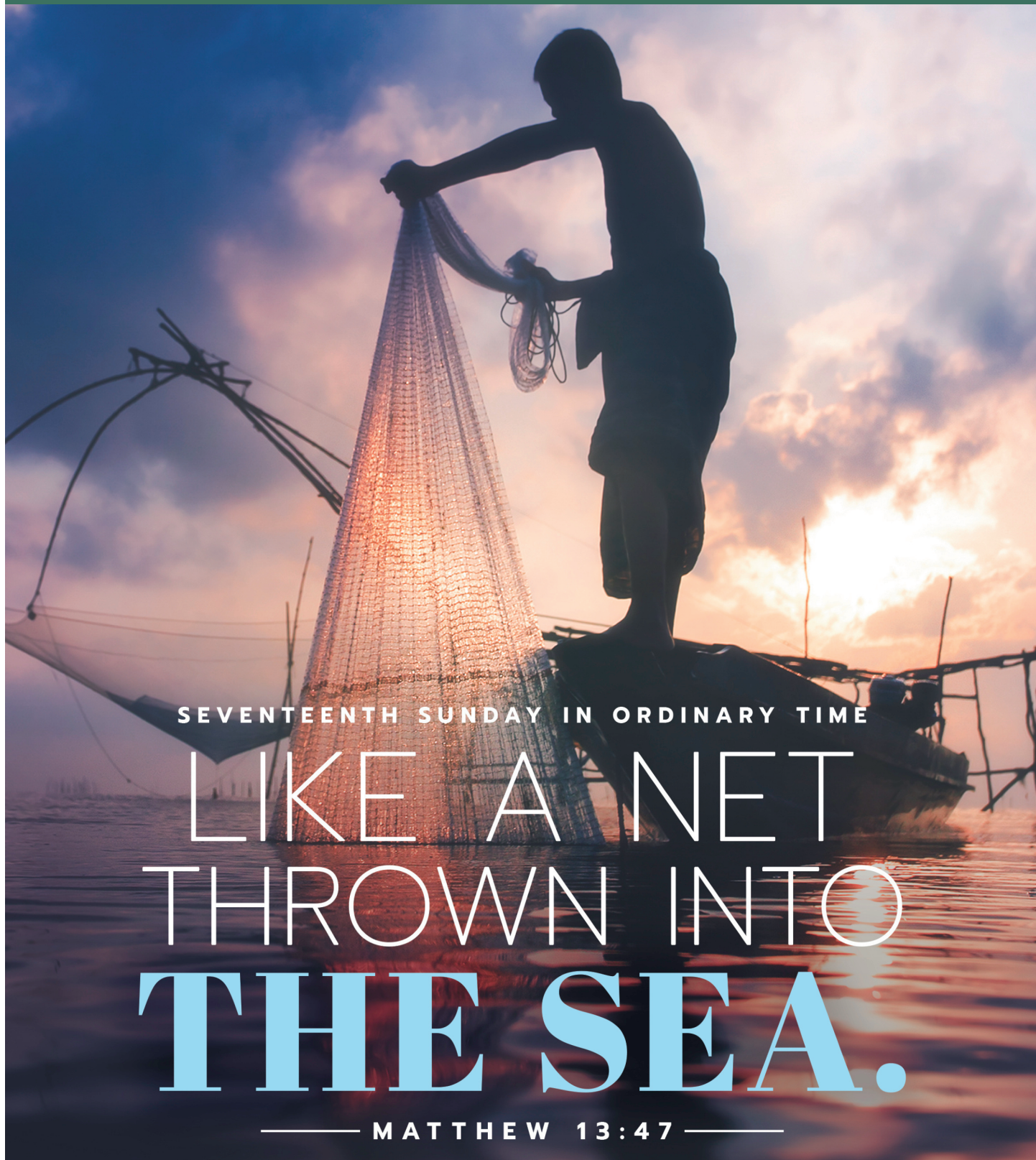




ST. PATRICK PARISH

Sunday, July 26, 2026

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

LIKE A NET
THROWN INTO
THE SEA.

— MATTHEW 13:47 —

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@stpatrickparish.org

⊕ Priests & Deacons

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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
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Weekly Email



Old Bulletins



@stpatrickcatholicparish

From the Pastor:

MSGR. DEUTSCH

"Faithfulness in small things often bears the greatest fruit."



Dear Parishioners,

Most Catholics are familiar with the season of Lent before Easter. Fewer people know that the Church also has a beautiful tradition known as St. Michael's Lent.

