



# ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, July 12, 2026

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“A SOWER  
WENT OUT TO  
**SOW.**”

— MATTHEW 13:3 —

# New Here? Welcome

We are so glad you are considering making St. Pat's your parish home.

At St. Pat's, we strive to love God, to love one another, and to make Jesus first in all we do.

**You're home here.  
You're welcome here.  
You belong here.**

To register as a new parishioner, email Penny at [pfigueras@stpatrikparish.org](mailto:pfigueras@stpatrikparish.org)



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## Locations & Hours

**Parish Office | 630.338.8000**

6N487 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175  
M-F | 8 AM-12 PM, 12:30 PM-4 PM

**St. Pat's Crane Rd**

6N491 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175

**St. Pat's Downtown**

400 Cedar Street, St. Charles, IL 60174

**Hispanic Ministry Office | 630.338.8290**

**Our Catholic School | 630.338.8100**

787 Crane Road, St. Charles, IL 60175

**Our Preschool | 630.338.8200**

118 N. 5th Street, St. Charles, IL 60174

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Weekly Email



Old Bulletins



[@stpatrikparish](https://www.instagram.com/stpatrickcatholicparish)

# From the Pastor:

MSGR. DEUTSCH

*“Whenever something like this happens, faithful Catholics sometimes wonder whose side they should be on. The answer is beautifully simple. We stay with Peter.”*



Dear Parishioners,

Every so often, stories appear in the news that leave faithful Catholics scratching their heads. Over the past few weeks many of you have probably seen headlines about the Society of St. Pius X (SSPX), unauthorized ordinations of bishops, excommunications, and the earlier excommunication of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò. Understandably, people ask, “Msgr., what is going on?”

Before talking about those particular events, I’d like to begin somewhere else.

When the disciples found themselves caught in a violent storm on the Sea of Galilee, they were terrified. The waves battered the boat. The wind howled. It seemed as though everything was about to fall apart. Yet one thing remained true: Jesus was in the boat.

That image has always been one of my favorites because it reminds us that the Church has weathered many storms over the past two thousand years. There have been persecutions, heresies, scandals, weak leaders, confusing moments, and painful divisions. Every generation has wondered if its storm was the worst. Yet every generation has discovered the same truth: Christ never abandons His Church.

For Catholics, one of the greatest gifts Christ gave His Church was Peter. Jesus entrusted Peter with the keys of the Kingdom (Matthew 16:18-19), prayed that his faith would not fail (Luke 22:31-32), and commissioned him to strengthen his brothers. Those promises did not end with Peter’s death. They continue in each of his successors, the Bishops of Rome—the Popes.

That is why unity with the Holy Father matters so much.

The recent controversy involving the SSPX is not really about the Latin Mass or liturgical preferences. Nor is the case of Archbishop Viganò simply about disagreements over Church policies or the Second Vatican Council. At their heart, both situations concern something much deeper: communion with the Successor of Peter.

The Church teaches that no bishop may ordain another bishop without the approval of the Pope because bishops do not simply lead local communities; together with the Holy Father they share responsibility for the unity of the entire Church. When someone knowingly rejects that communion or acts against it, the wound is not merely disciplinary—it touches the very unity Christ desired for His Church.

# *From the Pastor:*

MSGR. DEUTSCH  
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This has happened before. In 1988, Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre ordained bishops without papal approval. In response, Pope St. John Paul II wrote the apostolic letter *Ecclesia Dei adflicta*, explaining that such an act constituted a schismatic act—a rupture of ecclesial communion. More recently, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò publicly rejected the authority of the Roman Pontiff and key teachings of the Church, leading to his declaration of excommunication.

Whenever something like this happens, faithful Catholics sometimes wonder whose side they should be on. The answer is beautifully simple. We stay with Peter.

We may not understand every decision a pope makes. We may wish he had handled something differently. We may have questions. Saints throughout history certainly did. But the saints never concluded that they knew better than the Church Christ established. They remained faithful, prayed for the Holy Father, spoke with charity, and trusted that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church through imperfect human instruments.

The Pope is not perfect. No pope has ever been. But the office Christ entrusted to Peter is. The Church does not ask us to believe that every papal opinion is inspired. She asks us to trust Christ's promise that He will never abandon His Church and that He continues to shepherd her through the ministry of Peter.

One final thought about excommunication.

Many people hear that word and imagine punishment or rejection. In reality, excommunication is one of the Church's most loving, though painful, remedies. It is medicinal, not vindictive. Like a physician treating a serious illness or a loving father correcting a wandering child, the Church's deepest hope is always repentance, healing, and reconciliation. She never stops praying for those who have separated themselves from full communion, and she rejoices whenever they return home.

