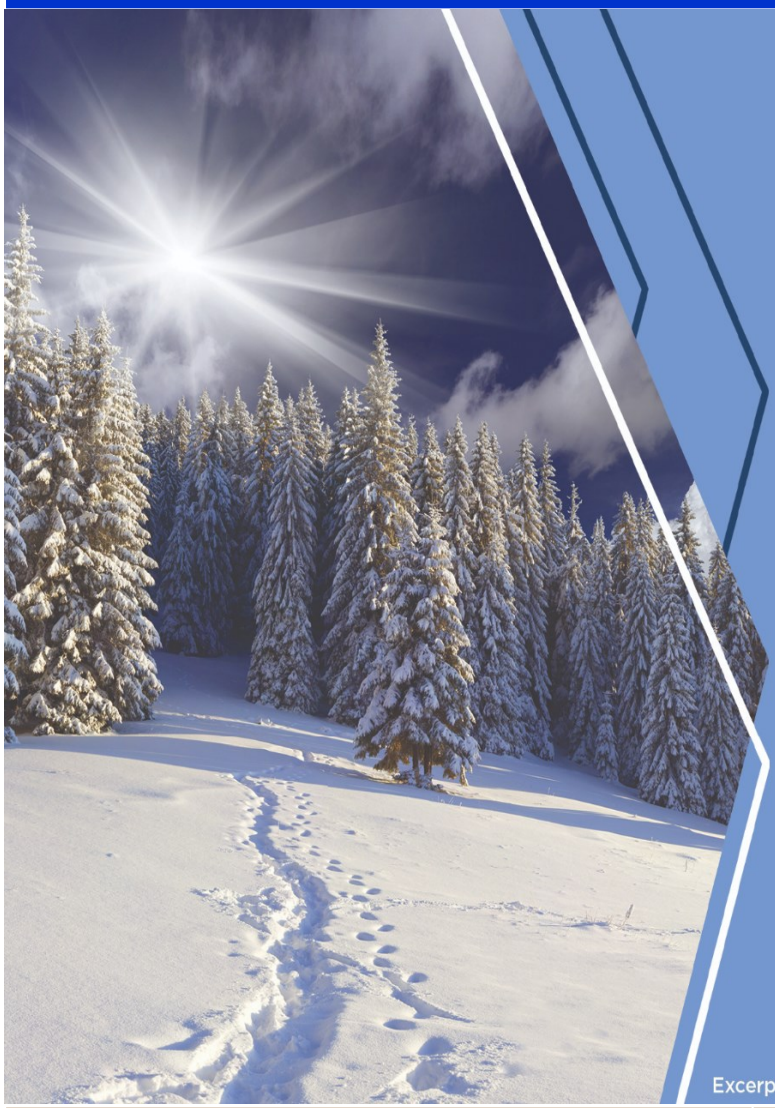
# St. Patricia Catholic Church
# December 14, 2025



## 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."
- Mt 11:10

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## MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday:** **4:00 pm** (Anticipated Mass)
**Sunday:** **7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 am**
**Weekdays:** **Monday through Friday**: **8:30 am**

## CONFESSIONS:

**Saturdays:** **Before 4 pm Mass (3:00-3:45 pm)**
***OR, by appointment anytime.***

## RECTORY OFFICE: 1-708-598-5222

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:**
**Monday — Friday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm**
(Closed 12-1 pm — LUNCH)
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**9000 South 86th Avenue - Hickory Hills, IL 60457**
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**Please Call Ahead For an Appointment**

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**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**
**The Parish of St. Patricia welcomes you and your family. Please register by calling, stopping by the Rectory during the week, or download the form from our website and return to the Rectory.**

**BAPTISMS:**
**Parents and Godparents are required to attend a Baptismal Preparation Class prior to the Baptism. Baptisms are *usually* held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m.**
**PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.**

**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASSES:**
**Our Baptismal Preparation Classes are *usually* held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in our Church's Gathering Space. PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.**

**MARRIAGES: Couples who wish to be married at St. Patricia should consult a priest to have their date scheduled. Marriage guidelines of the Archdiocese require that at least four (4) months be allowed for marriage preparations. Prior to booking your reception, please allow us four (4) months for marriage preparations. PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER → 1-708-598-5222.**

