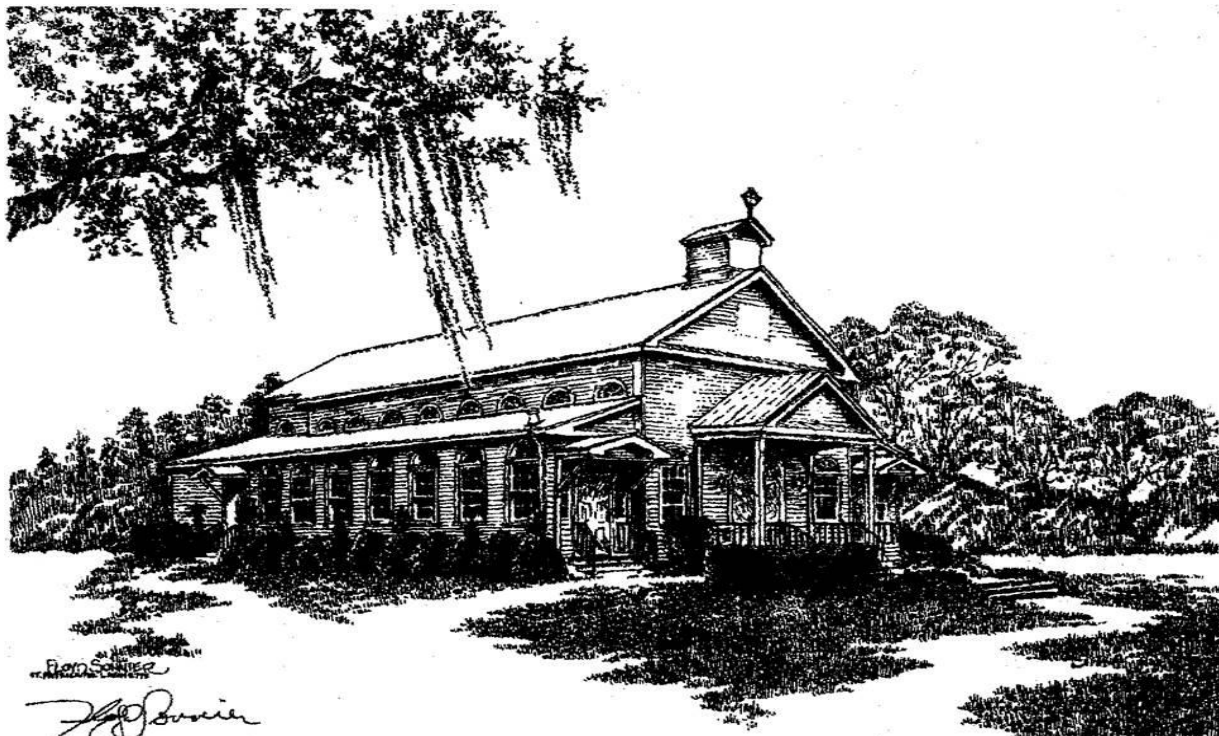


St. Patrick Catholic Church

October 11, 2026
Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



L'Église St. Patrick

Office Hours Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-3 p.m. Fri: closed	Holy Mass Saturday: 4 p.m. Sunday: 8:30 & 10 a.m. Monday-Friday: 7:30 a.m.	Confessions Saturday: 3:20-3:50 p.m. Weekdays: 7-7:25 a.m.
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 10

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Amanda Lafleur; Joe Guillory; Mark Broussard, Sr

Sunday, October 11

8:30 a.m.: John Escott; Helen Vallot

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, October 12

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Tuesday, October 13

7:30 a.m.: Elizabeth, Matthew & Philip Schnur *living*

Wednesday, October 14

7:30 a.m.: Darlene Gesser

Thursday, October 15

7:30 a.m.: Vida Lege *living*

Friday, October 16

7:30 a.m.: Nick & Johnnie Gachassin

Financial Report Fiscal Year 2025-2026

As per diocesan regulations, St Patrick Parish hereby publishes a summary of its financial activity for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, ending June 30, 2026. A regular meeting of the Parish Finance Council, consisting of Michael Doumit, Geneva Phillips, Brenda DeMette, Todd Schoeffler, and Oren Spruill, was held on September 25, 2026, during which Fr Guillory presented a detailed report on Parish receipts and expenses. The report was reviewed and approved. The appropriate documents were then signed and filed with the competent diocesan authority. Here is a summary of that report:

Total ordinary receipts: \$530,890

Total expenses: \$401,877

Income over expenses: \$129,013

***The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
In verdant pastures he gives me repose;
beside restful waters he leads me.
~Psalm 23:1-2***

Annual “White Coat Mass”

Celebrated at St Pius X Church on Tuesday, October 20, at 6 p.m. All medical professionals are asked to wear their white coats as a sign of unity and connection with the intention of this special Mass. Reception to follow.

