for specific purposes. Contact the church prior to finalizing gift plans to determine the names and purposes of existing funds, or to discuss creating your own special fund.

FOR A GENERAL RESTRICTION, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE USED:

[Describe a particular asset, a specific amount or a percentage of the estate] to the [Name of UM Church or Charity, followed by current address] ("Charity") for [describe the purpose, such as a program, activity or project]

("Purpose"). If Purpose does not exist at the time of distribution, Charity shall use the distribution for one or more of its charitable tax-exempt purposes nearest to the original Purpose. If Charity does not exist at the time of distribution, then the distribution shall go to ...



You may want to use the Foundation as a final catch-all recipient with the following language: to St. Patrick's / St. Anne's (Church Address) to be used and administered for the Purpose or for a charitable tax-exempt purpose as near as possible to the original Purpose as determined by the Pastor, in consultation with the Church's Finance Committee.

23-24 Agosto 2025: XXI Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

!!!GRATITUD 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.

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 - Hermanos y hermanas de todas las razas e idiomas acudirán a Jerusalén (Isaías 66: 18-21).

Salmo - Vayan por todo el mundo entero y prediquen el Evangelio (Salmo 117 [116]).

Segunda Lectura — Sé fuerte y soporta las pruebas como la “disciplina” de un Dios amoroso (Hebreos 12: 5-7, 11-13).

Evangelio — Gente del este y el oeste, del norte y del sur se sentarán a la mesa del Reino de Dios (Lucas 13: 22-30).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Tes 1: 1-5, 8b-10; Sal; Mt 23: 13-22

Martes: 1 Tes 2: 1-8; Sal 139; Mc 6: 17-29

Miércoles: 1 Tes 2: 9-13; Sal 139; Mt 23: 27-32

Jueves: 1 Tes 3: 7-13; Sal 90; Mt 24: 42-51

Viernes: 1 Tes 4: 1-8; Sal 97; Mt 25: 1-13

Sábado: 1 Tes 4: 9-11; Sal 98; Mt 25: 14-30

Domingo: Eclo 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Sal 68 (67):4-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-24a; Lc 14:1, 7-14

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— Santa Teresa de Ávila

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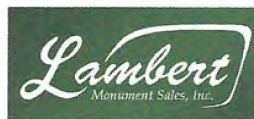
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