

You Belong Here!



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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 the Pastor

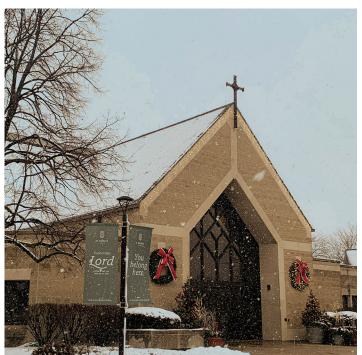
Dear Parishioners.

When I was younger, Christmas break felt way too short and I was never ready to return back to school. Now I go on a week's vacation, and I'm itching to get back and return to my routine. What's that all about? Well, I just think it's a natural feeling when we do too much of any one thing, we find ourselves ready to do something else.

Christmas was amazing! Incredibly busy, but amazing! But by the end of it, I was ready for the regular routine, ready for Ordinary time. Ordinary doesn't mean boring or uninteresting when it comes to our Catholic liturgical seasons, it just means regular. Things are just a bit more regular in Ordinary time: 6 days leading up to the height of the week–Sunday–to be repeated over and over again until we find ourselves ready for a less regular season, whether that be Lent/Easter or Advent/Christmas. And having the regular and the special, I think, helps us to enjoy both more.

So get ready for the regular—the far from ordinary—as the God of the Universe continues to humble himself and give himself to us today in the Eucharist.

Happy New Year, Fr. Pacer



Youth Ministry Kickoffs

Youth Ministry will be back up and running for our Spring semester, and we hope to see all of our middle and high schoolers! We can't wait to see you again in 2024 for more fun and community-building. We will be talking about parables from the Bible, so come check it out!

HIGH SCHOOL: Sunday, Jan 14, 6 PM at St. Pat's Crane Rd

MIDDLE SCHOOL: Wednesday, Jan 17, 6:30 PM at St. Pat's Crane Rd



Giving

Current Week

Jan 6-7 \$59,382

4 Week Average

Dec 17 - Jan 7 \$60,656

Weekly Goal

through Oct 2024 \$57,500

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Current amount raised \$275,696 Last year's amount raised \$338,198

Parish Stewardship

Electronic Giving

To give online, please visit bit.ly/STPGiving. If you give online, contact the office at jhansen@ stpatrickparish.org to stop receiving envelopes.

Matching Gifts

Does your employer provide a matching gift? Find out at *bit.ly/DioGiftMatch*.

Community News

Baptisms

Levi James Bens, son of Nevin and Gabrielle Bens

Weddings

No Weddings this week

Funerals

Grace Rotelli

Mary Burr

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 (DT) or ann_kennedy@ymail.com (CR) to sign up.

CR: The Crockett Family DT: William Rawson

Vocations Crucifix

By signing up for an hour of Adoration, you have the opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus through dedicated weekly silence and prayer. To sign up for an hour, visit *stpatrickparish.org/adoration*.

Weekly Intentions

Monday		
7 ÅM	† Mitzi Rothstein	NP
8 AM	† The Bobek Family	DD
Tuesday		
7 AM	† Judith & Frank Blackmore	AR
8 AM	† Mary Jane Nogal	NP
Wednesday		
7 AM	† James E. Webb, Sr.	AR
8 AM	† Ed & Pat Freundt	NP
Thursday		
7 AM	† John S. Norris	NP
8 AM	† Mary Ruth Roberts	AR
Friday		
7 AM	† Maximus Nazareth	AR
8 AM	† Walter & Mary Foulkes	AR
Saturday		
8:30 AM	† Richard & Betty Pitsch	AR
4 PM	† Fr. Andre Sylvestre	NP
4:30 PM	† Lester Rothstein	AR
Sunday		
7:30 AM	For the People of St Patrick	AR
8:00 AM	† Joseph Pavone	NP
9:00 AM	† Ralph & Vincenza Brandonisio	AR
9:30 AM	† Elena Carravetta	BB
10:30 AM	† Frank Gorham	NP
11 AM	† Sam Peretz	BB
5 PM	Deacon Grant Colborn (S.I.)	AR

Flame of Faith

CR † Austin Barnabeo

DT Graciela Albavera Ortiz (S.I.)