As your pastor, I simply want to encourage you not to let alarming headlines shake your confidence. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Love His Church. Pray every day for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. Pray for our bishops and priests. Pray for those who have wandered from full communion. Above all, remain firmly in the barque of Peter. Storms will come and go, but Christ remains with His Church. He has never failed her, and He never will.

May Our Lady, Mother of the Church, keep us faithful to her Son, united with Peter, and steadfast in the Catholic faith until the day we reach the safe harbor of heaven.

Peace,  
Msgr.



# Summer **SPEAKING SERIES**

This summer, the whole family is invited to join us as we discuss, Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo's new encyclical on artificial intelligence and the God-given magnificence of the human person.

WHERE:  
**THE ARCADA**

WHEN:  
**6-8PM  
JUL 13, JUL 27,  
AUG 10**

WHAT:  
**THE FIRST DRINK FREE  
DINNER DISCOUNTS  
FELLOWSHIP  
GUEST SPEAKERS**

**ST. PATRICK**  
PARISH

## Mass Times & Intentions

Visit [stpatrickparish.org/prayer](http://stpatrickparish.org/prayer) to schedule a Mass Intention or Flame of Faith.

### Monday, July 13

7 AM DT † Mark Runge IO  
8 AM CR † Ronald Zitzlsperger AR

### Tuesday, July 14

7 AM DT † Bridgie Hopkins GC  
8 AM CR † Bonnie Nicklaus IO

### Wednesday, July 15

7 AM DT † William Murphy AR  
8 AM CR Special Intention for Lilly and family IO

### Thursday, July 16

7 AM DT † Jan Willenborg GC  
8 AM CR † Edward Pienta, Sr. AR  
6 PM DT Spanish Mass

### Friday, July 17

7 AM DT † William T. Reynolds IO  
8 AM CR † Susanne M. Ferris GC

### Saturday, July 18

8:30 AM DT † The Thomas Meere Family AR  
4 PM CR † Glenn Woloszyk IO  
4:30 PM DT † Leslie Enzenbacher DD

### Sunday, July 19

7:30 AM DT † Wm & Ida Heisten DD  
8 AM CR † Dennis Perry AR  
9 AM DT † Richard Komar GC  
9:30 AM CR † Manuel Rea IO  
10:30 AM DT † Helen Hoge AR  
11 AM CR For the People of St. Patrick IO  
5 PM CR Special Intention for Theresa Rose GC  
5 PM DT Spanish Mass

### Flame of Faith

CR † Alice Selke  
DT † Rudy Gaugel

## Confession & Adoration

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

### Confession Times:

Monday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM @ CR  
Tuesday | 7:30 AM @ DT, 6-6:30 PM @ CR  
Wednesday | 7:30 AM @ DT  
Saturday | 9-9:30 AM @ DT, 3-3:30 PM @ CR

### Adoration Schedule:

Crane Rd | 12 PM Sunday – 12 PM Saturday  
Downtown | 7:30 AM Wed – 6:45 AM Thursday

## As a Parish, We Pray

To add or extend a name please call the Parish Office.

### For the Recently Deceased

Dennis Hanlon | Guadalupe Kelly | Rita Radloff |  
Lucila Ramirez | Herbert Pasteur | Judith Sester |  
Yin Wah Cho | Richard Lechleider | Suzanne Rieth |  
Guy Willenbacher | Janet Bernice Pawl | Liam Leon

### For the Sick of Our Community

Lorenzo Amodeo | Cindy | Frank | Dr. Lynn  
Fesenmyer | Victoria Vitraelli | Charles Vokral |  
Robert Fontaine | Gary Bens | Dominic | John Smith |  
Loops Taylor | Dolores Herrmann | Sandra Sjoquist |  
John Corcoran

## Community News

### Recent Baptisms

Emersyn Grace Wolf, daughter of Kevin & Bailey Wolf  
Landry Willow Wolf, son of Kevin & Bailey Wolf

### Recent Weddings

No Recent Weddings

### Upcoming Funerals

July 9 – Judith Sester  
July 10 – Janet Bernice Pawl  
July 10 – Yin Wah Cho

### K of C Raffle Winners

July 11 Winner – #025

## Giving

### Recent Giving

July 6 \$64,467

### 4 Week Average

June 14 – July 5 \$53,440

### Weekly Goal

through October 2026 \$57,500

# *From the Desk of:*

GAIL BROWN | RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ASSISTANT



Dear Parish Family,

My name is Gail M. Brown, and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself.