This is not an official liturgical season or an obligation for Catholics. Rather, it is a voluntary forty-day period of prayer, sacrifice, and spiritual renewal that begins on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and concludes on September 29, the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael.

The tradition dates back more than 800 years to St. Francis of Assisi. Before celebrating the Feast of St. Michael, St. Francis would spend forty days in prayer, fasting, and reflection, asking God to make him more faithful and courageous. During one of these periods of prayer, he received the extraordinary gift of the stigmata.

We live in a world that often feels noisy, distracted, and divided. Families face tremendous pressures. Young people struggle with anxiety and loneliness. Temptation is everywhere, and our faith can easily grow weak if we are not intentional about nurturing it.

That is why I would like to invite our entire parish to observe St. Michael's Lent this year.

Think of it as forty days to grow stronger spiritually. Forty days to pray more intentionally. Forty days to ask the Lord to strengthen our marriages, protect our children, deepen our faith, and make our parish a place where Christ is truly known and loved.

You do not have to do something extraordinary. Faithfulness in small things often bears the greatest fruit.

Here are a few simple ways you might participate:

- Attend Mass one extra day each week if your schedule allows.
- Pray the St. Michael Prayer every day.
- Spend a few minutes each day reading the Gospels.
- Visit Jesus in Eucharistic Adoration.
- Offer a small sacrifice such as giving up sweets, unnecessary screen time, or another comfort.
- Pray a daily Rosary or even just one decade for your family.
- Go to Confession during these forty days.
- Perform one intentional act of kindness or charity each day.
- Pray especially for our parish, our priests, our school, and all who are struggling.

From the Pastor:

MSGR. DEUTSCH | CONTINUED

If you enjoy praying with guided reflections, I also encourage you to explore the Hallow app. It offers a wonderful St. Michael's Lent prayer series that many people find helpful in establishing a daily rhythm of prayer.



As a parish, let us unite one special intention throughout these forty days. Let us pray that St. Michael will protect our families, strengthen our children, renew our parish, and help each of us become the saint God created us to be.

The Book of Revelation reminds us that St. Michael and his angels fought against the powers of evil. We, too, are engaged in a spiritual battle—not against one another, but against whatever keeps us from God. We do not fight that battle alone. Christ has already won the victory, and He gives us His grace through prayer, the sacraments, and the communion of saints.

I hope you will consider joining me beginning August 15. Whether your offering is large or small, God will bless every sincere effort to draw closer to Him.

May St. Michael defend us in battle, Our Lady keep us under her mantle, and Jesus Christ lead us ever closer to His Sacred Heart.

Peace,
Msgr.

CALLED BY NAME SUMMER EVENING SERIES

A VOCATION'S OFFICE INITIATIVE

WHEN: THURSDAY, JULY 30TH

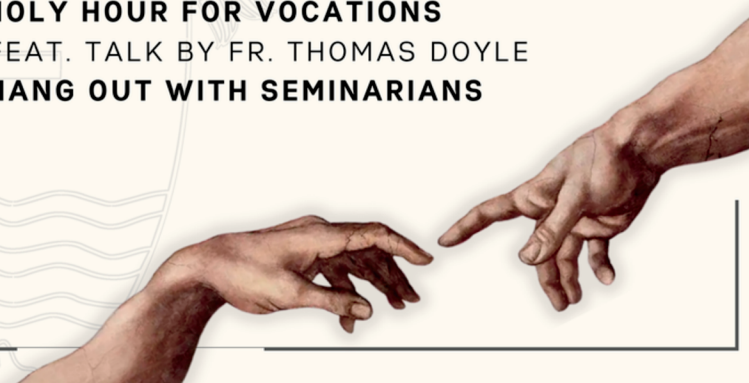
WHERE: HOLY CROSS, BATAVIA

WHO: MEN DISCERNING AND ALL FAITHFUL

7:00 P.M. HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

FEAT. TALK BY FR. THOMAS DOYLE

8:00 P.M. HANG OUT WITH SEMINARIANS



Celebrate 175 years at

Tacos & Bingo Night



ST. PAT'S CRANE RD,
DEMPSEY HALL

AUGUST 1, 2026
AFTER THE 4 PM MASS



Grab your family, invite a friend, and join us
for tacos, bingo, and a night to remember!

ADMISSION

Family: \$25

Senior: \$12

Single: \$15

BINGO CARDS

1 for \$5

4 for \$15

PAYMENT

GiveCentral or
cash or check at
the Parish Office

stpatrickparish.org/events/celebrate-175-tacos-bingo-night

Mass Times & Intentions

Visit stpatrickparish.org/prayer to schedule a Mass Intention or Flame of Faith.