**SICK CALLS: For confession, anointing of the sick or in any emergency, please call the Rectory → 1-708-598-5222.**

**COMMUNION CALLS: To make arrangements for Communion to be brought to the sick, please call the Rectory → 1-708-598-5222.**

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**All Bulletin articles must be submitted to the Rectory by Thursday, Noon. Articles may be dropped off at the Rectory or emailed to: bulletin@stpatriciaparish.com**

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Kendra Anifer
Mary Ann Anifer
Trevor Anifer
Abraham Aparicio-Moran
Brandon Arvin
Janice Bergstrom
Maureen Bogg
Cindy Bukowski
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Dale Christensen, Sr.
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Jean Coughlin
Mary Cuci
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***NEW**




# COMMUNITY SERVICES: Christmas

The Jewel Food Store in Hickory Hills is offering ***Holiday Bucks***. Before you check out at Jewel, please inform your cashier that you are donating ***Holiday Bucks***. **They must be purchased by Dec. 18th**. Your donations will support St. Patricia's Community Services. We would like to thank Jewel Food Stores and our Community for your assistance with helping the area's needy. **Your donation will provide a holiday meal for the needy.**

## MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

*Deacon Charley and Missy Keegan*

## Dec 20, 2025 Saturday with Sisters RSVP

**Highschoolers: spend a Saturday with the Dominican Sisters!**
**9-3pm, Dec 20 @ Rosary Hill Home, 9000 W. 81st Street, Justice, IL 60458.**
**Schedule includes breakfast, Mass, talk & discussion, games, lunch & prayers.**
**Event is FREE (though donations are accepted towards the cost of food).**




## WEEKLY CALENDAR: Dec. 14, 2025 - Dec. 21, 2025

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
**9:30 a.m. - CH St. Patricia Holy Name Society Mass**
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass **(Children's Bible Study: Ages 4-12)**

**Monday, December 15, 2025**
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass
6:30 p.m. - CH Anointing of the Sick Advent Mass

**Friday, December 19, 2025**
8:05 a.m. - CH Recitation of the Rosary
8:30 a.m. - CH Daily Mass

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**
**1:30 p.m. - CH - Baptism**
**3:00-3:45 p.m. - CH Confessions**
4:00 p.m. - CH - Mass

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
7:30 a.m. - CH Mass
9:30 a.m. - CH Mass
11:30 a.m. - CH Mass **(Children's Bible Study: Ages 4-12)**

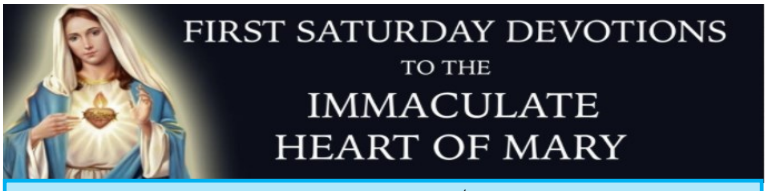
**NEW RECTORY HOURS** - in person and by phone **MONDAY-FRIDAY: 9:00 am — 4:00 pm**; Saturday and Sunday **CLOSED**.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) OFFICE** is open **Monday through Thursday - 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our phone is **1-708-599-1221**. Registrations may also be dropped off with payment at the Rectory office.

**ST. PATRICIA SCHOOL OFFICE** is open **Monday through Friday - 7:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** In-person appointments are available by calling us at **1-708-598-8200.** Please call before stopping in.




Quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament is an important and necessary part of a healthy prayer life and a critical part of our faith journeys as Catholics. To be in the same room with the True Presence of our Lord and be humbled by His love and grace is an indescribable feeling - you have to experience it for yourself to truly understand. Our parish is blessed with First Friday of the Month Eucharistic Adoration, and I encourage everyone take full advantage, if available, of this incredible access to Christ and humbly seek Him out at every opportunity for worship, prayer and to unburden ourselves to Him. **NEXT Holy Hour is FRIDAY, January 2nd—5:30 p.m.**



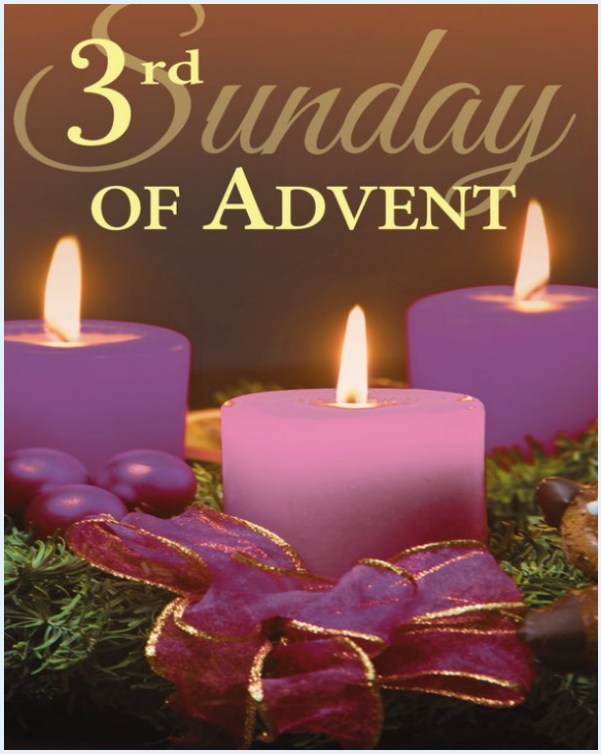

**Join us at St. Patricia Church every 1st Saturday of the month.**
**OUR NEXT GATHERING IS JANUARY 3RD @ 8:30 A.M.**

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 14, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

In these final weeks of Advent, you probably feel that this Season of preparation has drained your spirits, and that Jesus' coming seems still a distant promise.




I know that at times I am weary of the rush and stress of the season and the big day has not yet arrived. I tell myself to be intentional with my time both in prayer and in action. I ask God to help each one of you to persevere during these final weeks of Advent. Perhaps this prayer attributed to Saint Patrick will be a source of support as you strive to keep the true Spirit of the Season of Christmas in mind.

I arise today with God's strength to pilot me:

God's might to uphold me
God's wisdom to guide me
God's eye to look ahead for me
God's ear to hear me
God's word to speak for me
God's hand to defend me
God's way to lie before me
God's shield to protect me
God's host to safeguard me…

**PEACE,**
Fr. Mike Meany

# Retirement Fund for Religious

← **2nd Collection THIS WEEKEND Dec. 13-14**




The theme of reconciliation is intricately woven into the fabric of Advent. At its core, reconciliation is about restoring broken relationships—between humanity and divinity, among individuals, and within communities. The prophet Isaiah speaks of a time when swords will be turned to ploughshares, emphasizing a vision from Isaiah for a peaceful world. This beautiful imagery inspires us to strive for harmony and understanding in a world often marked by division and strife. The longing for reconciliation is not merely a personal journey but a collective responsibility. We must seek to mend the rifts that divide our communities and nations. It calls us to confront injustices with courage and compassion, echoing the teachings of Christ, who came to reconcile us to God and each other.

**Monday, December 22nd @ 6:30pm**

# ST. PATRICIA PARISH

## Christmas Gift to the Parish -2025

The Christmas offering is an essential part of our revenue. We depend on your sacrificial gift at Christmas to provide all the ministry that you expect throughout the year. As I wrote in the Christmas mailing, a suggested amount to celebrate our 65th Anniversary would be $65.00 per household.

