



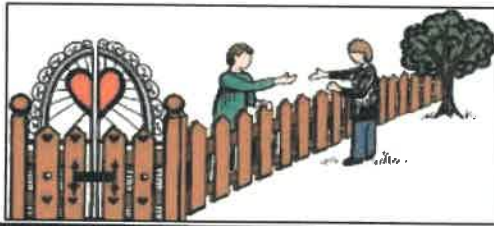
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September 17, 2017 • Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In many of our relationships with others—friends, spouse, neighbors, or co-workers—often the most difficult times come when someone damages the relationship. There are moments when only apology and forgiveness can lead to healing. In this week's readings, we are reminded how our connection with God is woven into our relationships with others. God is the source of all mercy, and all of us

stand in need of forgiveness. As we are able to accept the mercy of God deep within our hearts, we become empowered to show mercy to others. When things go badly in our relationships, we can remember that God is present at the center of these difficult moments. God is offering grace to ask forgiveness, to receive apology, and to accept the forgiveness extended to us.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**
14936 W. PEOTONE RD.
MANHATTAN, ILLINOIS
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**24TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

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MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, 18, 2017

9:00 am †Judy Toepper req. by Cathy & Bruce Clover

Tuesday, September 19, 2017—NO MORNING MASS

6:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration until 9:00 pm

Wednesday, September 20, 2017

9:00 am Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion

Thursday, September 21, 2017

9:00 am †Alice Galvez req. by M/M Jack Fitzgerald

Friday, September 22, 2017

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

Saturday, September 23, 2017

5:00 pm †Rita Robbins req. by Barbara Gast

Sunday, September 24, 2017

9:00 am Matt & Laura Johnson - Special Intention - req. by the Niemiec Family
Parish Family of St. Patrick

Altar Servers:

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Brent Bieschke, Matthew Jasinski

Sunday, September 24, 9:00 am

Natalie Gabriel, Patrick Robbins

Lector

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Linda Cakora

Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 9:00 am

Steve Hoehn

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Jim Kreske, Sue Nugent

Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 9:00 am

Deacon Milt Leppert

Usher:

Saturday, September 23, 2017 - 5:00 pm

Bill Phelan, Howard Bieschke

Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 9:00 am

Bruce Boyle, Dennis Skolasinski

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters : Horath & Price

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

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| September 10, 2017 | \$1,656.00 |
| Maintenance Collection | \$45.00 |
| Texas Disaster Relief..... | \$1,367.00 |

Thank you for your support of our Parish

*Please Participate!
Your Gift Makes a Difference!*

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|-----------------|-------------|
| Parish Goal: | \$ 9,635.00 |
| Amount Pledged: | \$12,615.00 |
| Amount Paid: | \$11,075.00 |
| 2017 Rebate | \$ 1,008.00 |



Thank you for your generous response.

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.



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

CCD PARENT MEETING: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24. In Church at 10:15 during your child's RE class. All parents need to attend.

TEACHERS AIDE NEEDED: High School Students or older are needed for teachers aides. Please see Roberta Stauffenberg if you can help.



Our Two Week Candle is burning for Maria Gargol

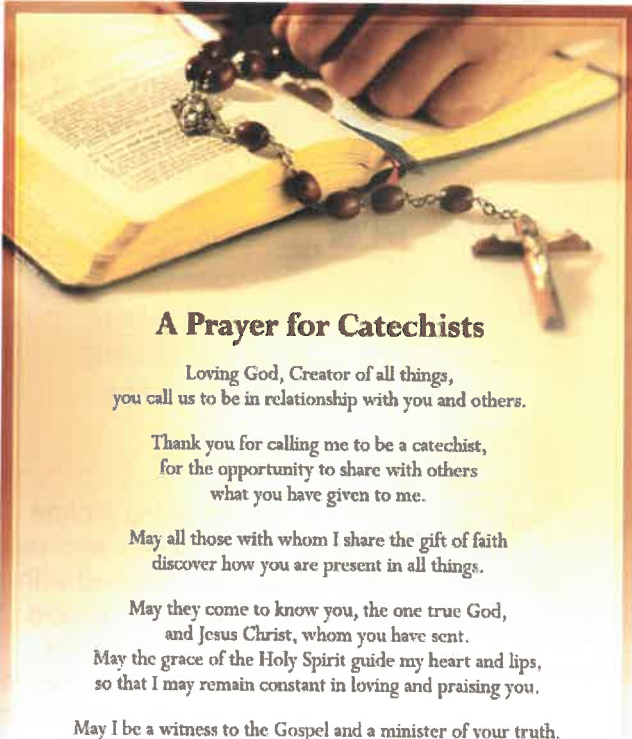
ON LINE GIVING NOW ACCEPTING CREDIT CARDS

