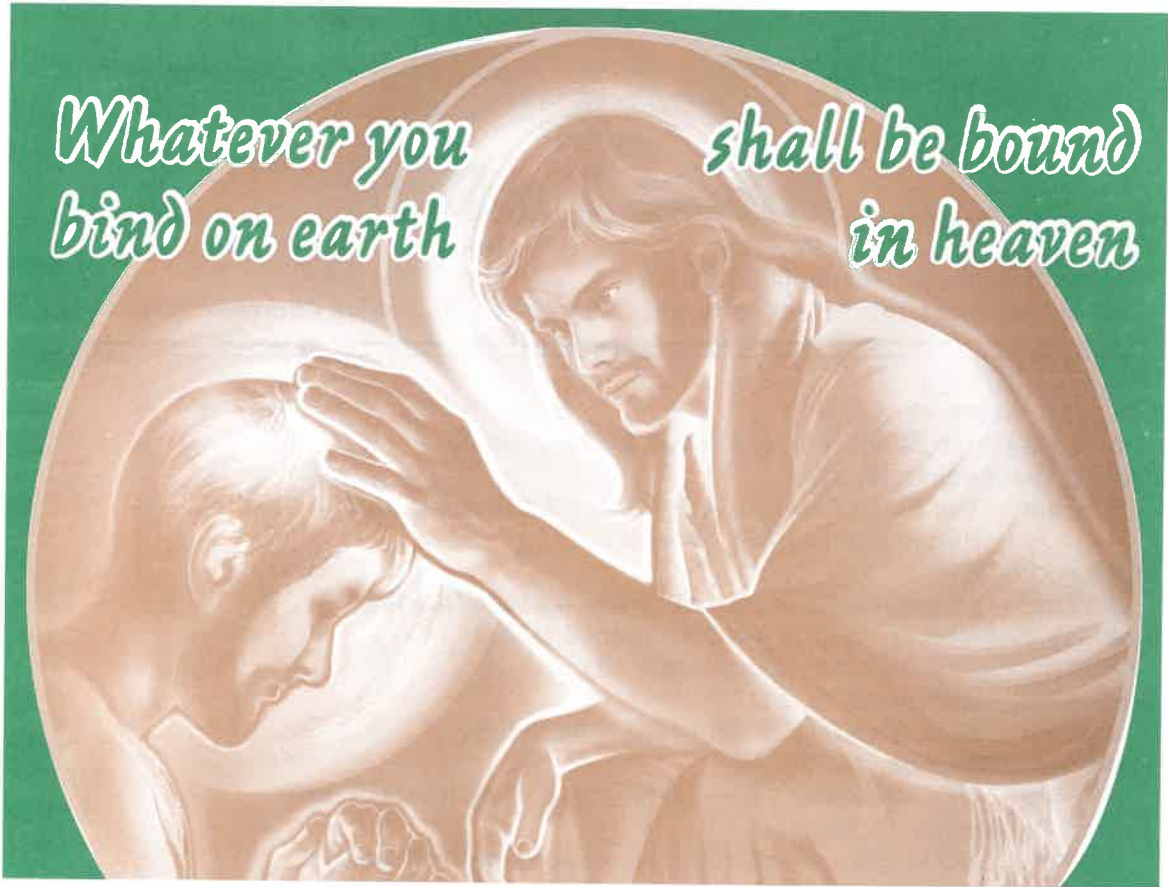


*Whatever you  
bind on earth*

*shall be bound  
in heaven*



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**September 10, 2017 • Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our culture tempts us to think that any action is allowed as long as it doesn't hurt anyone else. Today's readings show us how sadly narrow-minded that thinking is. They call us to a much higher standard, one that recognizes the majestic dignity of each human person. Ezekiel reminds us that the wicked acts of one person always affect the whole human community. Even if the sin is a private one, we are all responsible for shin-

ing light into the darkness. Matthew's Gospel echoes this idea, providing practical tips for bringing healing and reconciliation to sinful or broken relationships. Today's readings also show us the deep implications of sin: a failure to love. Saint Paul urges us to avoid sin and obey the law. The best way to do this, he professes, is to love. Love leads us from mere coexistence to genuine companionship.