I have been a parishioner of St. Patrick Parish for over 30 years, and it has been a true blessing to be part of such a wonderful faith community. For the past 26 years, I have had the privilege of serving in our Religious Education program, working with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade.

Working with our children has been one of the greatest joys of my life. Watching them grow in their faith and helping guide them on their spiritual journey has been incredibly rewarding. Over the years, I have also had the pleasure of getting to know so many wonderful families. It has been a blessing to build lasting relationships and witness the strength and faith of our parish community through generations.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our parish and look forward to continuing to support and encourage our children and families as they grow in their relationship with Christ. As we prepare for a new year of Religious Education, I am excited to welcome both returning and new families into our program.

Registration for the 2026–2027 Religious Education year is now open. We encourage you to register as soon as possible, so we can do our best to place your child in the day and time that works best for your family.

We are also always looking for volunteers to join our Religious Education ministry. Our volunteers are truly amazing and play an essential role in making our program successful. If you feel called to share your faith with our children, please consider volunteering. You can find volunteer information on the registration form on our parish website, or you can contact me directly at [gbrown@stpatrickparish.org](mailto:gbrown@stpatrickparish.org).

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family's faith journey. It is an honor to serve this parish, and I look forward to another wonderful year of growing together in faith.

May God continue to bless you and your family.

Gail M. Brown



REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# Events & Ministries

## Discipleship Pathway

FIND YOUR PLACE AT ST. PAT'S

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**BELONG**

Our Belonging ministries focus on connecting you with other people at the Parish. Regardless of past experiences or current questions, everyone who enters our church can find a place to belong.

**EXAMPLES:**

Alpha  
Parish Small Groups  
Youth + Young Adult Ministries  
Bereavement Ministry  
Mental Health Ministry  
Divorce Ministry  
VIP Seniors

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**BELIEVE**

St. Pat's has a variety of programs to help you grow in knowledge of our faith. Whether you're looking for deeper biblical studies or catechetical lectures we have various opportunities to help you broaden your understanding of Catholicism.

**EXAMPLES:**

Formation Courses  
Book Studies  
Bible Studies  
Lecture Series & Talks  
RCIA  
Religious Education

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**BUILD**

As you grow and are blessed through the Parish, we hope that you will seek to pass these blessings along to others. You can do this through volunteering, helping run a ministry, or through spreading the faith through evangelization.

**EXAMPLES:**

Volunteering/Service  
Liturigical Ministries  
Evangelization  
Prayer Ministries

### Youth Ministry Middle School Bonfire Night



Explore all of our Youth Ministry summer opportunities and find one that's right for your teen at [stpatrickparish.org/ministries/youth-ministry#information](https://stpatrickparish.org/ministries/youth-ministry#information).

JOIN US: July 14, 6:30-8 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd

### Family Alpha



No matter where you are on your faith journey, you're welcome at Alpha. Learn more at [stpatrickparish.org/ministries/alpha](https://stpatrickparish.org/ministries/alpha).

