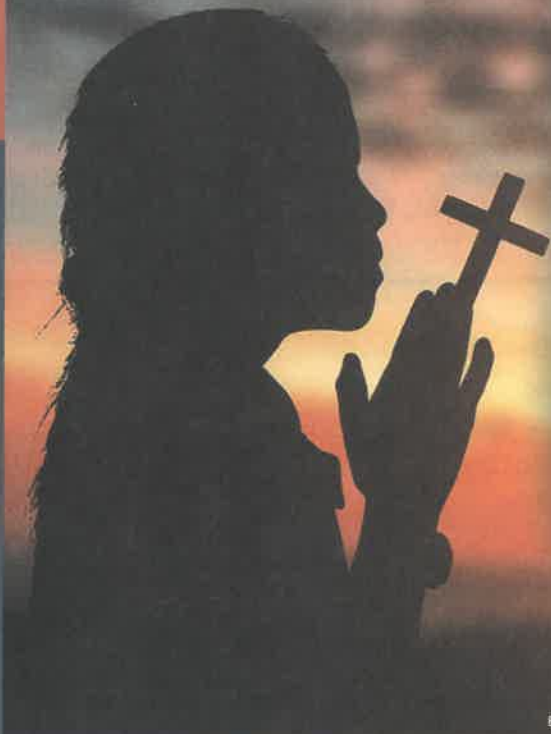


September

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2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



Forgive your
neighbor's
injustice;
then when
you pray,
your own sins
will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2

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“You missed the point,” we might be tempted to shout at the servant in today’s Gospel. His master had just forgiven a huge debt when he cried for mercy, and yet, when given the opportunity to show mercy himself, he instead acted violently and with retribution toward a fellow servant. Certainly, he had missed the point of his master’s merciful actions toward him, and suffered the consequences

as a result. He missed the point. He is not alone, however. We all “miss the point” sometimes—we miss the point of God’s enduring covenant of love, and miss the mark in our call to live as though we are the Lord’s, for this is who we are.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**
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**23th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020**

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 13, 2020 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, September 14, 2020 – 9:00 am

+Francis & Loretta Long req. by Loretta Robbins & Family

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday, September 17, 2020 - 9:00 am

+Jerry Ulman

Friday, September 18, 2020 - 9:00 am

NO MASS – Adoration from 9am until 10am

Saturday, September 19 – 5:45pm

+Loretta Tulley req. by Ken & Karen Mitchell

Sunday, September 22 – 9:00 am

Parish Family of St. Patrick

SATURDAY, Sept. 19, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, Sept. 20, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER/GREATER: Mike & Katie Horath	USHER/GREATER: Roberta Stauffenberg
LECTOR: Sue Nugent	LECTOR Lisa Price
	COUNTERS: Horath



**Our Two Week Candle is
burning for
MR. & MRS. VICTOR PIASECKI
Req. by Steve & Ruth Hoehn Family**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, August 30.....\$1,005.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

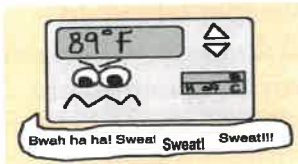
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal: \$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged: \$ 10,632.00
Amount Paid: \$ 9,787.00

Thank you for your generous response.



What a year this has been! Since the beginning of the fiscal year - the air conditioner on the west side of the church needed to be replaced at a cost of \$7,200.

The flat roof over the sacristy has been repaired and resealed at a cost of \$1,575.



And, because things happen in threes, the hot water heater in the rectory also needs to be replaced, cost to be determined. We know everyone is going through a rough time now especially with school starting. Since the beginning of this Fiscal Year, which began on July 1, donations to our Maintenance fund have been \$2,550.00 which leaves the maintenance fund with a deficit of \$6,225.00. Thank you.

We are very thankful to the parishioner who donated the water and installation.



SCRAP METAL DRIVE
Religious Education Annual Scrap Metal Drive
Will be on Saturday, October 10, 2020
From 8am until Noon
In the East parking lot.



