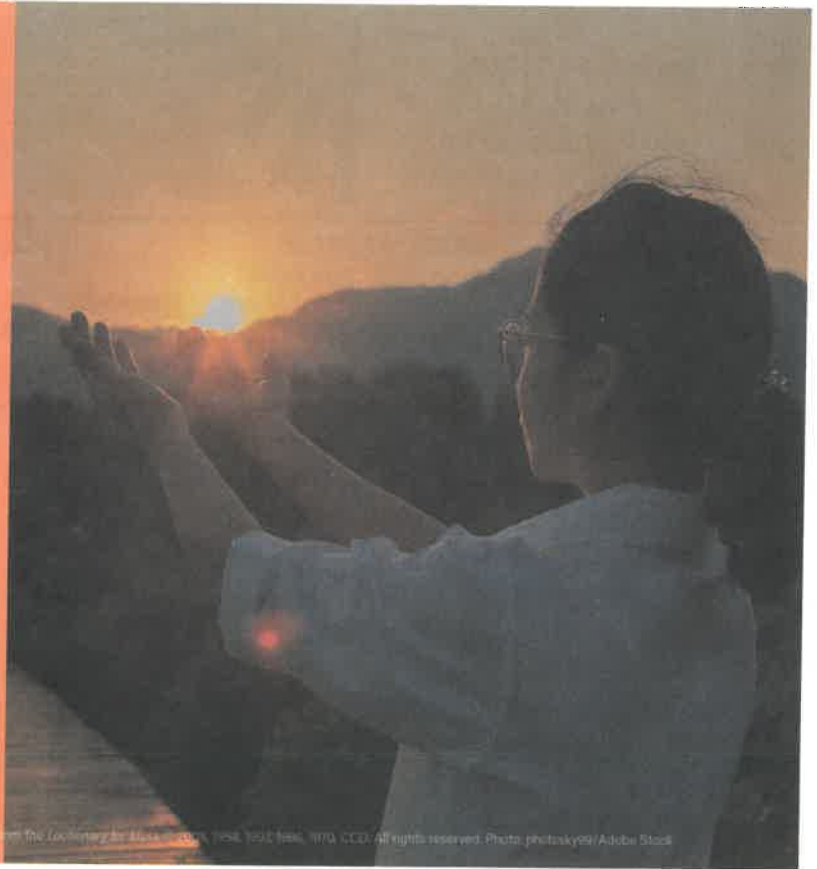


As high as the heavens  
are above the earth,  
so high are my ways  
above your ways  
and my thoughts  
above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9

TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 20  
2020



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Children are usually still quite young the first time they have occasion to shout, “That’s not fair!” At some point in our lives, we’ve probably all felt the bitterness of unfairness. Today’s readings agree that life isn’t always fair—yet, unexpectedly, invite us to rejoice! We rejoice because God’s mercy is totally unfair: God lavishes us with forgiveness and love even when we deserve less. Both the reading from Isaiah and

the psalm praise the great mercy of God, mercy that forgives our sins over and over. In the Gospel parable, Jesus demonstrates that God longs to give good things to all of us, even to those who seem less worthy. When Saint Paul reflects on God’s goodness, embodied in Jesus Christ, he can hardly wait to enter his heavenly reward.

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25th SUNDAY IN  
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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 19, 2020 – 5:45pm**

**+Loretta Tulley req. by Ken & Karen Mitchell**

**Sunday, September 20, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday**

**NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 24, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**Grace Niemiec – Special Intention**

**Friday, September 25, 2020 - 9:00 am**

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

**Saturday, September 26 – 5:45pm**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, September 27 – 9:00 am**

**+Mary Hornback req. by Roberta & Alan Stauffenberg**

<b>SATURDAY, Sept. 26, 2020 – 5:45pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY, Sept. 27, 2020 – 9:00am</b>
USHER: Doug & Eva Luehrs	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Cathy Gesell
LECTOR: Cameron Luehrs	LECTOR Grace Niemiec
	COUNTERS: Mooi



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, September 6.....\$2,513.50

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:

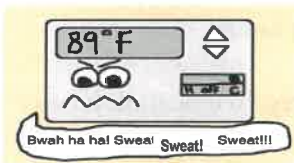
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### *Catholic Ministries Appeal*

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,200.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 10,632.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,812.00

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 \$2,670.00 which leaves the maintenance fund with a deficit of \$6,105.00. 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.