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23RD SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

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### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 9, 2017

5:00 pm †Rose Smith req. by Marilyn & Craig Cieply

Sunday, September 10, 2017

9:00 am The Sintic Family req. by Grace & Steve Niemiec  
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Monday, 11, 2017

9:00 am †Sandy Gotlund req. by Grace & Steve Niemiec

Tuesday, September 12, 2017—NO MORNING MASS

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm

Wednesday, September 13, 2017

9:00 am NO COMMUNION SERVICE THIS WEEK

Thursday, September 14, 2017

9:00 am Grace Niemiec - Special Intention - req. by the Family

Friday, September 15, 2017

9:00 pm NO MASS - Eucharistic Adoration until 11:00 am

Saturday, September 16, 2017

5:00 pm †Jerry Ulman req. by the Family

Sunday, September 17, 2017

9:00 am †Sandy Bahr req. by Mae & Bob Johnson  
Parish Family of St. Patrick

### Altar Servers:

Saturday, September 16, 2017- 5:00 pm

Nick & Ella Phelps

Sunday, September 17, 9:00 am

Alexander Lawson, Anne Marie Smith

### Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Linda Cakora, Roberta Stauffenberg

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 9:00 am

Deacon Milt Leppert

### Lector

Saturday, September 16, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Sue Nugent

Sunday, September 17, 2017 - 9:00 am

Juliet Leppert

### Usher:

Saturday, September 16, 2017- 5:00 pm

Mark Tillitson, John Meyer

Sunday, September 17, 2017- 9:00 am

Steve Hoehn, Jim Price

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters: Johnson & Leppert

### STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,463.93

September 3, 2017 ..... \$2799.00

Maintenance Collection ..... \$633.00

Texas Disaster Relief..... \$100.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

*Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!*

Parish Goal: \$ 9,635.00  
Amount Pledged: \$12,615.00  
Amount Paid: \$11,025.00  
2017 Rebate \$ 973.00



Thank you for your generous response.

There will be a Second Collection This weekend for  
The victims of Hurricane Harvey

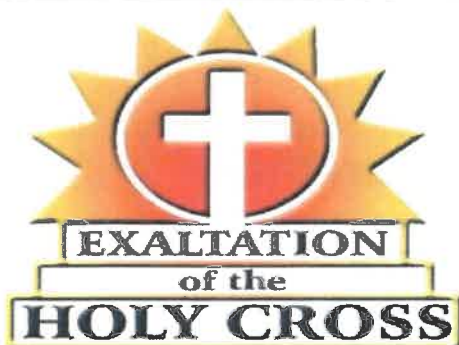
Father Sebastian is away until September 22.  
If there is an emergency please and you need  
a priest call Fr. Joe Follmar at 815-474- 4771  
or call Linda at 815-546-4715.



Our Two Week  
Candle is  
burning for  
Maria Gargol

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

To experience the new and abundant life offered by Jesus, we must love our neighbor as our self. One factor that makes this hard to do is *risks*. The risk entailed involves the possibility of being hurt by another person. We need not fear, though, because God will give us the grace to forgive, heal and overcome.

## Religious Education Corner



Religious Education for the 2017-2018 year begins today Sunday, September 10, after the 9am Mass. If you are new to the parish or have not yet registered your child, please see Roberta in the parish hall.

We are beginning the school year, still short some teachers. PLEASE consider helping out in this important ministry. Contact Roberta Stauffenberg for more information.



### SCRAP METAL COLLECTION

Religious Education will again be having their annual Scrap Metal Drive September 23, 2017  
A list of suggested items is in the vestibule



**REMEMBER 9/11**

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### ALL PARISH FUN SKATE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2017

1:00 PM UNTIL 3:00 PM

FAMILY FUN ZONE

2333 THEODORE ST.— CREST HILL

\$6.00 ADMISSION INCLUDES SKATING/  
SKATE RENTAL

AND UNLIMITED PIZZA

Non-skating adults are FREE

EXTRA—DISCOUNTS ON POP, FOOD & TOKENS

ALTAR SERVERS ARE FREE COURTESY OF THE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN.



# Statement of Activities

August 2017

	<b>Current Month Actual</b>	<b>Current Month Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Sunday Offertory Totals:	8,598.00	11,533.00
Other Collections Totals:	318.00	245.00
Unrestricted Donations Totals:	476.00	385.00
Interest Income Totals:	0.67	0.16
Restricted Donations Totals:	618.00	1,468.67
Income Totals:	<u>10,010.67</u>	<u>13,631.83</u>
<b>Expense</b>		
Salaries & Wages Totals:	5,871.05	4,697.54
Fringe Benefits Totals:	1,869.53	2,077.85
Repairs & Maintenance Totals:	0.00	131.00
Other Services Totals:	2,351.75	700.40
Materials & Supplies Totals:	725.15	1,831.22
Insurance Totals:	0.00	0.00
Utilities Totals:	504.31	580.91
Diocesan Expenditures Totals:	727.00	679.00
Investment in Education Totals:	1,133.41	471.00
Expense Totals:	<u>13,182.20</u>	<u>11,168.92</u>
<b>Income - Expense:</b>	<u>-3,171.53</u>	<u>2462.91</u>