JOIN US: July 15, 6 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall

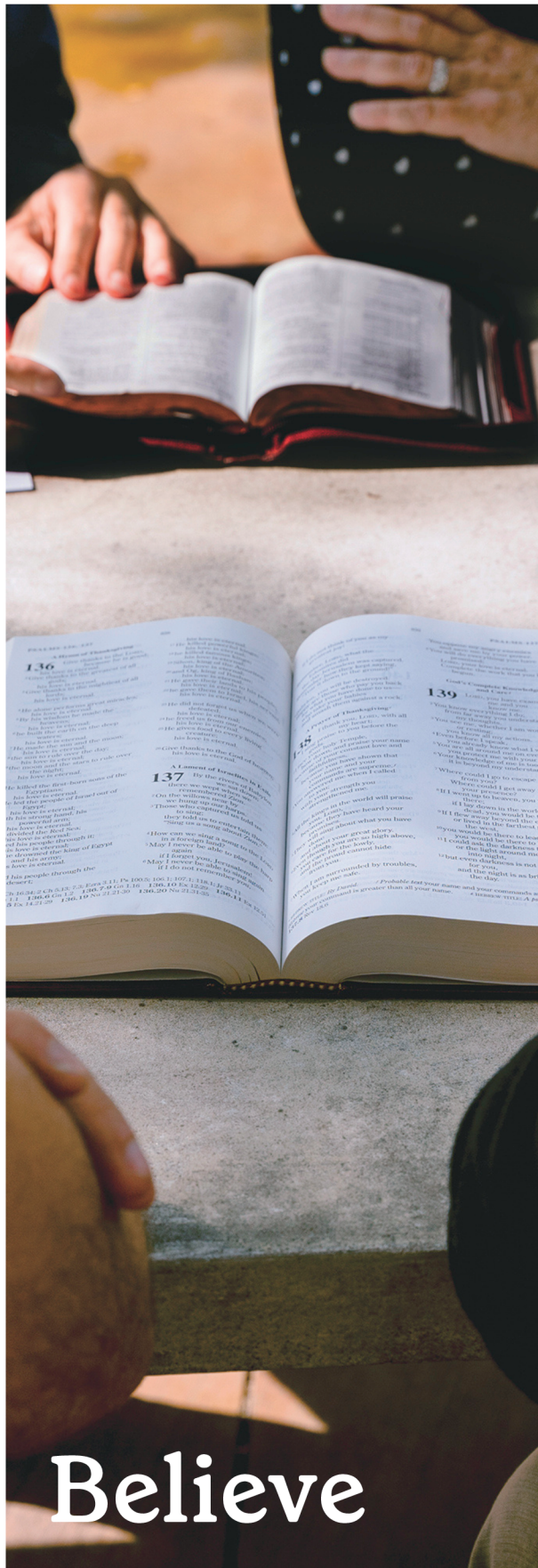
### Embrace Parenthood Hangout

Bring your family and join the fun. Stay after Mass to build connections and community.

JOIN US: July 19 and August 2, 10:30 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, School Playground



# Events & Ministries



## Summer Speaking Series, Night Two

Come be part of the conversation surrounding Pope Leo's new encyclical, Magnifica Humanitas. No registration necessary.

JOIN US: July 13, 6-8 PM, The Arcada Rock 'N Ravioli

## Be Still Retreat

Take a step back from the business of life and reconnect with Christ. Reserve your free spot today.



JOIN US: July 18, 9 AM-12 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall

## Matthew: The King and His Kingdom, a Women's Bible Study



Explore Matthew's Gospel and discover how Christ invites us into His Kingdom. Register today and grow deeper in faith.

JOIN US: Tuesdays, beginning September 8, 9:30 AM-12 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Peter Room or Thursdays, beginning September 10, 6:30-9 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Joseph Room

## Passionate Discipleship, a Women's Bible Study

Explore 2 Timothy and discover how to know Jesus more deeply and share Him confidently in today's world. Register by emailing [wpp.stpats@gmail.com](mailto:wpp.stpats@gmail.com).

JOIN US: Wednesdays, beginning September 16, 9-10:30 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Peter Room

## First Samuel: Establishing the Throne of David, a Men's Bible Study

Discover timeless lessons from First Samuel to apply to our everyday life. Register today by emailing [frankpositano@comcast.net](mailto:frankpositano@comcast.net).

JOIN US: Thursdays, beginning September 17, 6:30-8:30 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Francis Room

## She Shall Be Called Woman

Conversation, prayer, and encouragement as we grow in faith. Register by visiting [stpatrickparish.org/ministries/she-shall-be-called-woman](http://stpatrickparish.org/ministries/she-shall-be-called-woman).



JOIN US: Mondays, beginning September 21, 9-11 AM or 7:15-8:45 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd

# Events & Ministries

## Liturgy of the Hours

Learn to pray the Liturgy of the Hours and experience the richness of the Church's daily prayer.

JOIN US: Monday, July 13 & Wednesday, July 15, 7:15 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, Adoration Chapel

## Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner

Share Christ's love through service and fellowship at Loaves & Fishes. Sign up today to volunteer or donate.



JOIN US: July 20, 5-7 PM, St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center

## St. Vincent de Paul Pickup

Support our neighbors in need by donating non-perishable food items to St. Vincent de Paul each month.

JOIN US: First Sunday of the Month, after all Masses, St. Pat's Crane Rd and St. Pat's Downtown

## Ladies Auxiliary

Join the Ladies Auxiliary for fellowship, service, and friendship as we support parish life and grow together in faith.

JOIN US: August 3, 7-9:30 PM, St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center

## Kids Lead the Rosary

Help your children grow in faith through the Rosary, family prayer, and community. All families are welcome.

JOIN US: August 9, 9:30 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, School In-ground Rosary

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Create handmade shawls, offer prayers, and bring comfort to others through this ministry of care.

JOIN US: August 12, 5-7 PM St. Pat's Downtown, Rempe Room 106



# St. Patrick Catholic School



As we enjoy the summer season, we invite our parish family to keep our students, families, faculty, and staff in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support of Catholic education and for helping us build a community where faith and learning flourish together.