## Undy Sunday: October 2020



Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested, but least-donated items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.

St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women is supporting Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet and the individuals and families they serve by providing new underwear, undershirts, socks, diapers, and other basic need items for children and adults living in low-income households throughout the month of October. This year, due to COVID-19, Catholic Charities is requesting donations in either of the two following ways:

1. **Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List** – Choose from a list of most-needed items and your donation will be sent directly to Catholic Charities to help those in need.
2. **Monetary Donations to support Undy Sunday** – Donations made to Undy Sunday will be used to purchase the items needed by Catholic Charities' clients.

Please visit <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/undy-sunday/> to make a donation or view the Amazon Wish List.

If you'd prefer to send a check directly to Catholic Charities, please mail it to:  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet/Undy Sunday, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

For more information on Undy Sunday, please email Maggie Snow at [msnow@cc-doj.org](mailto:msnow@cc-doj.org). Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community, particularly during this difficult time.

### Catholic Charities Mission

are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



## Needed ... Devout Catholic Substitute Teachers

Each Catholic school in the Diocese of Joliet is successfully implementing face-to-face instruction that honors the safety measures outlined in within its School Reopening Plan. As a result, several Catholic educators are needed to serve as substitute teachers at the Pre-School – Grade 12 levels. The substitute teacher candidate must love children and hold either a current Illinois Professional Educator License (PEL) or an Illinois Substitute License. Please complete an online application by clicking on the link below. <https://www.applitrack.com/diocesefofjoliet/onlineapp/>

### **No degree in education? No problem!**

If you are called to this ministry, a degree in education is not a prerequisite for becoming a licensed substitute teacher. An individual who holds a BA in any discipline is eligible to apply for an Illinois Substitute License through the seamless process of transcript evaluation. For further information about obtaining a teaching license in this manner, contact Karen Udell, CSO Assistant Superintendent of Leadership and Personnel, at 815-221-6123.

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/5001662/>
- . 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 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](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-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Monday: St. Matthew  
 Tuesday: Autumn begins  
 Wednesday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)  
 Saturday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian; Blessed Virgin Mary

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 20, 2020



- Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-5; Mt 9:9-13  
 Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13; Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44; Lk 8:19-21  
 Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9; Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163; Lk 9:1-6  
 Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc; Lk 9:7-9  
 Friday: Eccl 3:1-11; Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4; Lk 9:18-22  
 Saturday: Eccl 11:9 – 12:8; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Lk 9:43b-45  
 Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32



CRE Amy Pfeifer ready to greet students on the first day of class



## AN UNEXPECTED LESSON

Jesus' parable depicts workers who "punch the clock" at various times throughout the long day: dawn, nine, noon, three, and five o'clock. Regardless of when they began working in the vineyard, the laborers all receive the same reward. The reward seems lavish to the latecomers, of course, and shockingly unfair to the long-faithful workers. The landowner soothes his most dutiful laborers, however, delighting in them as friends and transforming their bitter confrontation into a reflection on generosity. The laborers who arrived at five o'clock might have been late to the job, but those who began at the crack of dawn were last to understand the extravagant bounty of the landowner. Seen in this way, the parable discusses not only God's generosity toward "unworthy" believers, but also the Lord's inexhaustible patience toward those who thought they had nothing more to learn.

## BEGINNING AGAIN

Today's readings provide sweet refreshment to all of us who know the bitterness of discouragement. No matter how stubbornly we determine to improve ourselves, the human condition often leaves us in puddles of failure and regret. Jesus has a new plan for us. Today's Gospel parable demonstrates the mercy of God, mercy that rejoices in fresh beginnings. We take comfort in knowing that God accompanies us in our labors—and works for us—whether we struggle with caring for our bodies, striving for patience, avoiding gossip, making time for prayer, being generous, overcoming addiction, remaining in recovery, or simply attending to our daily work. Jesus shows us that he actively engages with us each time we fall short. From dawn to dusk, the Lord seeks us out, calling us to join him in the vineyard. Now, today, right this moment, is our dawn. Or our nine o'clock. Or noon? Ignore the clock! Jesus invites us to forget past failures; divine mercy wipes them away. Today's psalm insists that the "Lord is near to all who call upon him." In hope, then, we begin again.

Today's Readings: Is 55:6–9; Ps 145:2–3, 8–9, 17–18; Phil 1:20c–24, 27a; Mt 20:1–16a

**9/20/2020**