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## September 22, 2019 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Make a choice. God or money, material things, earthly pleasure. This is what Jesus asks us to do in today's Gospel. The Pharisees and scribes, and many people, want it both ways. God and wealth. But Jesus knows that "no servant can serve two masters." It is not that wealth is inherently bad, but the pursuit of it to the exclusion of what is good and righteous is. Our faith is meant to guide and shape

the way we live. If we are followers of Jesus Christ, we will treat others, especially the poor and vulnerable, fairly and justly. We will live with devotion to God and let our lives speak the truth of God's love for all. We will put first things first, or more precisely, put God and God's ways first, assured that when we do, everything else will fall into place.

**SAINT PATRICK  
CHURCH**  
14936 W. PEOTONE RD.  
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**TWENTY-FIFTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

**5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Sunday, September, 2019**

**9:00 am †Janet Robbins req. by Paul & Cathy Engler**

**Monday, September 23, 2019**

**9:00 am Intention of the Celebrant**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019—NO MASS**

**Wednesday, September 25, 2019—NO MASS**

**Thursday, September 26, 2019**

**9:00 am Jim Przybylski - Special Intention req. by Sharon Hoger**

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

**9:00 am ADORATION until 11:00am**

**Saturday, September 28, 2019**

**5:45 pm †Deceased Members of Peotone Class of 1979 req. by Ed & Judy Phelan**

**Sunday, September 29, 2019**

**9:00 am Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Altar Servers:**

**Saturday, September 28 - 5:45 pm**

**Ella & Madi Phelps**

**Sunday, September 29 - 9:00 am**

**Annabelle & Alexander Lawson**

**Saturday, September 28 - 5:45 pm**

**Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs**

**Sunday, September 29- 9:00 am**

**Grace Niemiec / Steve Hoehn**

**Extraordinary Minister:**

**Saturday, September 28 - 5:45 pm**

**Jim Kreske**

**Sunday, September 29 - 9:00 am**

**Paul Engler**

**Cantor / Lector (Reader) :**

**Usher:**

**Saturday, September 28 - 5:45 pm**

**Bill Phelan / Mark Tillotson**

**Sunday, September 29 - 9:00 am**

**volunteers**

**Music: Cathy Engler**

**Collection Counters : Hoehn & Nugent**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37  
**Sunday, September 15.....\$1,936.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

***Please Participate!  
Your Gift Makes a Difference!***

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,725.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 10,285.00
2019 Rebate	\$ 0

Thank you for your generous response.



## **COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** **BOXES OF JOY**

Through the *Box of Joy* ministry we share our Catholic faith and provide Christmas gifts to children in developing countries around the world. Please take a box, fill it with small items for a child, and return it to the vestibule by September 28. These items will be shipped to children in need around the world in time for Christmas. Thank You.



**Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for Chuck Phelps  
req.by the  
Don Nugent Family**

There will be a second collection next weekend is for Christ Is Our Hope Magazine. Thank you for your generosity.

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

## **MOUNT ST. PATRICK CEMETERY**

PLEASE CLEAN UP AND REMOVE  
SPRING DECORATIONS  
BY OCTOBER 5 & 6

## TIMING

It is never the wrong time  
to do the right thing.

--Anonymous



Please remember  
in your prayers,  
Norma Boyle, mother  
of Bruce Boyle, who  
entered eternal life.  
Remember also her  
family as we commend her soul  
to the Lord. It is a holy and  
wholesome thought to pray for  
the dead.



**SCRAP METAL DRIVE**  
**Religious Education Annual Scrap Metal**  
**Drive will be on**  
**Saturday, October 12**  
**From 9am until noon**  
**In the East Parking Lot.**  
**A list of acceptable items is In the vestibule**

### MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church will be running the computerized Medicare Part D Program to assist seniors in making a choice during the Open Enrollment Period [Oct 15 to Dec 7.](#)

We plan to do a Sign Up Sunday this year to give first choice of dates to the parishioners of St Paul, St Boniface and St Patrick. After the Masses at St Patrick next weekend, [Sep 28](#) and 29, we will be in the lobby taking appointments.

If you miss this opportunity, you will still be able to make an appointment by calling St Paul at [708-258-6917](#) and then press 5 for Senior Assistance. Leave your name and phone number and we will call you back to schedule an appointment.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to Cantor, Read, Extraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Servers  
To serve at weekend Masses and Holy Days  
Please sign up where you are able to help and put in collection basket or call the parish office for more information

CANTOR

SERVER

READER

USHER

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER

I prefer:  SATURDAY EVENING  SUNDAY MORNING  NO PERFERANCE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

This month St. Patrick Parish will conduct its Baby Bottles for Life campaign to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.



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 provided 1,718 client appointments, performed 504 pregnancy tests, 563 ultrasounds and rescued 101 babies.

*Baby bottles will be distributed to parishioners the weekend September 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> to take home and fill. Bottles can be returned to the parish at any of the Masses through October 10<sup>th</sup>.* Please pick up a Baby Bottle after Mass and fill it with your heartfelt

financial donation. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Your support is greatly appreciated. For more information call Waterleaf at 630-701-6270 or visit them on the web at [www.onechoiceonelife.org](http://www.onechoiceonelife.org).