[stpatsirish.org](http://stpatsirish.org)

## Youth Ministry

### Bonfire Nights

(TUES @ 6:30PM-8PM)

A night dedicated to building community and having fun offered to all incoming 6th graders through outgoing 8th graders.

### Buffalo Wild Wings

(TUES @ 3PM-4:30PM)

Come hang out with us each week as we take on the Buffalo Wild Wings Challenge. All incoming 9th graders through outgoing 12th graders are invited, so bring a friend!

***Plus, your wings are on us!***



June 16th  
June 23rd  
June 30th  
July 7th  
July 14th  
July 21st  
July 28th  
August 4th



HOSTED BY ST. JOHN NEUMANN AND  
ST. PATRICK PARISH

# BE STILL

## A DIOCESAN RETREAT

*A morning to rest in  
the presence of God.*

Looking for a peaceful escape? Those 12 years old and up can join us to slow down, quiet their minds, and reconnect with the Lord.

The morning includes Scripture, music, gentle activities, and a reflection from Fr. Ian Ordonez. It's a relaxed space to breathe, be still, and leave renewed.

**Come as you are, and bring a friend.**



**8:30 AM**  
CHECK-IN  
& BREAKFAST

**9:00 AM**  
PROGRAM  
BEGINS

FREE  
REGISTER HERE



SCRIPTURE • MUSIC  
GENTLE ACTIVITIES • REFLECTION  
WITH FR. IAN ORDONEZ



**JOIN US**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 18**  
**9:00 AM – 12:00 PM**




**ST. PAT'S CRANE RD**  
**DEMPSEY HALL**



**Ages 12 and  
up welcome**

For questions or more information,  
contact Marilyn DeStefano at

 **630.673.9331**

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD.

- PSALM 46:10 -

# In the Community



## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Reignite Your Marriage! Grow closer to each other and God on the Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Sept 18-20 at Geneva Comfort Inn. Early registration is encouraged! For information or to register, call Tim & Doris Trout at 630.482.2572, email [Tim.doris.trout@wwme.org](mailto:Tim.doris.trout@wwme.org), or visit [wwme.org](http://wwme.org). Additional weekends: Oct. 9-11, and Dec. 4-6.



## Mercy for the Starving for Feed My Starving Children

Support Mercy for the Starving's meal packing event October 2-3 at St. Pat's Crane Road! Just \$0.29 provides one meal—\$106 feeds a child for a year. Our goal: 187,000 meals and 500 children fed. Give online at [give.fmssc.org/mercy](http://give.fmssc.org/mercy) or by check. For questions, please email [info@mercyforthestarving.org](mailto:info@mercyforthestarving.org).



## Job Opportunity: Pro-Life Nurse Manager

Corbella Clinic in South Elgin is seeking a faith-filled Nurse Manager (Director of Patient Services). Corbella's mission is to uphold the dignity of every human life by providing life-affirming care and support for mothers. Competitive benefits offered. Learn more and apply at [MissionariesofLife.org/job-opportunities](http://MissionariesofLife.org/job-opportunities) or visit [CorbellaClinic.org](http://CorbellaClinic.org).



## Discover Cursillo

Cursillo invites men and women to deepen their relationship with Christ and live their faith more fully. Upcoming weekends: Men's Nov. 5-8; Women's Nov. 12-15. Contact Mark Powell, 630.329.6444, [mark.powell6444@gmail.com](mailto:mark.powell6444@gmail.com), or Lori Powell, 630.234.6929, [lorihp1997@proton.me](mailto:lorihp1997@proton.me), to learn more or to register.

# Resources

## Need Prayer?

Our Prayer Circle accepts intentions and offers them up in prayer. Add your intention by emailing [laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net).

## OCIA

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church or receiving sacraments you may have missed? Start the process by calling our Parish Office at 630.338.8000.

## Homebound Ministry

Our Sick & Homebound Ministry is here to help you. Contact the Parish Office at 630.338.8000 or email Deacon Jim Mellin at [jmellin@stpatrickparish.org](mailto:jmellin@stpatrickparish.org) for details.

## 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, where we become a child of God 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).

## 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.

## 988 Crisis Lifeline

Free 24/7 support for people in crisis or emotional distress. 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 or visit [namikcn.org](http://namikcn.org).

## Retrouvaille Marriage Support

A lifeline for Catholic married couples. For support, visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).

## Encourage International

A Roman Catholic apostolate for those who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. Visit [couragerc.org](http://couragerc.org).