

*Whoever serves me must follow me, says  
the Lord; and where I am, there also will  
my servant be.*

Mark 1:15



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## **Mass Times**

**Monday - Friday** | 7 AM Downtown  
8 AM Crane Rd

**Thursday** | 6 PM Downtown (ESP)

**Saturday** | 8:30 AM Downtown,  
4 PM Crane Rd, 4:30 PM Downtown

**Sunday** | 7:30 AM Downtown, 8 AM Crane Rd,  
9 AM Downtown, 9:30 AM Crane Rd,  
10:30 AM Downtown, 11 AM Crane Rd,  
5 PM Crane Road  
5 PM Downtown (ESP)

## **Reconciliation Times**

**Monday, Thursday, Friday** | 8:30 AM Crane Rd

**Tuesday** | 7:30 AM Downtown  
6-6:30 PM Crane Rd

**Wednesday** | 7:30 AM Downtown

**Saturday** | 9-9:30 AM Downtown  
3-3:30 PM Crane Rd

## **Adoration**

**Wednesday** | 7:30 AM-6:45 AM Downtown

**Daily** | 12 PM Sunday - 12 PM Saturday in  
St. Michael Chapel, St. Pat's Crane Rd

# From Fr. Pacer

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Dear Parishioners,

Happy St. Patrick's day!

It's pretty special this year that St. Patrick's feast day falls on a Sunday. Because he is the patron of our parish, we are allowed to celebrate his feast day on Sunday (other parishes have to do the readings for the 5th Sunday of Lent, but we get to do all the prayers and readings for St. Patrick). But some others might be bummed because they were hoping to get a break from their Lenten fast on some other day of the week because they already take off Sunday. Don't worry, St. Joseph's Day is this upcoming Tuesday, and it's a solemnity, allowing you a pause from your fasting during the week.

Anyways, I'm excited to partake of all the communal festivities of the day and the fun that comes with its celebration and with you.

But, I also want us to keep one thing in mind in the midst of our St. Pat's celebrations: the man himself. Not the myth, not the legend, but Patrick, who through the hardship of his early slavery endured in prayer, instead of giving up hope. Patrick, who gave his life to God in service of the Gospel, and who was chosen to be his priest and bishop. Patrick, who bravely dove into the pagan world, a hostile one, and endured hardship and animosity for his love of Christ. Patrick, who, by his sufferings and travels and cooperation with God's grace, was able to sow the seeds that led Ireland to bloom into a Christian Nation. Patrick, whose conformity to Christ, allowed him to be more than man—a saint.

God Bless,  
Fr. Pacer

## 1st Annual Golf Outing

Save the Date for St. Pat's 1st Annual Golf Outing at The Hawk Country Club on May 20th, 2024. This golf outing is the first, and it will hopefully become a longstanding tradition at the parish, providing recreation, community building, and networking for our parishioners and friends. We expect more than 125 employees, parishioners, and sponsors to participate in the fun. Funding from this tournament will go toward St. Pat's Catholic School and future renovations for the Parish. Sponsor registration is open now and participant registration will open soon! Please visit [stpatrickparish.org/golf](http://stpatrickparish.org/golf) to learn more.

**WHEN:** May 20, 2024

**WHERE:** The Hawk Country Club



# Giving

## Current Week

Mar 9-10 \$65,139

## 4 Week Average

Feb 18 - Mar 10 \$59,390

## Weekly Goal

through Oct 2024 \$57,500

## Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Current amount raised \$283,201

Last year's amount raised \$338,198

# Parish Stewardship

## Stewardship in Action

Recently, the Ladies auxiliary donated a new, custom made bookshelf to the St. Michael Adoration Chapel.

Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all they do in our community & Parish.

For more info on the Ladies, visit [stpatrickparish.org/ladies](http://stpatrickparish.org/ladies).



Donna Fike & Doris Braddock presenting Msgr with the donation check.

