

**The people were exceedingly  
astonished and they said,  
“He has done all things well.  
He makes the deaf hear and  
the mute speak.”**

Mark 7:37

**Twenty-third**  
Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 5, 2021

Our readings this Sunday describe God's work of liberation for those who are vulnerable. Isaiah portrays the coming of God in terms of the healing of the blind, the deaf, and the lame. James notes that God chooses the poor to be rich in faith. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus heals a deaf person who has a speech impediment. The readings remind us of the acute struggles of the disabled, the excluded,

and the poor. In the last year and a half, the pandemic has reminded us that we are all vulnerable, that illness and death are near us always. Today we hear that God's presence is revealed when God lifts us up, and when we join God to lift each other up. Our care for others, especially those in greatest need, can be our grateful response to God's healing of us in our own vulnerability.

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23rd SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

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**Mass Intentions**

Saturday, September 4, 2021– 5:45 pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, September 5, 2021 – 9:00 am

+Stanley Niemiec req. by the Family

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday – NO MASS

Thursday, September 9, 2021 – 9:00 am

In Thanksgiving req. by Ed & Judy Phelan

Friday, September 10, 2021 - Adoration 9:00am until 10:45am

Saturday, September 11, 2021 – 5:45pm

Parish Family of St. Patrick

Sunday, September 12, 2021 – 9:00 am

Special Intention req. by Dan & Lynne Phelan

DATE	LECTOR
SATURDAY, September 11 - 5:45pm	Jim Kreske
SUNDAY, September 12 - 9:00am	Lisa Price

COUNTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2021 – Horath

PLEASE HELP  
Volunteers for Lector are needed –  
Contact Linda at 815-546-4715  
THANK YOU



In accordance with Illinois  
State mandates, masks are  
Required for anyone age 2  
and up regardless of  
vaccination status.

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021, the weekly  
Sunday collection goal is \$1,938.46

Sunday, August 29, 2021.....\$1,525.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish.

Please give prayerful thought to continuing your support by either mailing in  
your contribution or by signing up for Online Giving.

To enroll in Online giving, please go to our website:  
[www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) and follow the online  
giving link. *Thank you*



### 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal

*Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA! Monthly pledge payments should be made in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.*

Parish Goal:	\$ 9,600.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 9,070.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 9,070.00

Thank you for your generous response.

**2022 OFFERING ENVELOPES** – Beginning 2022 offering envelopes will be mailed directly to your homes. It is very important that we have your correct address. Please let the office know if your address has changed or if you are going to sign up for on-line-giving. If you are regularly attending our parish and would like to receive offering envelopes, please let us know. Thank you.



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MASS INTENTION  
OPENINGS AVAILABLE  
Remember a loved one or  
Honor someone special with  
a Mass Call the office and  
schedule a date.



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**SCRAP METAL RECYCLING**  
**SPONSORED BY**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**  
**SATURDAY—OCTOBER 9**  
**ST. PATRICK CHURCH**  
**14936 W. WILMINGTON-PEOTONE RD.**  
**WILTON CENTER, ILLINOIS**  
**8:00AM UNTIL NOON**

## **Scrap Metal Collection Ideas**

Items 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—No Tires  
Brake Rotors  
Vehicle Engines  
Vehicle Rims—No Tires  
Farm Silos  
Ditch Culverts  
Chain Link Fence  
Fence Post—No Cement

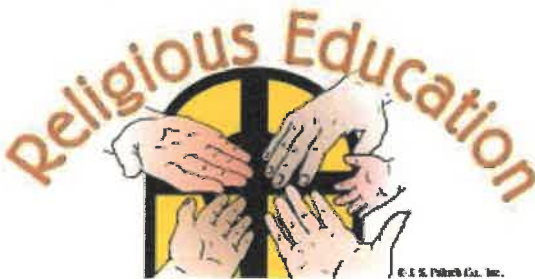
### **Farm Equipment**

Tractors  
Combines  
Grain Boxes  
Tractor Wheels—No Tires



It happened again this year. Our church is cooled with two air conditioning units (one on the East Side and one on the West). This year the unit on the East side went out, this one is also about 30 years old. It has been replaced and working nicely. However, our Maintenance fund has been depleted.

We are just beginning to come back from the pandemic, and our collections have been keeping us barely going, but not much for extraordinary expenses. We are not alone and realize everyone is struggling at this time, your generosity in helping us cover the cost of this expense would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION BEGINS  
BEGIN NEXT SUNDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 12  
AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS.  
IF YOU STILL NEED TO  
TO REGISTER—  
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH  
OFFICE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Aug. 23, 2021

### Special collection for Haiti recovery efforts set for weekend of Sept. 11-12

The people of Haiti have suffered greatly in recent days, as both an earthquake and tropical storm have struck the country located in the Caribbean Sea. Numerous lives have been lost, and many Church properties, along with homes and businesses, have been severely damaged or destroyed.

