

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER

27
2020



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Humbly regard others
as more important
than yourselves,
each looking out not
for his own interests,
but also for those of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

For the past several weeks, the word of God has drawn us into the mystery of mercy. Today's readings deepen our reflection, reminding us how blessed we are to know God's kindness and sharing practical ways to show compassion to others. The prophet Ezekiel cautions God's chosen people, emphasizing that bad behavior naturally leads to painful consequences. The psalm responds prayerfully: "Remember your mercies, O Lord." In this prayer, we ask for

the mercy of recognizing our sins and receiving the strength to act differently. In his letter to the Philippians, Saint Paul invites us into a daunting challenge of mercy: "humbly regard others as more important than yourselves." If we scoff at Paul's challenge as impossibly naïve, the Gospel gives us a chance to reconsider. Our natural instincts of self-preservation might reject merciful behavior initially, but like the son in today's Gospel of mercy, we can change our minds.

**SAINT PATRICK
CHURCH**
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26th SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 26, 2020 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, September 27, 2020 – 9:00 am

+Mary Hornback req. by Roberta & Alan Stauffenberg

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday

NO MASS

Thursday, October 1, 2020 - 9:00 am

+Jeanne Kuzmica req. by Craig & Marilyn Cieply

Friday, October 2, 2020 - 9:00 am

NO MASS – Adoration from 9am until 10am

Saturday, October 3 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, October 4 – 9:00 am

+Sandy Bahr & +Neva Wheeler req. by the Stauffenberg Family

SATURDAY, October 3, 2020 – 5:45pm	SUNDAY, October 4, 2020 – 9:00am
USHER: Mike & Katie Horath	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Linda Cakora	LECTOR Josh Kreske
	COUNTERS: Boyle & Kotesa

GUARDIANS FOR VALUABLE SOULS

So valuable to heaven is the dignity of the human soul that every member of the human race has a guardian angel from the moment the person begins to be.

–St. Jerome

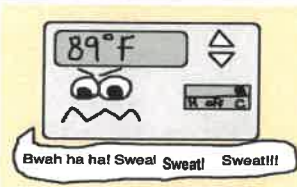
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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

Sunday, September 13.....\$2,008.00

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 – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



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 \$4105.00 which leaves the maintenance fund with a deficit of \$4670.00. Our Maintenance collection will be next weekend. Thank you.



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
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.



SCRAP METAL RECYCLING
SPONSORED BY
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM
SATURDAY—OCTOBER 10
ST. PATRICK CHURCH
14936 W. WILMINGTON-PEOTONE RD.
FROM 8:00am UNTIL NOON

Scrap Metal Collection Ideas

Items that we can accept

Aluminum

Aluminum Cans
Aluminum Siding
aluminum pots/ pans
Vehicle Rims - No Tires

Copper

Copper Pipe
Copper Wire
Household Wire
Extension Cords
Computer Cords

Stainless Steel

Sinks
Pots / pans
Springs
pet dishes
Door hinges

Batteries

Car Batteries
Lawn Mower Batteries
Motorcycle Batteries

Electric Engines

Box fan motors
Ceiling fan Motors

Brass

Faucet Fittings

Appliances

Washers
Dryers
Stoves
Refrigerators
Freezers
Dishwashers

Steel

Bed Frames
Metal Shelves
Ironing Boards
Bicycles
Brake Rotors
Vehicle Engines
Vehicle Rims - no Tires
Farm Silos
Ditch Culverts
Chain Link Fence
Fence Post - no cement

Farm Equipment

Tractors
Combines
Grain Boxes
Tractor Wheels - No Tires



ST. ROSE PACZKI SALE!!!

In lieu of the 2nd annual
Polish Polka Party,
And to celebrate Polish Heritage
Month in October

The St. Rose Council of Catholic Women
Will host a Paczki Sale!

(Paczki is a Polish pastry filled with different kinds of filling, usually fruit)

We are offering the same authentic packs that were served last year.

They will be freshly made for us with a choice of the four most popular fillings:

Raspberry, plum, rose, and cream

We are taking pre-orders for boxes of four pastries
(with your fillings of choice, mixed or matched) for only \$10 per box

Orders will be taken by e-mail at:

craftyjam2@sbcglobal.net or ma-pastrom@sbcglobal.net

Or by phone at:

815-476-5691 (Naomi) or 815-476-6199 (Pat)

All orders must be received by Wednesday, October 7th.

Pickup will be on Saturday, October 11th between noon and 3:00pm

Cash or checks made out to St. Rose. C.C.W. will be accepted.

Thank you for your support of our
Council of Catholic Women in this
unique and delicious fundraiser!



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. 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.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

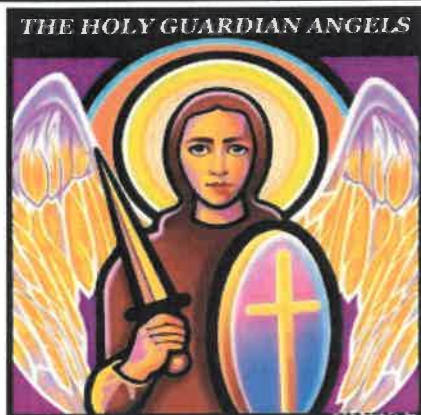
Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Steve Niemiec; Noreen McAndrew

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.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK September 27, 2020



- Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
- Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
- Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15; Lk 9:57-62
- Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14; Lk 10:1-12
- Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10, 13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
- Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
- Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday
- Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions; St. Wenceslaus
- Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
- Wednesday: St. Jerome
- Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
- Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
- Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday



NATURE

The prophet Ezekiel scolds God's chosen people for demanding more than they deserve. Acting like spoiled children, the Israelites complain when their wicked actions lead logically to negative consequences. Nature has built-in punishments for bad behavior: laziness leads to unpreparedness; overwork leads to exhaustion; overindulgence leads to poor health; violence leads to injury. The natural world brims with corrective countermeasures to our poor choices. Why is it, Ezekiel wonders, that we become upset when sin leads to predictable and natural punishments?

SUPERNATURE

Animals never object to punishment, only humans. A wounded gerbil wouldn't shake her fist at the skies and ask, "Why me?" But as Ezekiel knows, human beings complain constantly. Humans are supposed to be more logical than animals, yet we irrationally protest natural consequences that we do not like, such as pain or death. Mysteriously, our bitterness against nature is rooted in our unique capacity for greatness. Unlike every other creature in the universe, we humans are made in the image and likeness of God. We may live in the natural world, but God calls us every minute to supernatural glory. Though we are mortal, God's mercy has destined us for immortality. Our hearts long for perfect bliss unlike anything we will ever know on earth. No wonder we demand so much from God! Preserved for glory as we are, we experience pain when earthly life falls short of our divine expectations. Jesus shows us the antidote for that pain—service. Though we share in the kingship of Christ, we must demonstrate our royalty as Jesus does, by serving others. As Saint Paul tells us, Jesus is God, yet takes the form of a slave—our slave. The Gospel encourages us to imitate Jesus in this way. We may object to being a servant at first, and even grumble about it. But God's strength can help us overcome natural objections and enter gracefully into our supernatural role, heirs to the kingdom of God.

Today's Readings: Ez 18:25–28; Ps 25:4–5, 6–7, 8–9; Phil 2:1–11 [1–5]; Mt 21:28–32

9/27/2020