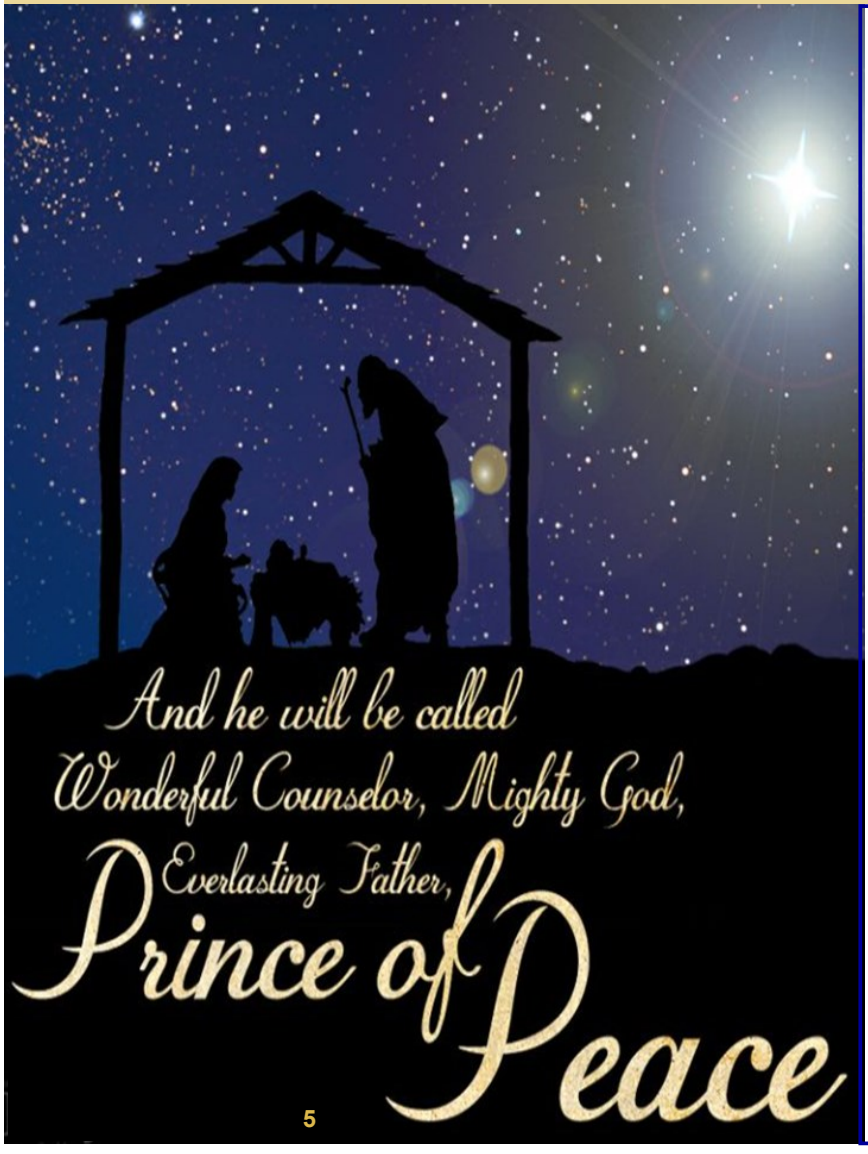
Our weekly Sunday offertory collection for the present fiscal year July through October is approximately 3.5 % below last years amount. This gradual decline in giving is due to, for the most part, original parishioners dying or moving away.

For those who are regular givers, **thank you**. To those who give occasionally, please make it a New Year's resolution to make a gift each week. For very household, an average amount per year would be $500.00 or about $10.00 a week ($500.00 divided by 52 weeks equals $9.61 a week).

I have discovered over my 46 years as a priest and pastor that many people do not reflect on their giving level. Therefore, they are giving the same amount that they gave 20 years ago. Of course, that is not enough to provide the same services today. We all know that $10.00 does not buy much at the grocery store, but together it adds up. $500.00 times 500 households equal $250,000.00. This level of giving would do so much to sustain our parish for the years ahead.

**Once again, you know your financial situation, no one should give beyond their means, but if you can or just have not thought about your level of giving, I ask that you prayerfully do so.**

**Fr. Mike Meany**






**THE WEEKENDS OF ADVENT - 2025**
NOV 30 — DEC 7 — DEC 14 — DEC 21
Saturdays — 4:00pm
Sundays — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK ADVENT MASS**
Thurs, Dec 18 — 6:30pm

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**
Mon, Dec 22 — 6:30pm

**CHRISTMAS EVE** (All Masses in Church)
Wed, Dec 24 — 8:30am
Children's Christmas Pageant 2:45pm
Children's Mass 3:00pm
Mass 4:30pm
Christmas Carols 8:00pm
Mass 9:00pm

**CHRISTMAS DAY**
All Masses in Church
Thurs, Dec 25 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

**ST. STEPHEN**
Fri, Dec 26 — 6:30pm Mass

**NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS**
Wed, Dec 31 — **4:00pm** **(new time)**

**NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS - 2026**
Thurs, Jan 1 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

**FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS**
Sun, Jan 4 — 7:30am ■ 9:30am ■ 11:30am

# *Third Sunday of Advent—December 14th*




Feelings are tricky things! They change quickly and can be hard to talk about. Reflect today on a time in the past when you felt happy.