St. Patrick Catholic School

Learn more about our amazing school & how you can help support her work

We are so blessed to have such an amazing Catholic School here at St. Pat's. Through our state-of-the-art academics and faith formation, our students graduate more than ready for High School and whatever the rest of their lives have in store.

Today, we'd like to share a bit more about what makes St. Pat's Catholic School so wonderful for our children. See the graphic below to lean more about what all St. Pat's has to offer.

If you'd like to support the mission of St. Pat's School, please consider joining us for this year's Emerald Evening Gala in just a few weeks. This year, we're taking the party to the Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles. The Vintage Glam theme promises a night filled with delicious appetizers, drinks, and raffles. You can expect to have a blast and make new friends. Get your tickets today at stpatrickparish.org/EE2024.

WHEN: Feb 2, 2024, 6-10 PM

WHERE: Royal Fox Country Club in St. Charles

Highly qualified staff with 75% Master's prepared staff. Instructional assistants across all grade levels, and various specialists in different disciplines.

Science Programing: NGSS aligned curriculum for all grades and Project Lead the Way for grades K-5



High School Acceptance: All 8th graders are accepted into the Catholic high school of their choice



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Faith Formation: School Adoration

Class, Daily Mass,

Mass participation





Extra Programming: Orchestra, Band, Choir, Math Team, Student Service Leaders, Chess, Theatre, Academic Decathlon, & Battle of the Books

Events & Fundraisers

Young Adult Tap In

Join other young Catholics from St. Pat's and the greater Fox Valley for the first Tap In of the year! This month, we will be joined by Youth Minister, Lauren Wright, for a talk on understanding where the Lord is calling you during your 20s & 30s.

WHEN: Jan 16, 6 PM

WHERE: Riverlands Brewing, St. Charles



Loaves and Fishes Dinners

Join St. Pat's Loaves & Fishes ministry for a free community dinner for those in need. It's an opportunity to serve and an opportunity to accompany others in our community. Volunteers and donations are encouraged. Please visit *tinyurl.com/y3z9kgvo*.

WHEN: Jan 15, 5-7 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown

Men's Bible Study

God raised up prophets in ancient Israel to teach the people the laws of God, call for repentance, and bear witness of Christ. This winter, St. Patrick Men's Bible Study will begin a ten-week Bible study on Prophets: Messengers of God's Mercy. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by group discussion and fellowship. Register at stpatrickparish.org/SPMBS.

WHEN: beginning Jan 18, 2024, 7 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd



Walking with Purpose

Walking With Purpose strives to bring women closer to our Lord through Scripture. Our growing community would love for you to join us this winter for our next study, Living in the Father's Love. To register, please email wwp.stpats@gmail.com.

WHEN: starting Jan 17, 9:30-11 AM

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd



The life-changing stories that emerge from Alpha each semester are truly breathtaking. One of our previous Alpha attendees, Giovanna, a young woman and cradle Catholic, has shared her transformative experience at Alpha and how it helped rekindle her faith.

What was your perspective on faith before Alpha?

I grew up Catholic. However, in the past three years, my faith was on the sidelines. I felt like I only needed to reach out if I needed it. But Alpha helped me see in a new light how my faith could take center stage and add more to the meaning of life. More joy and steadfast peace even amidst struggles, stress and hard times.

What has your experience in small group?

Small groups became an added support system in my life when it came to exploring my faith as a Chrisitan. It's something moving forward that I want to continue having in my life.

Do you have a main "takeaway" from Alpha?

Faith and fellowship go like PB+J. You kind of can't have one without the other. I mean one could try. . . but at the end it might feel like something is missing. Coming together with others helped me understand my own faith journey. I appreciated taking the time out of my week to get to know others who share different journeys and perspectives.

