

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

AN OLD BORDER TOWN PARISH IN ILLINOIS

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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.

September 5-6, 2026: The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 6, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #994 of the Journey songs Book

Monday (Labor Day) September 7

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Tuesday (Nativity of the BVM) September 8

9:15 A.M. Communion Service

Wednesday (St. Peter Claver) September 9

9:15 A.M. † Souls in Purgatory

Thursday (St. Gregory the Great) September 10

9:15 A.M. The Cronk, Cosenza & Walquist Fams.

Friday September 11

9:15 A.M. † Elizabeth Jankowski

7:00 P.M. † Patricia Cosenza

Saturday (Holy Name of the BVM) September 12

4:00 P.M. † Antonio & Francesca Mazzulla

Sunday (24TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME) September 13

BORDER TOWN PICNIC – BILINGUAL MASS AT 10:30 A.M.

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

12:00 P.M. **NO MASS THIS WEEK**

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 22-23, 2026 \$3,097.00

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:

September 6, 2026 L. & J. Meyer
September 13, 2026 B. Kovacs & S. Ekhoﬀ

ST. FAUSTINA KOWALSKA – "A HUMBLE SOUL DOES NOT TRUST ITSELF, BUT PLACES ALL ITS CONFIDENCE IN GOD."

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 12 (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 13 (Fr. Pete) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: J. Meyer, R. Andrade

Lector: L. Meyer, C. Andrade

Ushers: M. Arrelano, M. Dionne,

P. González, J. Riemenschneider, N. Viveros

Altar Servers: M. Facko, T. Carmona, I. Falcon

N. Melendez, N. Padilla

Sunday, September 13 12:00 p.m.

NO MASS SCHEDULED. BILINGUAL 10:30 A.M. MASS

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!!!



Next week culminates a whole slew of summer activities at St. Patrick's with our Fifth Annual Border Town Community Picnic. So many good souls have been involved in this upcoming event and we encourage you to invite friends and neighbors to the event, which begins with a Bilingual 10:30 a.m. Mass (no Mass at Noon), followed by all the activities included in this bulletin.

I also wish to thank David Surprenant for leading the charge in helping us purchase the last two generators for St. Patrick's Campus. All this was made possible through the estate gift of Greg & Sandy Gelino, who both understood the importance of faith and family at our local parishes. On the day I write this article, the fine workers from Power Solutions in St. Anne, IL will visit us to decide where the generators will be placed on the campus.

By doing all of this, we will not protect all of the buildings on our campuses in the event of power outages so that we can provide much needed protection for our parishioners and the community at large.

I also wish to thank Rick Perez and the wonderful souls at Alcoholics Anonymous who installed air conditioning on the second floor of the gym and have completed various electrical services at both parishes. Rick told me that the AA Group from Beecher lost their meeting space due to the March storms and our family was most willing to invite them to our campus – we do the best we can to become good neighbors in our community.

I also wish to thank Scott Crawford for his return trip to the parish and installing an entry way to our gym parking lot on Market Street. By doing so, we eliminate the congestion on Hill Street with all our activities... and get more cars off a very narrow road! The AA Group will be installing light fixtures shining out on the gym lot for the protection of all.

Scott tells us that to lay asphalt on the gym lot will cost us \$65,000. This, along with the initial \$25,000 we paid for the grindings off Second Ave that was used for the foundation of this lot and the \$5,500 entry way we just created, will end up resulting in a lot that would be a third of what our original estimate was for this project in 2020. It would be nice to find someone to provide a nice donation for this before the price of asphalt increases next year.

Very shortly, you will see a financial statement of our parish for the 2022-26 Fiscal Year which ended on June 20. We are doing very well in that regard but we now need to "restock" the Capital Improvement (previously Reduce the Debt) Fund. As you know, purchasing a new boiler at the Church last winter took a chunk out of that amount. We need to make sure we have a back-up fund for unforeseen projects we have to address. The air conditioning system in our church is on life-support – no miracles will save our AC... sorry.!

Finally, if you could help us start a \$3,000,000 foundation for the parish, we would be very grateful! God bless all of you!!!

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.