Monday, July 27

7 AM DT	† Robert Zoodsma	DD
8 AM CR	† Donald Petersen, III	DD

Tuesday, July 28

7 AM DT	† Deceased members of the Helmberger family	GC
8 AM CR	† Sue and Tim Murphy	DD

Wednesday, July 29

7 AM DT	† Tina Surles	DD
8 AM CR	† Eileen Leslie	GC

Thursday, July 30

7 AM DT	† Vivian Struck	GC
8 AM CR	† Frank Lievrouw	GC
6 PM DT	Spanish Mass	

Friday, July 31

7 AM DT	† Bernie & Patricia Deutsch	DD
8 AM CR	† Ann & Bob Harms	GC

Saturday, August 1

8:30 AM DT	† Donald Patrick Sr.	GC
4 PM CR	For the People of St. Patrick	DD
4:30 PM DT	† Don McCue	IO

Sunday, August 2

7:30 AM DT	† Veronice Regole	IO
8 AM CR	† James Everett Cooper	GC
9 AM DT	† W. Leigh Rawson	IO
9:30 AM CR	† Mary Ann Lee	DD
10:30 AM DT	† Joyce Foley	GC
11 AM CR	† Donald Oesterlin	DD
5 PM CR	† Antoinette & Robert Simon	GC
5 PM DT	Spanish Mass	

Flame of Faith

CR	† Grace Cannarozzi
AC	† Janet Masuda

Confession & Adoration

Would you consider spending an hour with Jesus? Visit 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

Herbert Pasteur | Judith Sester | Yin Wah Cho |
Richard Lechleider | Suzanne Rieth | Guy Willenbacher | Janet Bernice Pawl | Liam Leon |
Rhanda Kranz | Gaetana Johnson | Colleen Messacar |
Kenneth Bluett | Roger Fitzgerald

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

Carmen Carolina Bonnin-Caliendo, daughter of Julian Bonnin & Stephanie Caliendo
Hazel Ann Schepel, daughter of Christopher Schepel & Madeline Merritt
Elliot Robert Romozzi, son of Domenico & Katherine Romozzi
Patrick Joseph Sakolari, son of Patrick & Veronica Sakolari

Recent Weddings

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin & Lauren Groth

Upcoming Funerals

August 8 - Suzanne Rieth

K of C Raffle Winners

July 25 Winner - #165

Giving

Recent Giving

July 19	\$58,668.93
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4 Week Average

June 29 - July 19	\$58,422
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Weekly Goal

through October 2026	\$57,500
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From the Desk of:

TARA MCGILL | EMBRACE PARENTHOOD MINISTRY LEADER

Hi everyone!

My husband, Patrick, and I lead the Embrace Parenthood Ministry at St. Pat's alongside the Anticevich and Cafaro families. We have six boys, ages 1–12, so we know summer with young kids can feel like a whirlwind! I wanted to share a couple of fun ways we've found to incorporate our faith this summer:

1. We try to make it fun and exciting to find a new Catholic church while we're on vacation. Sometimes extended family members who don't regularly attend Mass join us, and it's a beautiful reminder for our children that our Catholic faith is alive all over the world.
2. We also try to slow down and notice God's beauty in creation, whether it's the intricate details of a seashell, touching the glittering, colorful scales on a bluegill, or soaking in the majestic vastness of a mountain. These little moments naturally lead to conversations about God's goodness and creativity.
3. And, yes, here's my shameless plug: We love to attend Kids Lead the Rosary! It has become one of our family's favorite summer traditions. Here's how it works: We gather at the in-ground Rosary Garden, where each child stands on a Rosary bead. When their bead comes up, they lead the beginning of that prayer. Between each decade, we pause for prayer intentions, and we celebrate with a treat afterward!

There's something beautiful about letting children lead us in prayer. Just as Our Lady of Fatima appeared to young children, we're reminded that God works powerfully through the faith of the young and the young at heart.

Our next Hangout is August 2 and our next Kids Lead the Rosary is August 9. We'd love to have your family join us! Just scan the QR code, and we'll remind you of upcoming events.



