

Jesus said,  
"Where two or three  
are gathered together  
in my name,  
there am I  
in the midst of them."

MATTHEW 18:20

TWENTY-THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6  
2020

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If you ever thought that living as a Christian was always going to be easy, today's readings will convince you that this is not so. In the first reading from Ezekiel, the prophet was sent to convince the people in Jerusalem to return to God and God's ways; he bore rejection as a result of fulfilling his mission. In today's Gospel, Jesus instructs his followers to work toward reconciliation when we have been wronged,

rather than remaining caught in anger or disappointment. Saint Paul captures what lies behind these instructions—love. "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law." When we are tempted to walk away from a friend or co-worker with whom we disagree, or even more so when we worry that the person has turned away from the Lord, we are instead called to reach out in love.

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23rd SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, September 5, 2020 – 5:45pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, September 6, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**+William & Martha Albrecht req. by Marge Flint**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 10, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**Special Intention of Dan & Lynne Phelan**

**Friday, September 11, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**NO MASS – Adoration from 9am until 10am**

**Saturday, September 12 – 5:45pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, September 13 – 9:00 am**

**+Francis & Loretta Long req. by the Family**

<b>SATURDAY, Sept. 12, 2020 – 5:45pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Sept. 13, 2020 – 9:00am</b>
USHER/GREATER: Roberta Stauffenberg	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Jerry Kinsella	LECTOR Sarah Hoehn
	COUNTERS: Mooi



Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for  
**FRANK QUIGLEY**  
Req. by Steve & Grace Niemiec

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, August 23.....\$1,220.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

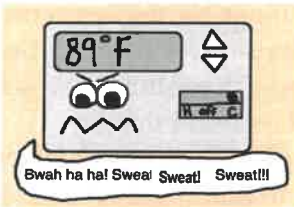
St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) – Online Giving is simple, convenient,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



### Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,632.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,777.00

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 hater 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 \$2,245.00 which leaves the maintenance fund with a deficit of \$6,530. The Maintenance collection is next weekend and any extra help at this time would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.



## 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO  
AIDEN LAWSON  
WHO RECEIVED  
JESUS  
FOR THE FIRST TIME  
ON SUNDAY  
AUGUST, 30, 2020



### TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Labor Day originated in 1882 in New York City under the aegis of the Knights of Labor. Congress made it a legal holiday in 1894. Observing it this week gives us a good opportunity to reflect on the Catholic Church's social teachings for the last century or so. On May 15, 1891, Pope Leo XIII issued the encyclical *Rerum Novarum* on the condition of the working classes and labor. In doing so, he initiated a century in which Catholic teaching became more and more involved in the social issues of the day. Unfortunately relegated to the shadows while the bright lights of controversy shine on other issues, Catholic social teaching remains largely unknown to many Catholics. It is the Catholic Church that championed such notions as a fair day's pay for a fair day's work, and continues to uphold the dignity of the human person against attacks from governments and corporations. Nearly every pope since Leo XIII has issued teachings on the subject. Take some time this Labor Day to familiarize yourself with some aspect of the Church's social teachings. In doing so, you will be taking responsibility as a member of the Body of Christ to commit yourself to the care of your neighbor.

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Thanks to Craig Cieply, and Jerry Kinsella for helping Paul Engler remove 3 dead trees from the back of the East lot. Jerry brought his equipment and together they got the trees down in record time. Thanks to these wonderful parishioners.

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](http://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!**

#### **Full-Time Maintenance Position, St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield, IL**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield has a full-time, benefitted position available in our maintenance/custodial department. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb ladders and be in good physical condition. Work is inside and outside in various types of weather, Monday through Friday. All applicants are required to undergo a background check and complete the Protecting God's Children course, as required for all parish staff.

For more information, please contact Steve Perez, Building Services Supervisor, at 815-436-2651, ext. 820, or to be considered for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to [sperez@smip.org](mailto:sperez@smip.org).



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](mailto: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.

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: Labor Day  
 Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Wednesday: St. Peter Claver  
 Friday: Patriot Day  
 Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary; Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 6, 2020



Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11, or, for Labor Day, any readings from the Mass "For the Blessings of Human Labor," nos. 907-911  
 Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17; Lk 6:20-26  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38  
 Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
 Sunday: Sir 27:30 – 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35



RELIGIOUS  
EDUCATION  
CLASSES  
BEGIN NEXT  
SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020 AFTER  
MASS (10am)

PLEASE TURN IN ALL  
REGISTRATION INFORMATION  
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE  
IF YOU ARE INTERESED IN  
VOLUNTEERING AS A TEACHER  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE. THANK YOU



## LOVE AS CHRIST CALLS

The truth is, love is sometimes wonderfully charged with light and life, but it also often requires us to confront wrongdoing and injustice, to be patient and forgiving, and to work for peace and reconciliation. As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to reflect the love of God which desires the best for every person and for all of humanity. Jesus was so committed to this mission of God's love that he gave himself as an offering of pure sacrifice. This is not easy love. It is compelling love, the sort of love that transforms and draws us toward the light and life that in our hearts we know we seek, and which we are called to share.

## IF TODAY YOU HEAR HIS VOICE

Where does this leave us when we experience conflict with others? As in all times and seasons, the best place to begin is in prayer. Listen for the voice of God in personal prayer, at Mass, in sacred scripture and other devotional reading, with trusted faithful and faith-filled friends. Listen with the compassion of the Lord in mind. And when you hear God's voice, pay attention! This sounds self-evident, yet how many of us hear God's voice but ask that we not be called to the challenge and discomfort of the situation, desiring instead to hope that things will simply get better? Perhaps they will, but perhaps you are called to bring the light and life of Christ to the situation, in love, for love, and through love, just as Jesus did. "If today you hear [God's] voice, harden not your hearts," says today's psalm. We often know the depth of love to which we are called. Today's readings invite us to listen and to act, to love our neighbor as ourselves, to desire the best for every person as God desires, and to be assured that God is in our midst.

Today's Readings: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

**9/6/2020**