

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

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 29-30, 2026: The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 29-30, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #991 of the Journey songs Book

Monday August 31

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday September 1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday September 2

9:15 A.M. † Luis Angel Haro

Thursday (St. Gregory the Great) September 3

9:15 A.M. † Jack Noonan

Friday September 4

9:15 A.M. † Greg & Sandy Gelino

7:00 P.M. † Patricia Cosenza

Saturday (St. Teresa of Calcutta) September 5

4:00 P.M. Intentions of the Cryer Family

Sunday (23RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME) September 6

10:30 A.M. The Parishioners of St. Patrick's

12:00 P.M. † Elizabeth Jankowski

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmotence.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 15-16, 2026 \$3,581.00

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 30, 2026 D. & C. Bramer
September 6, 2026 L. & J. Meyer

"WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROMOTE WORLD PEACE? GO HOME AND LOVE YOUR FAMILY." – ST. TERESA

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, September 5 (Fr. Pete) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Mary Jo Boicken

Lector: Gayle Hess

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

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, September 6 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: Madison Meyer

Lector: John Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: M. Facko

Sunday, September 6 (Fr. Pete) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: Fredy Franco, Laura Ojeda

Ushers: G. Carreño, G. Camacho,

R. Camacho, G. Carreño, B. Aguirre

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

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

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 at St. Anne's 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 is 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 FIFTY-INCH 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.





I Just Told You!

MIGUEL DULICK

Would it surprise you to know that Jesus uses the same Greek verb to chase Peter away—"Get behind me, Satan!" (Matthew 16:23) that he used to call him in the first place—"Come after me" (Matthew 4:19)? Pity the translator who must assign opposite meanings to the same word! Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when he called him, and now he changes it to Satan for his demotion. But, as harsh as the rebuke is, maybe we could say Jesus does want Peter behind him, but not *too* far behind. In fact, immediately after dealing with Peter, Jesus issues a general call, using the same "trigger" word: "Whoever wishes to *come after* me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

The cross! That's how the controversy started, when Peter "took Jesus aside" (literally, "collared" him) to forbid even the thought of any passion or any cross. (See Matthew 16:22.)

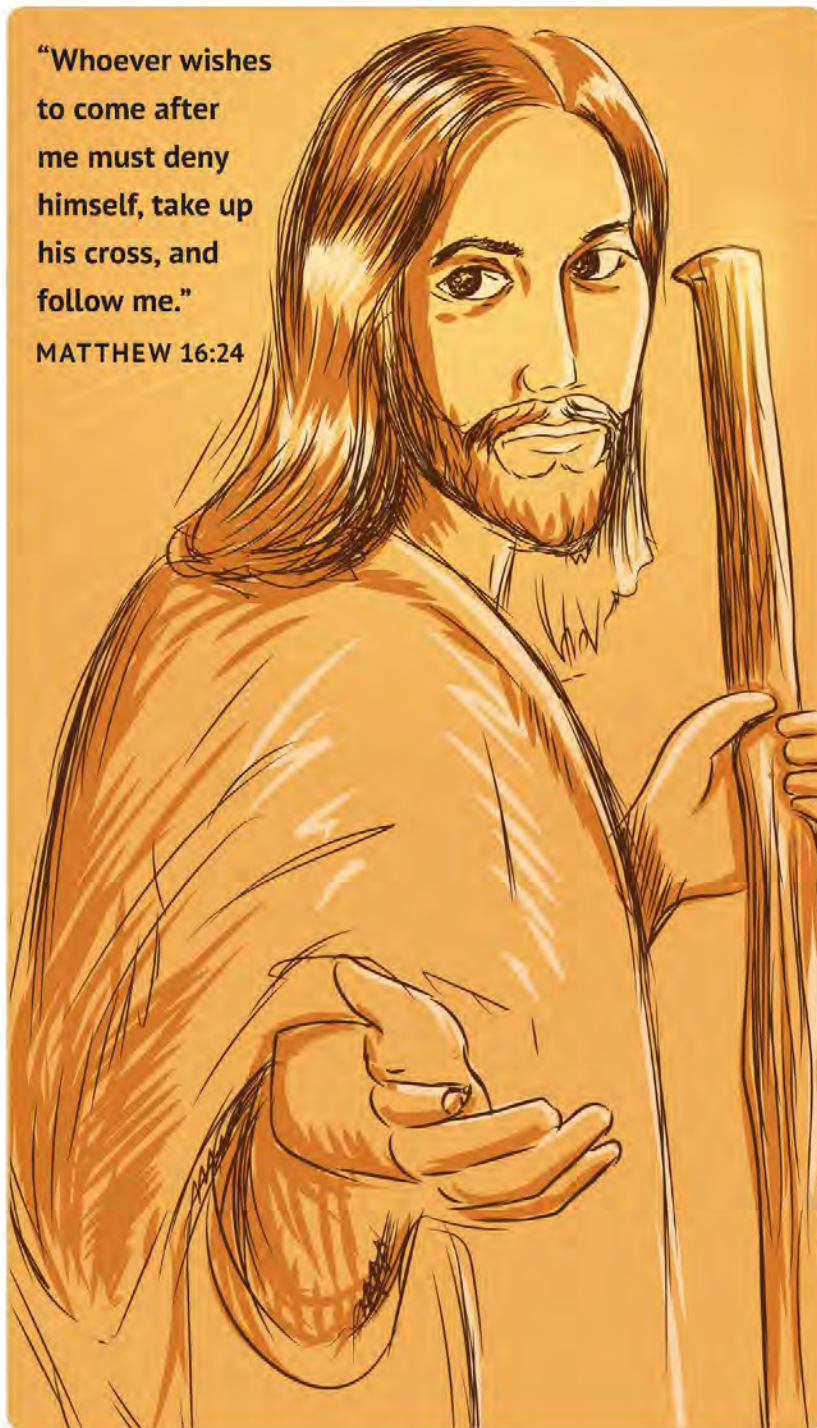
How am I tempted as Peter was to avoid any talk of a cross? I don't even want to admit I'm a sinner, much less that there is a cross for me. Paul, in his letter to the Romans, has some advice for all of us who think like Satan: "Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God," and "Do not conform yourself to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God" (Romans 12:1-2). Everything for Jesus. ●