[Jesus said,]
“For where
two or three
are gathered
together in my
name, there
am I in the
midst of them.”
MATTHEW 18:20

Like a Gentile or a Tax Collector

ANN M. GARRIDO

As someone who works in the field of conflict management, I like to think that all situations can be worked out if we go about it in a skilled manner. If we use the right words. Ask the right kinds of questions. It's embarrassing to admit that even the best “tools” in my “conflict belt” sometimes still effect little change. Today's gospel can be consoling in a strange way. It acknowledges that even when we use all the tools we have on hand to heal a relationship, it doesn't always work out. Sometimes, we may need to become strangers to one another, at least for a while—like a Jew to a Gentile or a tax collector.

Of course, when Jesus says “treat him as you would a Gentile or a tax collector,” it is important to consider how Jesus treated Gentiles and tax collectors. He healed the centurion's servant. He ate in Zacchaeus' house. Jesus did not see Gentiles and tax collectors as enemies and did not treat them as such. Rather, Jesus understood Gentiles and tax collectors as those with whom he might start a relationship should the opportunity present itself. The past cannot be rewritten, but perhaps a different kind of future is still possible.

Is there a relationship in your life that feels beyond healing at this point and from which perhaps you need some distance? Is it still possible to treat the other person with the kindness Jesus showed toward Gentiles and tax collectors? ●



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THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY

Reflect

Could I improve how I handle conflict with others?

Dear Padre,

I had not been to confession for decades until recently, and I've probably committed mortal sins I can't remember. I want God's forgiveness, but I'm unsure how to get it at this time.

You ask if God has forgiven you for sins that you may have committed in the past but that you don't remember now. You say you have been to confession recently.

A mortal sin has three criteria: it is seriously wrong; the person knows it is seriously wrong; and the person is free to commit the sin or not. In the case you are describing, you don't even remember what the mortal sin might have been, or even if there was one. So, no, you don't have to confess something you don't remember. Also, you have already gone to confession recently, and you sound truly repentant for your past sins. You do not indicate that you were deliberately trying to hide any sins from the priest. So, you have already been forgiven, not only for the sins you remembered but also for those you don't remember. That is why usually we will say something like "for these sins and for those I may have forgotten" when we go to confession.

The bottom line is that confession is for you to experience God's mercy. It is not to test how good your memory is. Be at peace. God loves you and particularly wants you to experience the peace that comes from his forgiveness. ●

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR / DearPadre.org



JON TISON / UNSPLASH

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

The Church is at the same time an earthly community and the mystical body of Christ, a visible assembly and a spiritual mystery, a reality present in history and a people journeying toward heaven (Lumen Gentium, 8; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 771). The human and divine

dimensions integrate harmoniously, without one overshadowing the other.... [The Church] is a reality that is both human and divine.

**GENERAL AUDIENCE,
ROME, MARCH 4, 2026**

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CHRISTIAN HARB / UNSPLASH

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday

September 8

*The Nativity of the
Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a or

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

or 1:18-23

Wednesday

September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday

September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday

September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19,

22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday

September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday

September 13

*Twenty-fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35



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.

Come out to support our Church Community!

No Previews No Early Sales



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S. PATRICIO



Segunda Mano

**Gangas y Ofertas en la Venta de Artículos
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.

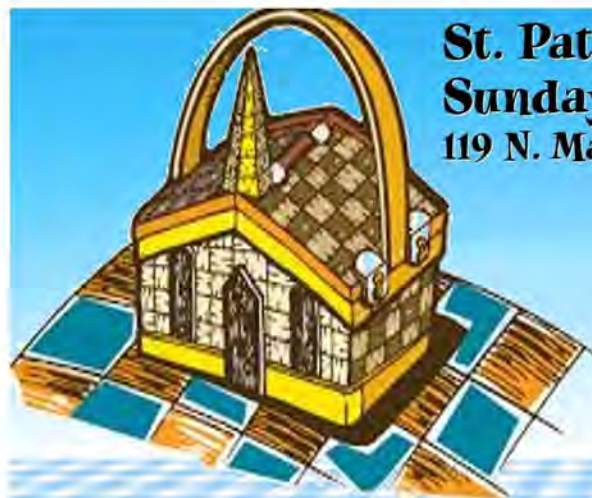
¡Venga a Apoyar a Nuestra Comunidad Parroquial!