Widows’ Luncheon

Widows of all ages are invited to join the Widows’ Luncheon held at St Mary Mother of the Church, 419 Doucet Road, Lafayette, on Saturday, October 24, beginning with Mass at 11 a.m. This is a free event hosted by Sisters of the Heart of Jesus. RSVP by Oct 19: email smarypeter.shj@gmail.com or 337-345-8146.

Remembrance Mass

Saturday, October 17, 9 a.m. at Church of the Assumption, located at 915 Main Street, Franklin. Reception to follow. Hosted by Red Bird Ministries for family and friends of those who have lost a child from pregnancy through adulthood.

Volunteers for kids care at St Patrick's
We could use a little help. If you'd like to volunteer to help take care of our littles at 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, please let Fr Guillory know. A few more volunteers to help with this ministry would be a real help.

Trunk or Treat, New Hope Lafayette
Volunteer to decorate your vehicle and have a carnival-type game and treats for under-resourced kids. 5-6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 23, J.C. James Center, 710 Aster Dr, Lafayette. Contact Kris Newman for more information (337-316-9461) (newhopelafayette.org).

Let us pray for:
Harry DeMette (78), who died on October 8.

Fr Henry Broussard (83), retired priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, who died on October 6.

Brent Prather, Louise Stelly, Kathy Cormier, Karen Nicko, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, and Brenda Simon for their health concerns.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy occasions. Email us at office@stpat.org.

Online giving at St Patrick's
To contribute to St Patrick's online, visit our website (stpat.org) and click Give Online – or use the QR code below – and you will be directed to OSV, our online giving platform, where you can set up weekly, monthly, or one-time donations for the regular offertory or the building fund. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.



Collect, 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, nn. 115-117
One can distinguish between two senses of Scripture: the literal and the spiritual, the latter being subdivided into the allegorical, moral, and anagogical senses. The *literal sense* is the meaning conveyed by the words of Scripture and discovered by following the rules of sound interpretation: "All other senses of Sacred Scripture are based on the literal." Thanks to the unity of God's plan, not only the text of Scripture but also the realities and events about which it speaks can be signs. 1. The *allegorical sense*. We can acquire a more profound understanding of events by recognizing their significance in Christ; thus, the crossing of the Red Sea is a sign or type of Christ's victory and also of Christian baptism. 2. The *moral sense*. The events reported in Scripture ought to lead us to act justly. As St. Paul says, they were written "for our instruction." 3. The *anagogical sense* (Greek: anagoge, "leading"). We can view realities and events in terms of their eternal significance, leading us toward our true homeland: thus, the Church on earth is a sign of the heavenly Jerusalem.

Thank you for last week's stewardship

Offerings.....	\$5,558
Building fund.....	\$5,025
Online Giving (September 2026)....	\$6,806

*Next week's second collection
is for World Mission Sunday.*

From the Pastor's Desk

In less than a month, on Tuesday, November 3, to be exact, Americans will return to the polls for the biennial national elections to elect US representatives and senators. Along with national elections, there are various local elections. And in Louisiana, there are the ever-present constitutional amendments.

On the November ballot, there are ten proposed amendments to the Louisiana constitution. One cannot get a full and accurate idea of what each proposed amendment involves by reading the brief text supplied on the ballot. To make an informed decision, you need to do a little reading and research. To that end, as in the past, I refer you to one of the several voter guides that explain the details of the various proposed amendments. These can be found online. Here are a few that I've managed to find and consult:

- 1) Public Affairs Research Council (parlouisiana.org). This voter guide has extensive explanations of each amendment, but does not make any endorsements.
- 2) Power Coalition for Equity and Justice (powercoalition.org). This voter guide offers explanations and makes voting recommendations in line with its mission.
- 3) Pelican Institute for Public Policy (pelicanpolicy.org). This voter guide offers explanations and also makes voting recommendations in line with its mission.

- 4) One Acadiana (oneacadiana.org). This voter guide has brief explanations of each amendment, but does not make any endorsements.

After the November election, there will be a less publicized but still important election held on Saturday, December 12 to handle any necessary runoff elections from November 3. Also on the December 12 ballot are nine tax initiatives for the city and parish of Lafayette. These are monies raised locally to take care of local needs, from law enforcement to public parks and recreation, from libraries to transportation and infrastructure.



It disappoints me when voters categorically vote yes or no without being fully informed as to the impact of their vote (or their refusal to vote). When it comes to local tax initiatives, I often remind myself of this truth: if we want nice things in our

community, we have to pay for them. It's really that simple.

Another thing that disappoints me is when people complain about voting ... that it's too burdensome, too complicated, too time-consuming, too hard to understand the issues, or whatever else. Frankly, this is a complaint unworthy of those who are citizens of a free and democratic society. Christians who live in democracies must be exemplary in this: informing ourselves of the issues and voting according to conscience in light of the gospel that we profess.

Fr Guillory