Today, the Third Sunday of Advent, we add/light the pink candle which represents "Joy". This Sunday is called "Gaudete", or "Rejoice", Sunday. On this day, we celebrate that our waiting for the birth of Jesus on Christmas day is almost over! Rose is a liturgical color that is used to represent joy. We also call this candle the "Shepherd's Candle", reminding us of the joy the world experiences at the birth of Jesus, just as the shepherds experienced joy when they heard from the angels that Jesus was born!

What's the difference between being happy and being joyful? We often use those words as if they mean the same thing, but they don't. Happiness is a feeling that comes and goes. Joy is entirely different. Joy is more than a feeling; it is a state of mind that comes from knowing that we are forgiven and loved children of God.
*Joy is our response to the presence of God (Psalm 16:11)*
*Joy comes from the presence of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. (Galatians 5:22)*
*Joy comes as a result of our forgiveness. (Psalm 32:1)*

Being a Christian doesn't mean we are always happy or that we should pretend that we are. It's okay to feel sad or upset or frustrated. It doesn't mean we are unfaithful or that God has left us. We can have a miserable, terrible day and feel anything but happy . . . but still have joy. We have something amazing to look forward to. Through Jesus, we have been promised eternal life with God. We struggle through hardships in this life, but we know that this life isn't the end. The candle of joy burns brightly in our hearts. The presence of God is with us—now and forever!

***Week 3 Advent Readings***
Second Sunday Reading: Luke 2:10
Monday: Galatians 4:4-5
Tuesday: Micah 5:2
Wednesday: Luke 2:1-1
Thursday: Luke 2:8-11
Friday: Luke 2:12-14
Saturday: Luke 2:15-18

***Week 3 Advent Wreath Prayer***
**Reader**: But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will bring great joy for all the people". (Luke 2:10) Dear Jesus, help us to focus on You during this busy season. May we be aware of the joy You bring into our lives. Help us to see You in our everyday moments, so we may come with thankful hearts to Your manger on Christmas Day.

**All respond**: "Come, Lord Jesus, come!" Amen.



***Advent Wreath Home Activity***

Many people feel sad or lonely during the holiday season because they can't be with their loved ones. We can help them see that they are not alone and remind them of God's presence! Here are a few ways our families can work together to share the joy of the Lord:

- Make Christmas drawings and mail them to relatives that you can't visit this season.
- Bring cookies to neighbors who aren't able to see their family.
- Ask our Minister of Care - Missy Keegan - for the names of five people who are alone this season. Pray for them each night this month and share a Christmas Card with them.

*(Pray:) Heavenly Father, sometimes life is hard and struggles seem overwhelming. Please remind us of your presence in our lives, and fill us with your joy. Thank you for the good news the angels gave the shepherds! Work through us to share that joy with the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.*




We will have **OPLATKI** for purchase before & after all Masses **THIS WEEKEND**, **Dec. 13th – Dec. 14th** in the Church's Gathering Space.

A **minimal $3.00 offering** will be accepted.




**KRUSE'S KREW DECEMBER CARE PACKAGES** — Please join us to pack **HOLIDAY** Care Packages for our troops on Tuesday, **Dec. 16th at 6pm. We** will be packing at the Hickory Hills Community Center, located at 7800 W. 89th Pl., 2nd Floor. Come and pack some Holiday Joy and Hope. **See you there! I hope you all have a very Merry Christmas!! Thank you for all your help and God Bless You All!**



***JIM KRUSE—Army & proud of it.***

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

**December 14, 2025**

Dear Parishioners,

My Journey With a Cleft Palate . . .