Enjoy the rest of your summer!
Tara

As summer continues, remember that faith doesn't take a vacation. Every prayer, every Sunday Mass, every conversation about God, and every opportunity to grow together helps lay the foundation for a lifelong relationship with Christ. As you begin looking ahead to fall, we hope you'll continue that journey through the many faith formation opportunities at St. Patrick Parish, including Religious Education and Confirmation Preparation.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION Registration Now Open

Our one-year Confirmation Preparation is offered to all 8th-grade students. Begin your Confirmation journey today, find registration forms and details at stpatrickparish.org/sacraments/confirmation.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION Registration Now Open

Our Religious Education program is for children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Find the registration form at stpatrickparish.org/ministries/religious-education-for-children#information.

Events & Ministries

Discipleship Pathway

FIND YOUR PLACE AT ST. PAT'S

1

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

2

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

3

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
Liturgical 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 stpatrikparish.org/ministries/youth-ministry#information.

JOIN US: July 28, 6:30-8 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd

Embrace Parenthood Hangout

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

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

Anchored in Love: A Riverboat Date Night

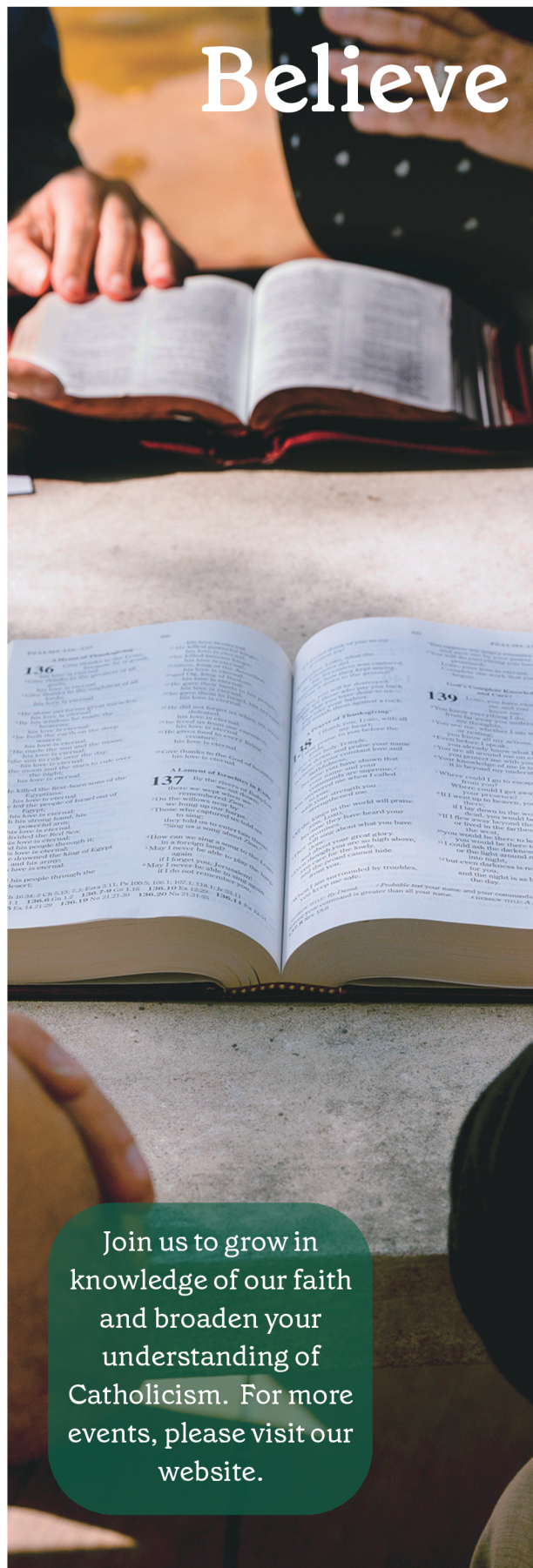


Enjoy a potluck evening with other couples as we strengthen marriages anchored in Christ. Register by August 20 at stpatrikparish.org/events/anchored-in-love-a-riverboat-date-night.

JOIN US: August 23, 5-7:30 PM, St. Charles Riverboat at Pottawatomie Park



Events & Ministries



Believe

Join us to grow in knowledge of our faith and broaden your understanding of Catholicism. For more events, please visit our website.

Summer Speaking Series, Night Three

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

JOIN US: July 27, 6-8 PM, The Arcada

Religious Education Blessing of the Backpacks Mass

Pray for our students and bless their backpacks for the school year ahead.

JOIN US: August 9, 11 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd

St. Michael's Lent



Join Catholic men worldwide for St. Michael's Lent, a 40-day journey of prayer, sacrifice, fraternity, and spiritual growth.