September 5, 2020

My Brother Priests:

I am sure you are all aware of the tragedy and devastation that continues to affect our brothers and sisters in several parts of our nation affected by natural disaster these past few weeks. We have witnessed devastating impacts from both Hurricane Laura and the California wildfires. Many thousands of families have lost their homes, while many more businesses and churches have been severely damaged or destroyed. The impact will be long-lasting.

In response to the many Catholics in the United States who have asked how they can help, the United States bishops are asking for our parishes to consider taking up a second collection to support Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency for the U.S. Catholic Church. These funds will assist them in providing immediate emergency needs such as water, food, shelter and medical care. It will also aid in the long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts.

I would like to ask that Diocese of Joliet parishes take up this collection during the weekend of September 12-13, 2020. Certainly, due to the unique challenges of facilitating an in-pew collection at this time, I would encourage you to employ electronic giving in your efforts, if at all possible.

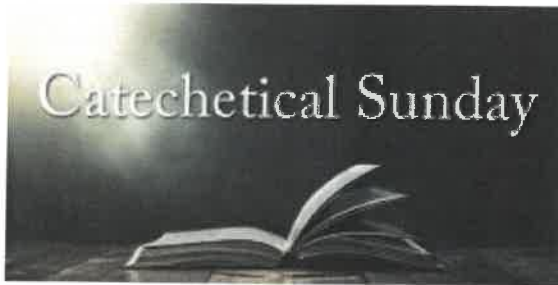
In making this request, I fully realize the financial situation in many parishes is stretched and you are unable to do something at this time.

I thank you for your assistance and your prayers. Following collection, please remit these funds to the finance office as soon as possible. The finance office will accumulate and forward these funds to the USCCB and to Catholic Charities USA.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Richard E. Pates
Apostolic Administrator Diocese of Joliet

A new fund (Hurricane/Wildfire Relief) has been added to On Line Giving . You can drop a donation in with your regular donation marked with Hurricane/Wildfire Relief. Thank You



THANKS TO OUR CATECHETICS

Lisa Price – 3rd Grade
Tracy Quigley – 5th Grade
Allison Lawson – 6th Grade
Cindy Smith – 7th Grade
Steve Niemiec – 8th Grade

FRANCISCAN CUSTODY OF THE HOLY LAND *Commissariat of the Holy Land*

At the request of Pope Francis the
2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
To be take up on SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

If you have already made you donation this past Good Friday (April 10, 2020) we thank you. If you have not donated to this worthy cause you have an Opportunity to do so this weekend. Thank You

Be a HERO for Life! St. Patrick Parish will be participating in a special campaign; the Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Team Challenge to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the life-affirming programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.



Participation is as easy as 1...2...3

1. Visit www.onechoiceonelife.org
2. Click on the events tab and the virtual baby bottle link.
3. Find our church/team virtual "baby bottle" and donate in support of Waterleaf. Our team page link is: <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/4960226>.
Our church goal is \$1,000!

1 "bottle" holds \$30; 2 hold \$60; and 3 hold \$90.
How many "bottles" can you fill today?

The Virtual Campaign runs from October 1 through November 15, 2020.
Join us today and be a hero for life!

St. Patrick Parish and the Diocese of Joliet are overjoyed to invite all the people of the Diocese of Joliet and throughout the Church to join us in celebrating the installation of our new bishop, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, later this month.

On the eve of the Installation, Bishop Hicks will join our priests for a **Vespers Service of Welcome** at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus. This will begin at 7:00 p.m. on **Monday, September 28, 2020.**

Bishop Hicks will be installed as the sixth Bishop of Joliet by the Apostolic Nuncio to the United States, the Most Reverend Archbishop Christophe Pierre, on **Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** The **Installation Mass** will also take place at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus.

Due to the gathering limitations in place during COVID-19, participation will be by invitation only. Both events will be livestreamed for all to join us virtually at <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/> or <http://www.youtube.com/DioceseofJolietIL>.