Thank your prayers and concern after my recent surgery. It was a necessary follow up from my earlier jaw surgery. I can only eat soft food; pancakes, eggs and spaghetti for a month. NO swimming for two months! Over all, I had a successful jaw surgery back in February, 2023 and these follow-up surgeries are really minor setbacks.

My family has been there for me every step of the way; taking me into their homes for two weeks at a time. It has been an immersive experience. I have been able to reconnect with each one of them in a profound way. What a blessing!

However, I cannot say enough how much your concerns and support are appreciated. I have received beautiful cards expressing prayers, calls and little gifts from many you. Your witness serves as a powerful testament to the faith of this community and has given me resilience in the face of my health challenges.

St. Patricia is truly a "parish family" united in faith. Furthermore, even when I was "laid up," the ministry at the parish continued with our wonderful staff. We are so blessed to have such a great TEAM! We are fortunate to have Father Chris Kituli who keeps telling me not to worry and rest up!

Since I am often being asked about my surgeries, I decided to share a little of my journey.

As a small child, I made a very simple journal to mark my progress. I found it helpful then and I have done it once again during these recent years. In many ways, I find that my journaling is a way to process the experience in an emotional and spiritual way. I believe that this reflection has developed my spiritual life and I know that many of you believe in journaling too.

I was born on March 25, 1954 at Little Company of Mary Hospital, Evergreen Park, Il, the fourth child of six. I was most fortunate to blessed with loving parents and siblings.

I was born with a cleft palate and cleft lip. The OBYN doctor did not bring me to my mother immediately after I was born, and my mother was worried about what was wrong, thinking the worst, that I was dead.

After a little while, weighing only a little over 6 pounds, I was brought to her. At one point, my mother was told that I may never speak! Quite naturally there was much concern at what to do; but, fortunately, my aunt was a nurse at Illinois Research Hospital, which became part of University of Illinois at Chicago and knew a Dr. John Curtin who specialized in cleft palate surgeries. After getting my weight up to 8 pounds, my mother fed me with an eye dropper, I had my first surgery on my lip.

That began a long series of trips back and forth from our home in Evergreen Park to Illinois Research Hospital and to Dr. Curtin (1922-2011), who was a professor of surgery and chairman of the department of plastic and reconstructive surgery at what is now Rush University Hospital.

All through grade school, I had very regular hearing tests and speech therapy. I had frequent ear infections during those years. I was fitted with a plastic flipper to close the hole on the roof of my mouth which had to be regularly refitted as I grew up.

Then, in January 26,1967, as a 7th grader, my parents brought me to Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital for the surgery to close the palate. And, by the way, it was on the day the big snow of '67 began. After four days waiting due to the storm, I had the surgery and remained in the hospital for two weeks.



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After six weeks at home, I returned to school where naturally I was way behind academically. The following year I began orthodontist work which lasted the next eight years. In my freshman year of high school, I returned to have another outpatient surgery that was deemed necessary.

Even after the surgery, I still had a dental flipper in my mouth since I had no tooth in the place where the cleft was, plus there was still a small opening from the nasal cavity to the mouth.

Over the years, I came to recognize how my outcome was very positive, especially when I met individuals who had other procedures, often shortly after their birth, that entailed a greater degree of complications.

With that knowledge, I can say that Dr. Curtin's surgeries were life-changing for me! He was an exceptional person—so kind and gentle, with a gift to alleviate all my fears. He was certainly a gift from God for so many children and families as his groundbreaking surgeries enabled so many children to grow up healthy and happy.

Through the grace of God and a supportive family, I was ordained a Catholic priest in 1980. My mother said, "It's a miracle!" No doubt that my early experiences in hospitals, etc. awakened a spirit of compassion within me while not taking away my sense of humor.

Over the years I did inquire about having another surgery to repair the palate but each doctor thought I should leave well enough alone.

A year and half ago, I noticed that my teeth were rising up and my mouth was caving in. At that time, I had the good fortune to be referred to Dr. Gary Alder, a dentist who recommended that I see Dr. Alvaro Figueroa, an Orthodontist whose specialty is in cleft palate patients and Dr. Christina Tragos, from Rush University Hospital, Department of Clinical Plastic Surgery.

