



# St. Patrick

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*Sunday July 11th—15th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.*

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**Sunday Masses**

8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

**Confessions**

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!

LET US  
SEE YOUR  
KINDNESS.

*psalm 85*



**Disciple Stewardship:** During this time we celebrate the independence of our country. We would do well to echo the psalmist, saying, “Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for His mercy.” May we always recognize and use wisely the gifts of freedom and abundance He has showered upon us.

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS

### 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### First Reading: Amos 7:12-15

Amos was a shepherd and a dresser of sycamores when the Lord took him from following the flock and said to him, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."

#### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85:9-10

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

#### Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

God chose us in Christ to be blameless and full of love. In him we were chosen to "exist for the praise of his glory."

#### Gospel: Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sent out his disciples two by two to preach the good news. They took nothing with them. In Christ's power they expelled demons and healed the sick.

### Greeter Schedule:

#### July 18th

8:00 a.m. : The Widmayer's  
10:15 a.m.: The Fifer Family

#### July 25th

8:00 a.m.: The Hill Family  
10:15 a.m.: The Witt Family



### Stay Connected!

Follow Pope Francis on Twitter:  
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Also for a daily reflection from Bishop Malloy consider checking out: <http://www.rockforddiocese.org/topofthemorning>

*Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

As I surfed through the Internet looking for materials for my future homilies, I stumbled across Livin3.com with its many inspirational stories that are loaded with great moral lessons. Here is a couple that I deemed worth sharing with you:

A 24 year old boy seeing out from the train's window shouted... "Dad, look the trees are going behind!" Dad smiled and a young couple sitting nearby, looked at the 24 year old's childish behavior with pity, suddenly he again exclaimed... "Dad, look the clouds are running with us!" The couple couldn't resist and said to the old man... "Why don't you take your son to a good doctor?" The old man smiled and said... "I did and we are just coming from the hospital, my son was blind from birth, he just got his eyes today."

Moral: Every single person on the planet has a story. Don't judge people before you truly know them. The truth might surprise you.

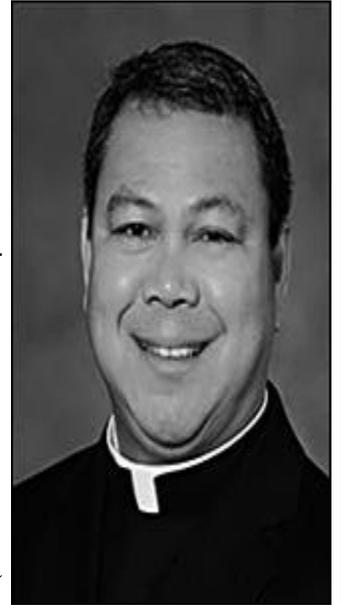
Once upon a time a daughter complained to her father that her life was miserable and that she didn't know how she was going to make it. She was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. It seemed just as one problem was solved, another one soon followed. Her father, a chef, took her to the kitchen. He filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Once the three pots began to boil, he placed potatoes in one pot, eggs in the second pot, and ground coffee beans in the third pot. He then let them sit and boil, without saying a word to his daughter. The daughter, moaned and impatiently waited, wondering what he was doing.

After twenty minutes the father turned off the burners. He took the potatoes out of the pot and placed them in a bowl. He pulled the boiled eggs out and placed them in a bowl. He then ladled the coffee out and placed it in a cup. Turning to her he asked. "Daughter, what do you see?"

"Potatoes, eggs, and coffee," she hastily replied. "Look closer," he said, "and touch the potatoes." She did and noted that they were soft. He then asked her to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard-boiled egg. Finally, he asked her to sip the coffee. Its rich aroma brought a smile to her face.

"Father, what does this mean?" she asked. He then explained that the potatoes, the eggs and coffee beans had each faced the same adversity—the boiling water. However, each one reacted differently. The potato went in strong, hard, and unrelenting, but in boiling water, it became soft and weak. The egg was fragile, with the thin outer shell protecting its liquid interior until it was put in the boiling water. Then the inside of the egg became hard. However, the ground coffee beans were unique. After they were exposed to the boiling water, they changed the water and created something new. "Which are you," he asked his daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a potato, an egg, or a coffee bean? "

Moral: In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens within us. Which one are you? Many these beautiful and inspiring stories enrich you. God bless.



### Vocations Corner: Seeing God at work

One evening recently, I was talking with a parishioner who had come out from the adoration chapel at my parish. As we were chatting she suddenly got a look of delight in her face and she excitedly exclaimed "Look!" as she pointed behind me. I turned around and said "What? All I see is a few lightning bugs." She said "Exactly! Aren't they magical!" For a moment I was confused at how she was so excited about these little bugs, but she quickly explained that in the state where she grew up, they didn't have lightning bugs. For this reason they were something new and exciting. I thought about this for a moment and had two thoughts. The first was that she was right, lightning bugs actually are a pretty incredible work of creation on God's part. The second idea was that sometimes when we've grown up with God all around us, that it take a little effort or even an unexpected reminder to see His work in the midst of our lives. Sometimes people will say that they want to do God's will or that they are open to following God's call for them, but that God never seems to speak and reveal His will to them. In response to that I would ask: "Have you tried listening to Him in the little things?" Just like I missed God's hand at work in the lightning bugs and needed a reminder, let this reflection serve as a reminder to you to seek God in the midst of the ordinary day to day things that are and have always been around you!



"In a special way, believers in Christ must defend and promote this right, aware as they are of the wonderful truth recalled by the Second Vatican Council: 'By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being' (*Gaudium et Spes*, no. 22)." *Pope Saint John Paul II*, \

"I wondered if my heart was big enough to love an adopted child as I would my biological child. There were also so many other variables to consider. ... We felt we had no control, but God reminded us again that He is always in control and that we could trust in Him." *"An Adoption Love Story,"* <http://bit.ly/AdoptionLoveStory>



### Right to Life Booth McHenry County Fair

St. Patrick's Parish will again be supporting the McHenry County Fair Respect Life Booth. We need volunteers for different time slots to hand out balloons, smiles and encourage fair goers to take and read some literature. We will be looking for staffing on August 5th in the evening. If you are able to volunteer, even for a short time, please contact Carol Wagner at 815-648-2440.



### People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
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Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
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Dennis Gallagher	Karen Scimeca
Mary Gillis	Jeremy Scully
Nancy Golbeck	Geraldine Slarai
Gayle Johnson	Derrick Verona
Philip Weidner	Rita Hagenbruch



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday July 11th

#### 8:00 a.m.:

People of the Parish

#### 10:15 a.m.:

Dean Glosson

Requested by Joe & Jan Kayser

## Sacramental Policies

**Baptism:** Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

**First Eucharist:** Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

**Matrimony:** Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

**New Members:** New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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