Thank you for using Online Giving. Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. For your convenience, you will now be able to use your Visa, Master Card or Discover Card. If you have not yet signed up for Online Giving, please consider this option. This is a perfect tool for anyone who shops online! By using Online Giving you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. Visit our parish website at stpatrikwiltoncenter.org.

AUTUMN

Besides the autumn poets sing,
A few prosaic days
A little this side of the snow
And that side of the haze.

--Emily Dickinson



A Prayer for Catechists

Loving God, Creator of all things,
you call us to be in relationship with you and others.

Thank you for calling me to be a catechist,
for the opportunity to share with others
what you have given to me.

May all those with whom I share the gift of faith
discover how you are present in all things.

May they come to know you, the one true God,
and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

May the grace of the Holy Spirit guide my heart and lips,
so that I may remain constant in loving and praising you.

May I be a witness to the Gospel and a minister of your truth.
May all my words and actions reflect your love.

Amen

Catechetical Sunday
Sunday, September 17

LOYOLA PRESS.
A JESUIT MINISTRY

Thank You Teachers

Mrs. Grace Niemiec
Mrs. Lisa Price
Ms. Mary Hoehn
Mrs. Tracy Quigley
Mrs. Alison Lawson
Mrs. Cynthia Smith
Deacon Milt Leppert



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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

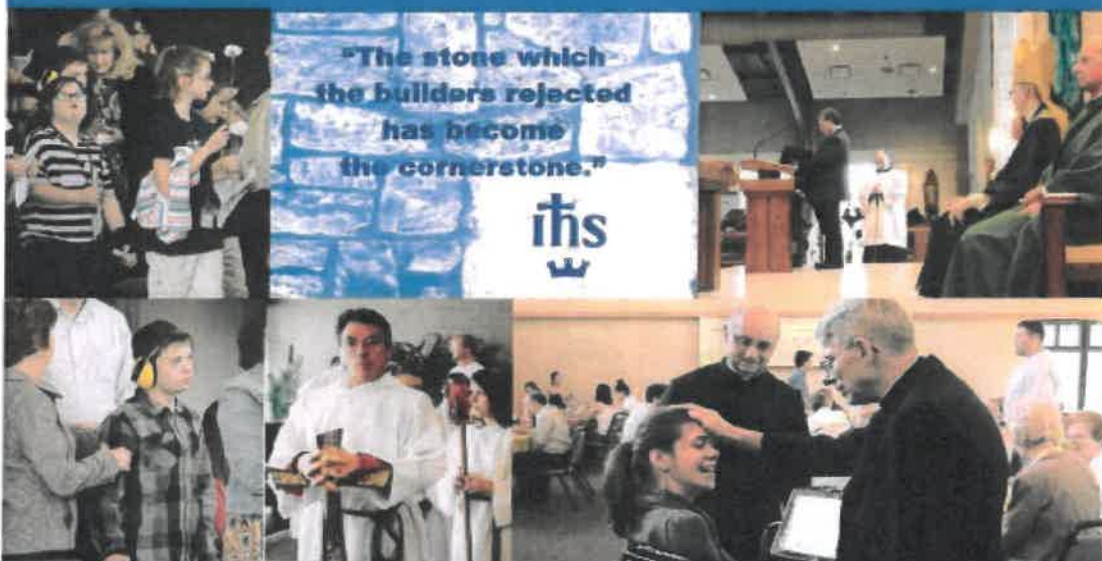
EXTRA—DISCOUNTS ON POP, FOOD & TOKENS

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

The Diocese of Joliet Invites You to Celebrate
***THE 30th ANNUAL BISHOP'S
MASS WITH PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES***