# Community News

## Baptisms

Giovanni Michael Galasso, parents Michael and Samantha Galasso

Jaxson Myles Popp, parents Kyle and Joanna Popp

Francesco Greco, parents Eduardo and Marissa Greco

## Weddings

No Weddings this week

## Funerals

Theresa Cihlar

Connie Kinzler

William Kay

Marimae Kane

Dan Cosgrove

Frederick Ginsburg

# Weekly Intentions

## Monday

7 AM † Mary Louise Bara NP  
8 AM † Betty Micek DD

## Tuesday

7 AM † Ryan Butcher AR  
8 AM † John & Christine Wiedemann NP

## Wednesday

7 AM † George Funk AR  
8 AM † Patrick Lynn NP

## Thursday

7 AM † Carol Lazynski NP  
8 AM † Joe and Laura Lang AR

## Friday

7 AM † Larry Hennessy AR  
8 AM † Antonio & Angela Bondi DD

## Saturday

8:30 AM † Eudalia Regole AR  
4 PM † Timothy Young NP  
4:30 PM For the People of St Patrick DD

## Sunday

7:30 AM † John Tira AR  
8:00 AM † Dolores Wolpoff DD  
9:00 AM Allison & Dante Macaluso (S.I.) AR  
9:30 AM Deacon Grant Colborn NP  
10:30 AM † The Brandonisio Family DD  
11 AM † Beata Wybraniec NP  
5 PM † Robert Marek NP

## Flame of Faith

CR † Betty Micek  
DT † George Liker, Sr.

# Vocations Crucifix

Each week, two St. Pat's families take a relic of the True Cross into their homes to pray. Email [danner46@yahoo.com](mailto:danner46@yahoo.com) (DT) or [ann\\_kennedy@ymail.com](mailto:ann_kennedy@ymail.com) (CR) to sign up.

CR: The Erickson Family

DT: Katie Salk

# Please Welcome our Incoming RCIA Candidates!

Stay tuned next week to hear about the rest of our candidates and keep them all in your prayers!



**KAITLYN MARTIN**

I was baptized as an infant and had my first holy communion in second grade. As an adult, I have been able to experience the community built at St. Pat's (attending Mass and

participating in Alpha) and knew it was a community I would like to be a part of. RCIA has helped me reflect on the teachings of the church first introduced to me in second grade while also sparking a more significant desire to get more involved in the church community. Thank you so much to the RCIA Team, our speakers, Msgr. Deutsch, Fr. Pacer, Fr. Arnold, for your guidance, teachings, and support. I am so humbled and excited to be confirmed (finally) and for all that will come in my journey within my faith.



**JESSICA MUSCIA**

I've always had faith and felt the call for God and His Church, but was not sure where to begin. When my newly engaged, younger sister, Amanda, said she was going to

start RCIA classes to be baptized for her upcoming wedding at St. Pat's, I decided it was the perfect time to finally be brought into the church. I discussed my decision with my fiancé, Joe, and he was very supportive. To my surprise, he attended the first class with us, then decided to continue classes. We are blessed to have family members as our sponsors. I am so grateful to go through this process as a family, as it has made our relationships stronger.



**JASON KEEGAN**

I was born and raised on the East coast. Along with my two brothers, we were raised with Christian values but without formal structure or religious education. I have always

had some religious belief but never applied it to the way I lived. It wasn't until my 40's that I realized God had a plan for me. God's not so subtle reminder for me was both a push and pull towards the faith. The push was a painful change in my family dynamic and the pull came in the forms of a strong group of faith filled Catholic men whom I now consider brothers, along with my mom's strength as a believer, and one of the strongest woman I know, my partner, Aimee, who has steadfastly sponsored and supported my journey.



**COURTNEY HABAS**

My husband and I will soon be for married 20 years. He is Catholic, and I have always thought about joining the faith. We have 3 wonderful children who have all been raised Catholic: Brady (14), Mackenzie (11), and Riley

(9). After my youngest received her First Communion last spring, I made joining the Church a priority so I could finally fully participate in Mass with my family. I am forever grateful for the amazing friends and family that helped me make this dream a reality. I am also thankful to the incredible team who dedicate their time to RCIA.