Join Father Sebastian on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land  
March 16-26, 2020  
For more information  
and sign-up  
Contact Fr. Sebastian at  
[Fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com](mailto:Fr.sebastiangargol@gmail.com) or  
(815) 476-7491 ex 101



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*



## Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL BEGIN  
AFTER THE 9AM MASS UNTIL 4 PM.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 IS THE  
FIRST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH  
MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT  
9:00 AM IN CHURCH

PLEASE SIGN UP TO SPEND 1 HOUR WITH OUR LORD SIGN UP  
SHEET IS ON THE TABLE IN THE VESTIBULE PLEASE MAKE SURE  
YOUR PHONE NUMBER IS  
CORRECT IF WE NEED TO CONTACT YOU.



## APPROVED MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting - June 11, 2019

### Attending:

Fr. Sebastian Gargol, Doug Luehrs; Mark Tillotson; Roberta Stauffenberg, Carmen Kinsella, Paul Engler, Sue Nugent, Linda Cakora

**Opening:** 6:15 pm – Father Sebastian opened the meeting with a prayer. Minutes of previous meeting were accepted.

CCW: Ghost Card Party was down from last year, going to cut down on number of donuts and possible go with more fruit, everyone enjoyed the fellowship. We will again do the Boxes of Joy, Father suggested to include the entire parish and not just the CCD. Carmen mentioned she offered the use of the stage for a drop off station for the southern counties if the Diocese needed it. Back to School Fair collection will take place in July and we will have bins up for 3 weeks. Also, Undi Sunday is scheduled for October. NEW

### BUSINESS:

FOOD BANK: Mark Tillotson reported 12 volunteers showed up last month at the Food Bank in Joliet and everything went well. There will be another chance to volunteer in June 29

WINDOW FRAMES: Father talked about the window and frames in the church.

NEW BUSINESS: Mark requested the minutes of the meeting be published in the bulletin along with the names and phone numbers of the council members. There was a discussion and the Approved minutes will be published, even though they will be outdated, phone numbers of the members will not be published. There was a motion made by Roberta to publish the approved minutes this was seconded by Sue – passed.

COMMENTS: Father mentioned that the collection was getting better and we have made a lot of budget cuts to help our financial position. Saturday evening Mass attendance has declined and he is thinking about suspending it; discussion followed. Father will make an announcement Saturday evening and will consider all recommendations from the parish. If this would take place it would start in July with the beginning of the fiscal year.

Meeting closed at 7:15 pm with a prayer - Next Meeting: will be September 17, 2019 at 6:15pm



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long,  
Shay Phelan, Jeanne

Kuzmicz, ; Lisa Bernhard, Judith Wright;  
Cecelia Mundt; Lorenzo Rossi; Holly Flint-  
Jones; Cathy Engler; Brett Burkhalter;  
Michelle Schneider; Lou Crabtree; Ron  
Englert; Father Roger Kutzner; Doris  
Robbins; Mike Irlie; Chuck Phelps; Jodi  
Mundt; Hunter Lauridsen; Jerry Kinsella

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

**Intention of the Holy Father  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

- That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

Giving is easy when you download the Online Giving app on your mobile device, Go to our website at [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the link. It's that easy.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
September 22, 2019**



- Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
- Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
- Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
- Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9
- Friday: Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1-4; Lk 9:18-22
- Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
- Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL  
OBSERVANCE**

- Sunday: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio); Autumn begins
- Thursday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian
- Friday: St. Vincent de Paul
- Saturday: St. Wenceslaus; Blessed Virgin Mary; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:  
MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,  
FRIDAY – 8AM UNTIL NOON**



## FIRST THINGS FIRST

We make decisions every day. Some are substantial, many seem inconsequential. The truth is, all of our choices add up and paint a picture of who we are and what matters most to us. Whether we rise at the first sound of the alarm or hit snooze three times before getting up does not seem important in the moment, and yet that choice can be a sign of how we value and use the time God has given to us. When we put God first, all of the decisions we make in the course of our days are reflections of our relationship with God and others. People sometimes say that the priest talks about money too much. A few priests might do that, but most are simply reflecting on the Gospels, which often include Jesus' teaching about the proper use of money. Jesus knew that money is one of the things that can come between us and God. That is why Gospel passages like the one we heard today are so important. Jesus understood the temptations of this world—to live for wealth, to be dishonest, to get our priorities out of order—and so, his teaching is as timely now as it was two thousand years ago.

## STEWARDS OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Jesus tells us that we must be trustworthy with what belongs to another. All we are and all we have is God's. Our lives, faith, talents, relationships, material and financial wealth—all are gifts from God, entrusted to us. We are called to steward them well, to be trustworthy with our many blessings, in order to bring Christ's love and presence into the world. The way we live our lives, the choices we make, the way we respond to the needs of others—all of this is a stewardship, a way of serving God, not mammon.

Today's Readings: Amos 8:4–7; Ps 113:1–2, 4–6, 7–8; 1 Tim 2:1–8; Lk 16:10–13

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