JOIN US: Saturdays, August 15-September 26, 9-10 AM, St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center

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 wwp.stpats@gmail.com.

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

St. Pat's Book Club: The Last Battle

Seek the Wisdom in the Wonder of C.S. Lewis's The Last Battle, a book about the coming of the Antichrist, the End of the World, and the Last Judgement. Register at stpatrikstcharles.typeform.com/battle

JOIN US: Thursdays, August 27-September 24, 6-7:30 PM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Peter Room

Events & Ministries

Liturgy of the Hours

Join us for a bi-weekly recitation of this ancient prayer of the Church using new, easy-to-use books provided by Word on Fire

JOIN US: July 27 and July 29, 7:15 AM, St. Pat's Crane Rd, Adoration Chapel

St. Vincent de Paul Pick Up

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

All Christian women ages 18+ are invited to join the Ladies Auxiliary for our monthly business meeting. Come meet new friends, grow in faith, and get involved in our community!

JOIN US: August 3, 6-9:30 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, 7 PM, St. Pat's Downtown, Rempe Room 106

Loaves & Fishes Community Dinner



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

JOIN US: August 17, 5-7 PM, St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center

Build



Join us for a wide-array of volunteer opportunities and ways to spread the faith to others. For more events, visit our website.

St. Patrick Catholic School



FROM THE PRINCIPAL We're Hiring!

St. Patrick Catholic School is seeking a dedicated and dependable individual to lead our After-School Extended Day program. The ideal candidate will supervise students during post-school hours, ensuring a seamless transition from the classroom to afternoon care. Please reach out to Principal Rocky May at 630.338.8101 for more information.

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Blessing of the Backpacks Mass

All St. Patrick Catholic School students and their families are invited to join us on August 16 for the 11 AM Mass at our Crane Road campus for a special Backpack Blessing. After Mass, continue the celebration with lunch in Dempsey Hall from 12-1 PM with Principal Rocky May. Bring your backpack, receive a blessing for the year ahead, and begin the school year rooted in faith. We can't wait to welcome you back! Please RSVP using the QR code.

JOIN US: August 16, 11 AM Mass, 12-1 PM Lunch,
St. Pat's Crane Rd



ST. PATRICK PRESCHOOL We're Hiring!

Do you enjoy working with young children and looking for a rewarding job where you can make a difference each day? St. Patrick Preschool is hiring a Teacher Assistant and Extended Day Staff at the downtown location for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are interested, please contact Danielle Licitra, Preschool Director, at dlicitra@stpatrickparish.org.



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 27, AUG 10**

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

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In the Community



Pilgrimage to the Poor Clares Monastery

Pope Leo XIV has proclaimed a Jubilee Year of St. Francis from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. The faithful who visit the Poor Clares Monastery Chapel, located at 2111 South Main Street Rockford, Illinois 61102, during this time may gain a plenary indulgence. Visitors are welcome between 7 AM and 5 PM.



No Greater Love: A Catholic Men's Night

The Catholic Church is currently investigating the sainthood cause of Tom Vander Woude, a Virginia father of seven who died in 2008 after jumping into a septic tank to save his son with Down syndrome. Hear his heroic story. Details and RSVP information can be found at <https://givebutter.com/honoring-tom-vander-woude>. Organized by the John Paul II Renewal Center.



Tour de Cure Volunteers Needed

Make a difference in the lives of those affected by diabetes by volunteering at the American Diabetes Association's Tour de Cure on Sunday, August 9, at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles. Volunteers receive a T-shirt, meals during their shift, and the opportunity to serve the community. Visit signup.com/go/zOfiWPS to learn more and sign up.



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, or visit wwme.org. Additional weekends: Oct. 9-11, and Dec. 4-6.



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, or Lori Powell, 630.234.6929, 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.

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@stppatrickparish.org for details.

Baptisms

Baptism is the sacrament of new life, where we become a child of God and enter into God's family, the Church. Visit stppatrickparish.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 stppatrickparish.org/marriage.

Funerals

Losing a loved one is challenging. We are here to help and walk with you in such times. Visit stppatrickparish.org/funerals for information and assistance.

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.

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

988 Crisis Lifeline

Free 24/7 support for people in crisis or emotional distress. Call or text 988 or visit 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.

Retrouvaille Marriage Support

A lifeline for Catholic married couples. For support, visit helpourmarriage.org.

Encourage International

A Roman Catholic apostolate for those who experience same-sex attractions and those who love them. Visit couragec.org.

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