While the surgery by Dr. Curtin was considered a huge success and groundbreaking at the time, over time a small fissure had opened up in the palate.

I have had an additional five surgeries, since that first one I mentioned above in February 2023 at Rush and more recently at Stroger Hospital by Dr. Tragos.

As you can surely understand, the cleft palate has been a life-long concern.

As I matured to adulthood, I have tried to frame my situation in the context of a spiritual journey, placing my trust in the doctors and placing reliance on God's grace. While it has been "torture" at times, I have found God's presence in these moments of vulnerability and suffering.

I have discovered more profoundly what I often preached to others, that even in sickness God is with us! My time away has provided me a unique time for meditation and reflection on the parish's mission, the Gospel and my own spiritual growth. The staff jokes that when I come back to the parish I have so many new ideas!

I have come to realize that we all have something to address in life. May God help all of us journey through life's challenges.

Once again, **Thank You for all your prayers!**

**Fr. Mike Meany**







*December Birthdays are often subjected to a 2 for 1 celebration. We appreciate these good people — May God grant these December Birthday Celebrants many blessings!* ***Fr. Mike Meany***

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| **Kim Rattigan** | **December 09** |
| **Siu Yu** | **December 12** |
| **Julie Villegas-Suarez** | **December 12** |
| **Missy Keegan** | **December 13** |
| **Fr. Chris Kituli** | **December 14** |
| **Sheela Iyengar** | **December 16** |
| **Mac Karaban** | **December 19** |
| **Pat Coglianese** | **December 20** |
| **Janice Biel** | **December 22** |
| **JESUS CHRIST** | **December 25** |
| **Rachel Skupien** | **December 30** |

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 13, 2025**
4:00† Karen Zilis - Hank and Holly Oszakiewski
† Madeline Waliszcek - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Dr. Robert Geary and Michael Geary - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Leonard Kachinski - Mr. and Mrs. James Cuci
† Louis Noto - Dorothy Noto
† Marilyn Keegan - Deacon Charley and Missy

**Sunday, December 14, 2025 - Third Sunday of Advent**
7:30† Carol Pawlowski - Mary McNally
† Sylvester Flood - Passarelli Family
† Karen Zilis - St. Patricia Music Ministry
9:30† Howard R. Vanick - Suzanne Zielnik
† Walter and Lillian Zielnik - Zielnik Family
† John and Mary Stalec - Zielnik Family
† Frank and Stefania Glowacz - Pawlica Family
† Elizabeth Neumann - Deacon Norb and Pat Weitendorf
† Grandparents of Kunnengode Family - Kunnengode Family
† Karen Zilis - St. Patricia Music Ministry
† Marilou Castro Yumul - Malec and Turziak Family
11:30† Bernadette Cannady and Rose Rajski - Kosnick Family
† John Petit - Hal and Carolyn Budach

**Monday, Dec. 15, 2025**
8:30† Joseph Kadela - Karen Novak

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**
8:30† John Petit - St. Patricia Religious Education

**Wednesday, December 17, 2025**
8:30† Patty Boland - Pat and Larry Marszalik

**Thursday, December 18, 2025**
8:30† Elaine Buchanan (2nd Anniv.) - Family
6:30pm Anointing of the Sick Advent Mass

**Friday, December 19, 2025**
8:30† John Petit - St. Mary Immaculate Faculty and Staff

**Saturday, December 20, 2025**
4:00† Blanche Goodwin - Avanzo Family
† Richard F. Berkowicz - Friends of Thursday Evening
† John C. Raffaelli - Friends of Thursday Evening
† Frank Correll - Wife
† Mrs. Socorro Rodriguez (6th Anniv.) - Family
† Oscar Kioko Malachi - Glogowski Family
† Alma Torres - Diane and Rich Moreno
† Marie Pesice - Rich and Diane Moreno
† Don Lanacki (Heath & Blessings) - Rich and Diane Moreno