What would you say to someone considering Alpha?

The Alpha course meets you where you're at. I came to this Alpha course feeling hopeless with where my life was taking me. I wanted a chance to meet new people and re-explore my faith. Looking back, I just "showed up" and the Alpha experience throughout those 9 weeks did the rest of the work! It really met me where I was at in my life.

Try Alpha at St. Pat's

We'd love to have you join us for our Spring Alpha Course. The course will explore life, spirituality, and the Christian faith in a fun and non-judgmental environment. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, or want to make some new friends, you are invited. Each night begins with a homemade meal, followed by a video featuring interviews from people around the world, and ends with a group conversation. To register, please visit *stpatrickparish.org/alpha*.

WHEN: starting Jan 30, 6 PM WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd





Unbound Conference

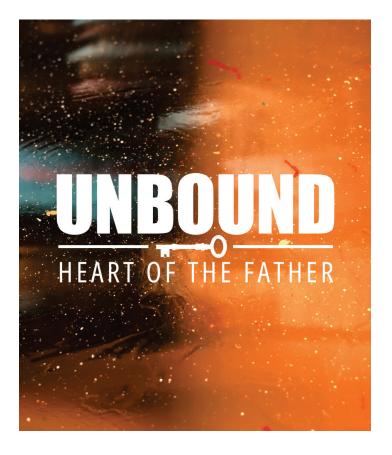
As children of a loving God, we were created to live in relationship with Him. Sin broke this relationship, which leads to sin and fear

The Good News is that Jesus brought salvation by dying for our sins and setting us free from this bondage. But even after accepting this gift of salvation, we don't always fully experience this freedom that the Lord has called us to.

Unbound helps us respond to the good news of the gospel and apply truth to our lives using Five Keys: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and The Father's Blessing. To join us this spring as we dive into these beautiful truths, keep an eye our for registration at *stpatrickparish.org/unbound*.

WHEN: Mar 2, 2024

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd



Events & Fundraisers

Ladies Auxiliary Bunco Night

Join Ladies Auxiliary for a fun night to benefit our many charities! This night will include lots of Bunco, snacks and appetizers, raffle baskets and door prizes. Wine will be available for purchase. Bring a friend! Please visit stpatrickparish.org/bunco to register. We hope to see you there!

WHEN: Jan 26, 6 PM

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



Mental Health 101 Talk

Come learn how the Catholic Church supports our mental health and wellbeing by turning our lives towards God, mind, body, and soul. Join us after 4:30 PM Mass for a presentation on common mental health issues, the importance of self-care, typical treatments and therapies, and how we can support others. A free dinner will also be provided. Register at *stpatrickparish.org/MH101*.

WHEN: Jan 20, 2024, after 4:30 PM Mass WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse Center

Grief Support Dinner

Get out of the house and shake off those winter doldrums! Join us for cocktails, fellowship and a delicious dinner catered by Chef Mary Gorski. To register, please contact Karen Yerly at *yerly12@yahoo.com* or 630.390.9267.

WHEN: Feb 8, 6:00 PM

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



Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14. Each participant will have 15 chances to score as much as possible. The top scorer in each group will receive a prize and all participants will receive a certificate of participation. Winners will be eligible to compete in the district competition. Sign up at *kofc12497.com*.

WHEN: Feb 4, 12:30 - 2 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown Gym

Resources

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.

Need Prayer?

Our Prayer Circle accepts intentions and offers them up in prayer. Add your intention by visiting *stpatrickparish.org/prayer* or email 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 imellin@stpatrickparish.org for details.

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

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 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 for information and assistance.

Adoration

Would you consider spending an hour with Jesus? Visit *adorationpro.org/patrickcharles* to sign up.

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 & confidential emotional support for people in crisis or emotional distress 24/7. 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 for the Kane County North Chapter or visit *namiken.org*.

Tri City Family Services

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

Suicide Prevention Services Batavia

630.482.9696