## **Diocese of Joliet Catholic School Substitute Teaching Opportunities**

If you are seeking fulfilling part-time work, hold a current Illinois Professional Educator License or Illinois Substitute License, and wish to serve as a Catholic school substitute teacher in one or more of the counties served by the Diocese of Joliet, your services will be greatly appreciated. Compensation is competitive with public school districts in the area. Please complete an online *Frontline Applicant Tracking* application at: <http://www.applitrack.com/diocesefjoliet/onlineapp/>

If you do not have a teaching license, but hold a Bachelor's Degree from any accredited institution of higher education, you may apply for a Substitute License based upon transcript evaluation. This evaluation will be processed at your request through any Regional Office of Education. For additional information, please contact Karen Udell, Catholic Schools Office Assistant Superintendent of Leadership & Personnel, via e-mail at: [kudell@diocesefjoliet.org](mailto:kudell@diocesefjoliet.org).

## Waterleaf **"BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE"**

This month our parish will be participating in a special fundraiser to promote and further a Culture of Life within our parish and local community. Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. Last year with the support of churches like St. Patrick, Waterleaf served 789 clients, performed 521 pregnancy tests, 343 ultrasounds and rescued 60 babies.



Baby bottles will be available to parishioners on the weekend **Saturday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>** and **Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>** to take home and fill with spare change. Bottles will then be returned to the parish by the weekend **Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** and **Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**.

This fundraiser is a great way for each member of the family to help in building a Culture of Life. Thank you in advance for your response to the call of the Gospel to serve those in great need!



"On Sunday, Sept 17th, St. Paul the Apostle's CCW will host a Pancake Breakfast at the Peotone Fire House, from 7:30 a.m. until noon. We will be serving fluffy pancakes, scrambled eggs, delicious sausage, cold milk & OJ, along with hot coffee. All this for only \$6 for adults, and \$4 for kids aged 4 to 10 years. Kids 3 and under are free! It's a great way to start the day before heading over to Peotone's annual Old Mill Fest. Come join the fun!"



### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Preston Wilcox; James Drozd; Nancee Long; Bernie Valy; Brett

Burkhalter; Joyce Albers; Jeanne Kuzmitz; Steve Gallagher; Shay Phelan; Michelle Schneider; Barb Flatt; Naomi Theresa; Frank Quigley; Mary Cole; Torie Jasinski; Loretta Long; Jim Price; Dennis Kwain; Jim Wright; Nancy Lawrence; Megan & Lucy Skolasinski; Allison Grskovic; Matthew Phelan; Mike Irle; Father Roger Kutzner; Jerry Robbins; Kinlee Smith; Maria Gargol

**Anyone wishing to be on the prayer list should contact the office.**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 10, 2017



Monday: Col 1:24 -- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26

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

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49

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

### Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

- That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

### HATE NOT

I will permit no one to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate them.

--Booker T. Washington



# Undy S u n d a y

Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet

### Undy Sunday October 15, 2017

St. Patrick is helping Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families

they serve by collecting NEW underwear, undershirts, socks, and diapers for children and adults from low-income households. Collection bins will be in the vestibule beginning the weekend of, September 23 & 24. All sizes are needed.

For more information on Undy Sunday or how you can help with a donation, please call Claudia Rodriguez at 815-724-1140 or email: [crodriguez@cc-doj.org](mailto:crodriguez@cc-doj.org).

Stock up on  
Sale items  
now  
For Undy  
Sunday



## THE WAY OF LOVE

Although today's readings might seem drearily preoccupied with sin, Saint Paul explains why sin is important to discuss: because every sin reduces the amount of love in the world. Paul turns the focus from sin to love when he writes, "Love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10). What power that verse contains! If we begin each day by reciting that verse, we would be well on our way to a more generous life—not only avoiding sin as much as possible, but also actively seeking out ways to make life sweeter for our neighbors. Memorized verses inspire us when we face difficulties during the day, when we are irritated with someone, for example, or we need to make a decision. Remembering that "love is the fulfillment of the law" might truly help us avoid sin and do good in daily life.

## THE WAY OF PRAYER

Learning a scripture verse by heart is, of course, a way of praying. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages us to pray. Jesus firmly believes in the power of prayer, going so far as to guarantee results: "I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father." Jesus promises something else, too, something vitally important. More than a game of Go Fish in which we hope we "got what we asked for," prayer is a living encounter with Jesus himself: "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Today's readings move us beyond the bare minimum and open an enormous world to us. We shun the pettiness of sin not because we fear punishment, but because we want to love others deeply. We pray to our great God not because we want to get favors from a divine vending machine, but because we want to spend time with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

9/10/2017