**Sunday, December 21, 2025 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**
7:30† Mary and James Cunningham - Philomena Towey & Michael Murphy
9:30† Howard R. Vanick - Suzanne Zielnik
† Paddy Doherty (3rd Anniv.) - Doherty Family
† Marlene M. Szymanski - Friends of Thursday Evening
† Angelo A. Martino - Blessings from Palos
† Jeremy Okonski - Leo, Debbie and Linda
† Marion Krzyszkowski (1st Anniv.) - Denise, Friend
† Kathryn M. Grencevicz - Suzanne
† Randall R. Brenza - Suzanne
† Paul E. Segura - Friends of Thursday Evening
11:30† Jozef Bafia - Mary Bafia
† Dolores Zalewski - Zalewski Family
† Martin Hehir (1st Anniv.) - Pat Hehir Family
† Joan Oremus - Hanson Family
† John Petit - Kosnick Family

**ST. PATRICIA HOLY NAME SOCIETY MASS**
**Sunday, Dec. 14th → 9:30am**
White Shirt Attire Recommended

Holy Name Society



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**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**December 7, 2025**

**$8,759.00 (Church, Mail and Other)**

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**TOTAL $8,759.00**

**Christmas Flowers—2nd Collect. - $1,993.00**

We encourage you to consider "electronic giving" if possible, to keep our donations coming. Please visit the Parish website www.stpatriciaparish.com to enroll in Online Sunday Collections. If not, then please mail or drop off your offertory envelope at the Parish office in the mail slot or in the basket at Mass.

*Thank you for sharing your gifts and to all who have dropped off, mailed in, or given electronically. These gifts support the daily needs of our Parish. God Bless you for your generosity!*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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| Sunday: | Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 |
| Monday: | Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27 |
| Tuesday: | Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32 |
| Wednesday: | Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17 |
| Thursday: | Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25 |
| Friday: | Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25 |
| Saturday: | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38 |
| Next Sunday: | Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24 |

**Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, O Lord:**

**Gloria M. Waymar,** Mother Linda & Ginger

**Donna Webb,** Wife of William

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**St. Patricia Parish**
**Queen of Heart 2.0**
**50/50 Raffle**



**The QUEEN OF HEARTS was pulled on November 5th. JOHN F. was the big winner. The QUEEN OF HEARTS was behind #34.**

**We will be taking a break during the remainder of November and the month of December. The next DRAWING will RESUME in January, 2026 at 6:00pm — EXACT DATE to be announced in early January of 2026.**

**THANK YOU Parishioners & Friends of the St. Patricia Community for your continued SUPPORT!**

**BULLETIN announcements**

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# Harvest of Hope
## Archdiocese-wide Food Drive



Please help us ensure **food pantries** run by local parishes and Catholic Charities are **fully stocked** as we approach the holiday season.

**Vicariate V – What you can do:**

Between **November 29** and **December 14**, donate the following non-perishable foods at your parish:

- Pancake mix
- Oatmeal
- Cereal
- Peanut butter
- Instant grits

**Stay tuned for more detailed information.**

**BOXES for your non-perishable (← listed to the left) donations will be available in the Gathering Space of the Church beginning through Sunday, December 14th. Also, collection boxes will be available in the School Office and RE Office.**

**CONTACT: Missy Keegan with any questions at 708.598.5222.**

**Thank You AND God Bless You for Helping the area's needy during this holiday season!**

## ST. PATRICIA SENIOR CLUB

**Meetings** are held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month at 12 noon. Meetings are held at the Hickory Hills Community Center located at 7800 West 89th Place.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME!**

**The next meeting will be held on Wed., December 17TH**

## HICKORY HILLS WOMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB

**INVITES** all ladies who live in Hickory Hills & other nearby suburbs to join them in dominos, cards, etc., once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 1-4:00pm Their meetings are held at the Hickory Hills Community Center located at 7800 West 89th Place. There is no commitment. Please join us once to see if you are interested. For additional information, please call Barbara Schultz at 708.598.5165, or email sandy.seger@aol.com.

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 13th**

**AA Meetings** are held on Thursday in the St. Patricia Rectory Basement (Brody Rm) located at 9060 So. 86th Ave., Hickory Hills, Illinois. Entrance is located at the north side of the Rectory.

**REVISED TIME**

**Meeting begins @ 7pm.**

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