Sin Vistas Previas ni Ventas Anticipadas

St. Patrick's Church Community Picnic

Sunday - September 13, 2026

119 N. Market St – Momence, IL 60954



Starting with 10:30 a.m. Bilingual Mass until 3:30 p.m.
Call ☎ (815) 472-2864 for More Information

Hot Dogs – Burgers – Brats – Tacos
Vendor Fair – Rummage Sale – Bingo
The 50/50 Progressive Raffle (Currently Over \$1,500)
Other Raffle and Silent Auction Prizes
Bring Your Family for the end of the Summer Party!

THE ST. PATRICK PARISH PICNIC will take place on Sunday, September 13.
The following will take place at the Picnic

- **A 10:30 BILINGUAL Mass (no 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass that Day), outside at the grotto, weather permitting.**
- **A horse-drawn procession (cabalgada) with the Blessed Sacrament after Mass; adoration until 1:00 p.m.**
- **Kyle Volek at the Grill with Mexican Food Trucks and Street Food for Sale.**
- **Rummage Sale with Leigh Ann Sokoloff (the St. Anne Rummage Sale will take place next year).**
- **Three Big Raffle Prizes (50" TV, \$400 iPad and Noise Cancelling Headphones). \$5 a Ticket or five for \$20**
- **The 50/50 Raffle Currently stands at \$1,500. The more tix we sell, the higher the prize! \$10 a ticket or six for \$50**
- **We will have at least TEN basket raffles for \$1 tix. Joanne Hermann & Susie Pansa just donated a completed, framed jigsaw puzzle of the Blessed Mother.**
- **Susan Maki & Marissa Facko will run Games for the Kids**
- **Music by the Polka Mass-ters (11:30 – 1:30) and the Fender Benders (1:30 – 3:30 p.m.).**
- **CCW Teaching how to embroider rugs for the needy**
- **Knights of Columbus with a Sign-Up Table**
- **Religious Ed Table with Treats and Sign-Up for RE**

If you would like to help or if you have any ideas for the Picnic, please call the Parish Office at (815) 472-2864 or (815) 427-8265.

At St. Anne's Church, the parish will be hosting a Breakfast Fundraiser on September 6 & 20 for the purpose of helping our Parking Lot. More info in next week's bulletin.

5-6 Septiembre 2026: XXIII Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario



UNA NOTA DE PADRE PEDRO...

La próxima fin de semana, comenzamos en serio a concentrarnos en nuestro picnic comunitario..

- Una misa bilingüe a fuera a las 10:30 a.m. (No misa a las 12:00 p.m.)
- Una Venta de Segunda Mano por el basement de la iglesia, centrados en las mejoras de las instalaciones.
- Los "Polka-Massters" tocan canciones de de 11:30 a 1:30
- Los "Fender Benders" tocando viejas melodías de rock de 1:30 a 3:30
- La rifa 50/50 (que actualmente ronda los \$1,750 para el primer premio, \$500 el segundo premio y \$250 el tercer premio)
- Varios vendedores de comida que sirven hot dogs, hamburguesas, helados, "tacos ambulantes" y diversas comidas culturales.
- Juegos para niños (que incluyen minigolf, pintura de caras y otras hazañas de habilidad, cortesía de los estudiantes y maestros de Educación Religiosa de St. Pat)
- Una feria de proveedores, que alberga varios productos locales de la comunidad, organizada por el Concilio de Mujeres Catolicos de San Patricio.

¡Construyamos comunidad juntos y apoyemos esta importante causa el 13 de septiembre!

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 - Somos responsables unos de otros y debemos guiarnos mutuamente (Ezequiel 33: 7-9).

SALMO - Si hoy escuchas su voz, no endurezcas tu corazón (Salmo 95 [94]).

SEGUNDA LECTURA - La ley del amor nos obliga (Romanos 13: 8-10).

EVANGELIO - Jesús está presente siempre que haya dos o tres reunidos en su nombre (Mt 18: 15-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 1 Cor 5: 1-8; Sal 5; Lc 6: 6-11

Martes: Mic 5: 1-4a; Sal 13; Mt 1: 1-16; 18-23

Miércoles: 1 Cor 7: 25-31; Sal 45; Lc 6: 20-26

Jueves: 1 Cor 8: 1b-7, 11-13; Sal 139;
Lc 6: 37-38

Viernes: 1 Cor 9: 16-27; Sal 84; Lc 6: 39-42

Sábado: 1 Cor 10: 14-22; Sal 116; Lc 6: 43-49

Domingo: Sir 27: 30-28: 9; Ps 103: 1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14: 7-9; Mt 18: 21-35



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