With Bishop R. Daniel Conlon

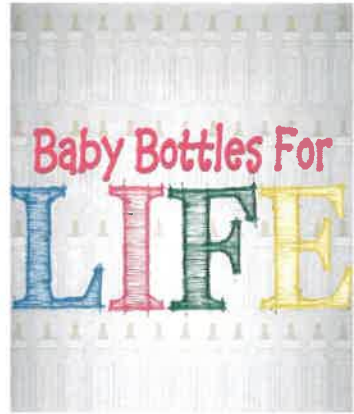
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2017, 12:00 NOON
Holy Family Catholic Church
600 Brook Forest Avenue
Shorewood, IL



Interpreter for the Deaf will be provided.
Luncheon to follow for persons with disabilities,
families & friends,
prepared by Joliet Chapter, Knights of Columbus
(For information, please call Karen Wojnarowski at 815-221-6147)

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 next weekend **Saturday, September 23rd and Sunday, September 24th** to take home and fill with spare change. Bottles will then be returned to the parish by the weekend **Saturday, October 21st and Sunday, October 22nd**.

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!

Christ is our Hope

Christ is our Hope arrives in your mailbox each month, filled with educational stories about our faith, personal journeys, and news in our parishes. This magazine keeps the seven counties of our Diocese connected by sharing the Good News with each other.

On behalf of Bishop Conlon, please prayerfully consider making a generous donation to this year's *Christ is our Hope* Magazine appeal. To make a gift online, visit our website at www.jolietdioceseappeal.org. Or simply write a check to *Christ is our Hope* Magazine Appeal and mail to: Diocese of Joliet–Development Office, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403.

Thank you for helping everyone in our Diocese to stay connected!



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.

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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 17, 2017



Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7-9; Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday: 1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-3ab, 5-6; Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-6; Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13

Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-10, 17-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-5; 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

FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us.

--St. Augustine



Undy sunday

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 next weekend, 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.



FORGIVEN AND FORGIVING

In today's Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to forgive "seventy-seven" times. In other words, stop keeping track when forgiving others. But when we are hurt, this is really hard to do. In fact, to protect ourselves from further hurt, we might be inclined to do the opposite, and lash out. Jesus teaches the futility of this approach.

Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant reminds us that in the course of our lives we have harmed others, and so distanced ourselves from God. We have also been harmed by others. Like the servant, we sometimes owe a debt, and sometimes others owe a debt to us. Here we are invited to stop the cycle of pain with the grace of mercy. We are called to imitate our God, who forgives wholeheartedly.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE

It is also tempting to view this teaching on forgiveness in isolation. This would suggest that the burden is placed entirely upon the offended person to go on forgiving, without mentioning any accountability on the part of the offending person. This interpretation can often be dangerous. The call to forgive should never be used as a cover for bullying or for oppressive relationships of any kind.

It is helpful to consider all of chapter 18 in Matthew's Gospel, which teaches about forgiveness and reconciliation, and the exercise of authority in the Christian community. Last week's Gospel (Matthew 18:15–18) provides guidance on how Christians can call to accountability someone who has hurt others, to protect the weak, and to seek reconciliation as a community. The parable we hear today reminds us that, like the master who protected the second servant from the cruelty of the unforgiving servant, God seeks to guard the most vulnerable from harm.

The Gospel of Matthew presented an alternative to the violence-based order of his day. Matthew described Jesus' vision of community, in which power is used at the service of all and the vulnerable are protected and cherished.

Today's Readings: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1–4, 9–12; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

9/17/2017