Bishop Hicks will begin his service to the Diocese of Joliet on Wednesday, September 30. Correspondence and invitations to activities, or requests for appointments on or after that date should be submitted to Julie Grzadzinski, Administrative Assistant to the Bishop, at jgrzadzinski@dioceseofjoliet.org, (815) 221-6185, or at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois 60403.

Heartfelt thanks are extended to the following who are serving as the Installation Committee. They are devoting much time and effort to the planning and execution of the Installation. In addition to these, many volunteers are being called upon to facilitate the events.

- Co-Chairs:
 - o Very Reverend Richard Smith, Pastor - Holy Spirit, Naperville
 - o Maureen Harton, Diocesan Attorney, Diocese of Joliet

- Committee Members:
 - o Reverend Ryan Adorjan,
 - o Carlos Briceno,
 - o Dr. David Castronovo,
 - o Sister Judith Davies, OSF,
 - o Deacon John Freund,
 - o Julie Grzadzinski,
 - o Nora Labanauskas,
 - o Reverend Burke Masters,
 - o Chris Nye,
 - o Deacon Len Penkala,
 - o Alex Rechenmacher,
 - o Elisabeth Román,
 - o Brian Schroeder,
 - o Danielle Schumacher,
 - o Sister Sharon Stola, OSB.

The continued prayers of all in the Joliet Diocesan Community are welcome as we rejoice in the unfolding of our history.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Steve Niemiec; Noreen McAndrew

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

BEGIN THIS SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AFTER
MASS (10am)

IF YOU ARE INTERESED IN
VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE. THANK YOU

READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 13, 2020



Monday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31 – 13:13; Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28; Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd, 6-8b, 15; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15

Sunday: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18; Phil 1:20c-24, 27a; Mt 20:1-16a

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Grandparents Day;
Catechetical Sunday

Monday: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

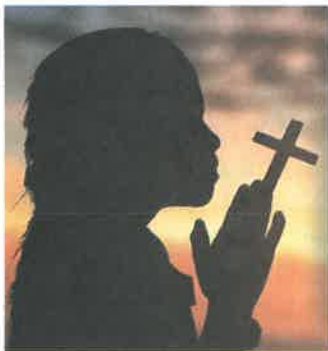
Tuesday: Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday: Ss. Cornelius and Cyprian

Thursday: St. Robert Bellarmine

Saturday: St. Januarius;
Blessed Virgin Mary

The Peotone Senior Assistance Center is in operation the third Thursday of the month, Thursday, September 17 by APPOINTMENT ONLY.
Calls will be returned to messages left at 708-258-6917.



BECOMING MORE LIKE CHRIST

When Peter asked Jesus how many times he must forgive, he was probably stunned at Jesus' response. Peter had asked, "As many as seven times?" Seven being the perfect number, surely this is enough forgiveness, Peter likely thought. Jesus' response seems lavish beyond proportion. "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." Jesus understands the fullness of God's mercy and teaches that disciples are called to this same lavish outpouring of mercy.

God showers compassion on humanity, beyond what might seem sensible or wise, yet we are called to "remember the Most High's covenant, and overlook faults," to give others the benefit of the doubt, knowing that God does this and more with us, each and every day. As recipients of God's compassion, we must extend forgiveness and care beyond what might seem reasonable, because God's love is beyond human reason.

HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

All this might seem just too much for us. It is one thing to recognize God's enduring covenant love. It is another to grasp that we are called to the same sort of lavishness in mercy and forgiveness ourselves. Saint Paul helps us put this in perspective. We no longer live for ourselves, but for the Lord. In life and death, we belong to God and are called to be witnesses to God's love, even in the most challenging circumstances. A friend turns away from us; we are called to turn toward the friend with mercy. A co-worker hurts us; we are called to approach him or her with forgiveness, seventy-seven times no less! God's love is always about what is just and right. As God's people, we live and die for the Lord, forgive even when it doesn't make sense to do so, and leave the rest in God's hands.

Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1–2, 3–4, 9–10, 11–12; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

9/13/2020