**JOE SWEARINGEN**

I know God has been by my side my whole life as I've had a few life-threatening events happen to me, and I've been blessed to pull through. When my fiancée, Jessica, and her

sister made the decision to go to RCIA, I felt this was my time to be brought into the Church to show my appreciation to God for those times that I needed Him most.



**MICHAEL SCHAFER**

I was baptized Catholic and with very devout grandparents I have always believed in Jesus Christ as our Savior. My wife, Olivia, is an amazing person who shares my

passion for the Lord. Because of her and a gentle push from a great priest we got married in the church this past year. By attending mass and RCIA I have become awakened to a whole new world. I feel my life is more complete than I have ever experienced because of my growing relationship with Christ. I am very excited as my family continues on this amazing journey.

# Events & Fundraisers

## Loaves & Fishes Dinners

Join St. Pat's Loaves & Fishes ministry for a free community dinner for those in need. Volunteers and donations are encouraged. Please visit [tinyurl.com/y3z9kgvo](http://tinyurl.com/y3z9kgvo).

**WHEN:** Mar 18, 5-7 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Downtown



## Knight's Easter Egg Hunt

Join us for our yearly Easter Egg Hunt with the Knights of Columbus. This event will be the perfect opportunity to celebrate the coming Christ with our little ones in a fun & community-based way. We hope to see you there! To register, please visit [stpatrickparish.org/egghunt](http://stpatrickparish.org/egghunt).

**WHEN:** Saturday, Mar 30, 11 AM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's School Athletic Field

## Reflections on the Triduum | Sem. Darren

Jesus' victory over sin and death is so great that the celebration takes place over three days—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Join us for Darren's upcoming talk and enter more deeply into Christ's Resurrection.

**WHEN:** Mar 25, 7-8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall



## Sanctuary Series for Catholics

How can a church become a sanctuary—a place where individuals living with mental health challenges feel safe, supported, and provided with a sense of belonging? The Sanctuary Series for Catholics was created to address this important question. Developed in consultation with mental health professionals, theologians, and people with lived experience, this eight-session series explores key mental health topics and examines meaningful ways to offer companionship, support recovery, and promote wellbeing. The course does not require previous mental health training. It is meant for anyone who would like to learn about the intersection of faith and mental health. If you would like to learn more, please join us for this informative series.

**WHEN:** starting Wednesday Apr 24, 7 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center



## Be Reconciled 2024

Be Reconciled is a diocese-wide initiative in which every parish of the diocese makes the sacrament available throughout the day. Join us and be reconciled.

**WHEN:** Mar 20, 9 AM - 8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Michael Adoration Chapel



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# Holy Week & Easter Schedules

*Behold, I make all things new - Revelation 21:5*

## **Holy Thursday:**

CRANE RD: Lord's Supper, 7 PM

DOWNTOWN: Lord's Supper,  
6 PM (ESP)

## **Good Friday:**

CRANE RD: Good Friday Liturgy, 12 PM;  
Stations, 7 PM

DOWNTOWN: Stations, 11 AM (ESP);  
Good Friday Liturgy, 3 PM; Good  
Friday Liturgy, 6 PM (ESP)

## **Holy Saturday:**

CRANE RD: Blessing of the Baskets,  
10:30 AM; Easter Vigil, 7:30 PM

DOWNTOWN: Easter Vigil 5 PM (ESP)

## **Easter Sunday:**

CRANE RD: 6:30 AM Mass, 8 AM Mass,  
9:30 AM Mass, & 11 AM Mass

DOWNTOWN: 7:30 AM Mass, 9 AM  
Mass, 10:30 AM Mass, 5 PM Mass (ESP)

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## Bereavement Book Study

Are you looking for healing amidst grief? Join St. Pat's Bereavement Ministry for a 6-week book study on "Finding a Loving God in the Midst of Grief" by Susan Erschen, published by The Word Among Us Press. Please purchase before the first meeting. Contact [ihollenbach@comcast.net](mailto:ihollenbach@comcast.net) or 630-386-5805 to sign up.