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

**"Whoever wishes
to come after
me must deny
himself, take up
his cross, and
follow me."**

MATTHEW 16:24



Reflect

What cross are you carrying? Can you unite it with Jesus' cross and offer it as prayer?

Dear Padre,

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, and (4) by a legitimate authority. According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there, and thus is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law. As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church. Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism. Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences. ●

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR / DearPadre.org



MIND AND / SHUTTERSTOCK

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

War is back in vogue, and a zeal for war is spreading. The principle established after the Second World



War, which prohibited nations from using force to violate the borders of others, has been completely undermined. Peace is no longer sought as a gift and a desirable good in itself... Instead, peace is sought through weapons as a condition for asserting one's own dominion.

ADDRESS TO DIPLOMATIC CORE, ROME, JANUARY 9, 2026

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to [DearPadre.org](https://dearpadre.org) to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Monday

August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1-5

Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday

September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b-16

Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday

September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1-9

Lk 4:38-44

Thursday

September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18-23

Lk 5:1-11

Friday

September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1-5

Lk 5:33-39

Saturday

September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b-15

Lk 6:1-5

Sunday

September 6

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20



St. Patrick's Rummage Sale
119 N. Market Street
Mokenca, IL 60435

Looking for gently used items!
Drop off Dates & Times:
August 30 - September 11
Drop off In Church Basement

**Recycle your unwanted items by donating
to our community Rummage Sale.**

**Questions? Call Leigh Ann ☎ (815) 347-0001
or the Parish Office ☎ (815) 472-2864**



**Bargains and Deals at the
St. Patrick's Church Rummage Sale**

Church Picnic on Sunday, September 13 from Noon - ?

Thursday, September 17 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, September 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Half-Off Saturday, September 19

from 9:00 a.m. – Noon and \$1 a Bag from Noon – 5:00 p.m.

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No Previews No Early Sales



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Usados a la Iglesia de San Patricio**

Domingo 13 Septiembre, desde el Mediodía en Adelante

Jueves 17 Septiembre, desde 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Viernes 18 Septiembre, desde 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Sábado 19 Septiembre: Todo a Mitad de Precio
de 9:00 a.m. – Mediodía;**

\$1 por Bolsa desde el Mediodía – 5:00 p.m.

¡Venga a Apoyar a Nuestra Comunidad Parroquial!

Sin Vistas Previas ni Ventas Anticipadas

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22-23 Agosto 2026: XXII 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: 1 Cor 2: 1-5; Sal 119; Lc 4: 16-30

Martes: 1 Cor 2: 10b-16; Sal 145; Lc 4: 31-37

Miércoles: 1 Cor 3: 1-9; Sal 33; Lc 4: 38-44

Jueves: 1 Cor 3: 18-23; Sal 24; Lc 5: 1-11

Viernes: 1 Cor 4: 1-5; Sal 37; Lc 5: 33-39

Sábado: 1 Cor 4: 6b-15; Sal 145: 17-18, 19-20, 21 Lc 6: 1-5

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



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