Catholic Relief Services is on the ground providing humanitarian aid, and the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America has approved \$10,000 grants to each of the three most affected dioceses. But more help is needed.

In his role as USCCB president, Archbishop Gomez of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has called for a voluntary, special collection to support the USCCB Bishops Emergency Disaster Fund to provide additional aid to Haiti. The Diocese of Joliet has set the weekend of Sept. 11-12 for this special collection.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers for the people of Haiti.





## MEDICARE PART D OPEN ENROLLMENT OCT 15 – DEC 7, 2021

The Senior Assistance Center at St. Paul the Apostle Peotone

**will begin accepting appointments Sep 1 for an annual review of your prescription drug plan. Premiums, drug tiers and formularies change from year to year. A review ensures you are on the best plan at the lowest cost. Call 708-258-6917 and press 5 for Senior Assistance. Leave your name and phone number to schedule an appointment.**

**Aug. 27, 2021**

Updated COVID-19 Guidance Per Governor's Statewide Mask Mandate Gov. J.B. Pritzker yesterday (Aug. 26, 2021) issued Executive Order 2021-20, which calls for all Illinois residents age two or older to wear a mask while in an indoor public space, effective Mon., Aug. 30. Attendees at Mass and other indoor liturgical celebrations and events will be required to wear a mask, beginning Mon., Aug. 30. All parish and Blanchette Catholic Center employees also must wear a mask in the office when in contact with others. When employees are in their separate workspaces that allow for a distance of at least six feet from others, the mask may be removed. The executive order also contains directives requiring all public and nonpublic school teachers, staff and volunteers to receive at least the first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine within 10 days of the order, and to be fully vaccinated within 30 days of the first dose. Those individuals not fully vaccinated within that time frame will be required to undergo at least weekly COVID-19 testing. We are studying the vaccination order regarding school personnel and will provide clarity as soon as possible, along with other COVID-19 guidance updates in response to your questions. We appreciate and thank you for your patience and understanding during these challenging times.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN  
YOUR PRAYERS**

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan,  
Lisa Bernhard; Fr. Jim Lennon; Noreen  
McAndrew; Jan Sharp; Cathy Engler;  
Don Smith; Steve Niemiec; Marilyn  
Cieply; Holly Flint-Jones; Dan Gast;  
Nona Stauffenberg; Jimmy Quigley;  
Breckin Van Hyning

**Please call the office to be included on  
the new list. Thank You.**

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

- We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.

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.

Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Did not God choose those  
who are poor in the world to be  
rich in faith and heirs  
to the kingdom?  
— James 2:5

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021**



Monday: Col 1:24 – 2:3;  
Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6- 11, or, for  
Labor Day, any readings  
from the Mass “For the  
Blessing of Human Labor,”  
nos. 907-911

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

Wednesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-  
30; Ps 13:6 Mt 1:1-16, 18-  
23 [18-23]

Thursday: Col 3:12-17; Ps 150:1b-6;  
Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps  
16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Lk  
6:39-42

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

Sunday: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-  
9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE**

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Wednesday: The Nativity of the  
Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: First Friday

Saturday: Patriot Day; Blessed  
Virgin Mary



## BLESSING FOR ALL

The story of the deaf man related in today's Gospel is one of several descriptions of extraordinary healings in this part of Mark's Gospel. Mark leads readers to understand that in Jesus, God is fulfilling the divine promises prophesied by Isaiah: "the ears of the deaf (will) be cleared . . . the tongue of the mute will sing." When the deaf can hear and the mute can sing, this sign of the coming of God means that the gifts of sight and hearing are now available, not only for the individuals involved, but for their families and the whole community around them.

There is a "ripple effect" of blessing extending well beyond individual healing. Those isolated by deafness and speech impediments could now fully participate in common life. With their inclusion, the community itself receives healing. In the Gospels, salvation is always inclusive and wholistic. God brings blessing to one small part of creation, so to extend blessing to all of creation.

## BOTH LOVE AND CRITIQUE

For those who first heard today's passage from the letter of James, it probably struck a nerve. James challenged the local church's treatment of the poor as compared to the rich. It might strike a nerve for us too, because we live in a society where the wealthy are very much privileged, and the honoring of wealth is deeply ingrained in our cultural value system. James warns the church not to imitate the class distinctions made in the broader society. The Gospel proclaims that we are all equally God's children.

The church typically lives in a particular place and within a dominant culture. The church is always called upon to reflect upon its faithfulness to the Gospel, discerning whether it absorbs cultural values and attitudes that conflict with the Gospel. The church is called to love and nourish the culture, and at the same time to speak in critique of its idolatries. These challenges continue in our own parish communities, here and now.

Today's Readings: Is 35:4–7a; Ps 146:6–7, 8–9, 9–10; Jas 2:1–5; Mk 7:31–37

9/5/2021