**WHEN:** starting April 2, 6:30 - 8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Francis



## St. Pat's Book Club - Mere Christianity

Lewis tells us Mere Christianity was written to "...explain and defend the belief...common to nearly all Christians...that there is one God and that Jesus Christ is His only Son." Christians everywhere have found their faith revitalized by Mere Christianity's wonderfully simple and profound messages. If you want to confirm the wonder of God and grow in wisdom through dialogue or if you wonder what mere Christianity is, please join us. Register at [stpatrickparish.org/bookclub](http://stpatrickparish.org/bookclub).

**WHEN:** starting May 2, 6:45 - 8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd

## LoveEd - Empowering Parents & Teens

LoveEd was created so that our parishes could empower parents to effectively teach their children about the beauty of love and sexuality within the context of our Christian Faith. Register at [stpatrickparish.org/LoveEd](http://stpatrickparish.org/LoveEd)

**FOR PARENTS:** Apr 6, 4-5:30 PM

**FOR PARENTS & AGES 9-11:** Apr 13, 4 PM

**FOR PARENTS & AGES 12-14:** Apr 20, 4 PM



## Knight's of Columbus Golf Outing

Save the Date for the 25th Annual Knights of Columbus "Never Give Up on Life" Golf Outing. Golfers, sponsors, raffle/auction donations are welcome. All outing profits will go to support the Pro-Life ministry of Corbella Clinic. For more info, contact [ftkarl@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ftkarl@sbcglobal.net) or 847.373.2922.

**WHEN:** July 15, 202

**WHERE:** Elgin Country Club

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# Resources

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## New here?

We are so excited that you want to join our parish! Finding a welcoming, vibrant, and faithful community is a step toward your best future. We can't wait to get to know you.

**You're home here.**

**You're welcome here.**

**You belong here.**

Learn more at [stpatrickparish.org/welcome](http://stpatrickparish.org/welcome).

## Need Prayer?

Our Prayer Circle accepts intentions and offers them up in prayer. Add your intention by visiting [stpatrickparish.org/prayer](http://stpatrickparish.org/prayer) or email [laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net).

## Homebound Ministry

Unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Lord? Our Sick & Homebound Ministry may be able to help you. Contact the Office at 630.338.8000 or email Deacon Jim Mellin at [jmellin@stpatrickparish.org](mailto:jmellin@stpatrickparish.org) for details.

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## Corbella Clinic Women's Healthcare

Hope, support, & resources for unexpected pregnancies. Call 847.697.0200 or text 224.268.5848. Or text HOME to 741741.

## Project Rachel

Support to begin post-abortion healing. Call 815.387.3379 or visit [hopeafterabortion.org](http://hopeafterabortion.org).

## Catholic Charities

630.820.3220

## St. Vincent de Paul

SVDP serves those in need. For assistance, please call 630.338.8270.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

630.377.6610

## Baptisms

Baptism is the sacrament of new life. We become a child of God through this sacrament and enter into God's family, the Church. Visit [stpatrickparish.org/baptism](http://stpatrickparish.org/baptism)

## Weddings

We love marriage and want to support healthy families to be the bedrock of our community. If you're engaged, we invite you to visit [stpatrickparish.org/marriage](http://stpatrickparish.org/marriage) to help you prepare for a wedding at St. Pat's.

## Funerals

Losing a loved one is challenging. We are here to help and walk with you in such times.

Visit [stpatrickparish.org/funerals](http://stpatrickparish.org/funerals) for information and assistance.

## Adoration

Would you consider spending an hour with Jesus? Visit [adorationpro.org/patrickcharles](http://adorationpro.org/patrickcharles) to sign up.

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## 988 Crisis Lifeline

Free & confidential emotional support for people in crisis or emotional distress 24/7. Call or text 988 or visit [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) for an online chat.

## National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI supports, educations, & advocates for individuals & families affected by mental illness. Call 847.410.9719 for the Kane County North Chapter or visit [namikcn.org](http://namikcn.org).

## Tri City Family Services

Mental health services for clients of all ages and income levels. Call 630.232.1070.

## Suicide Prevention Services Batavia

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