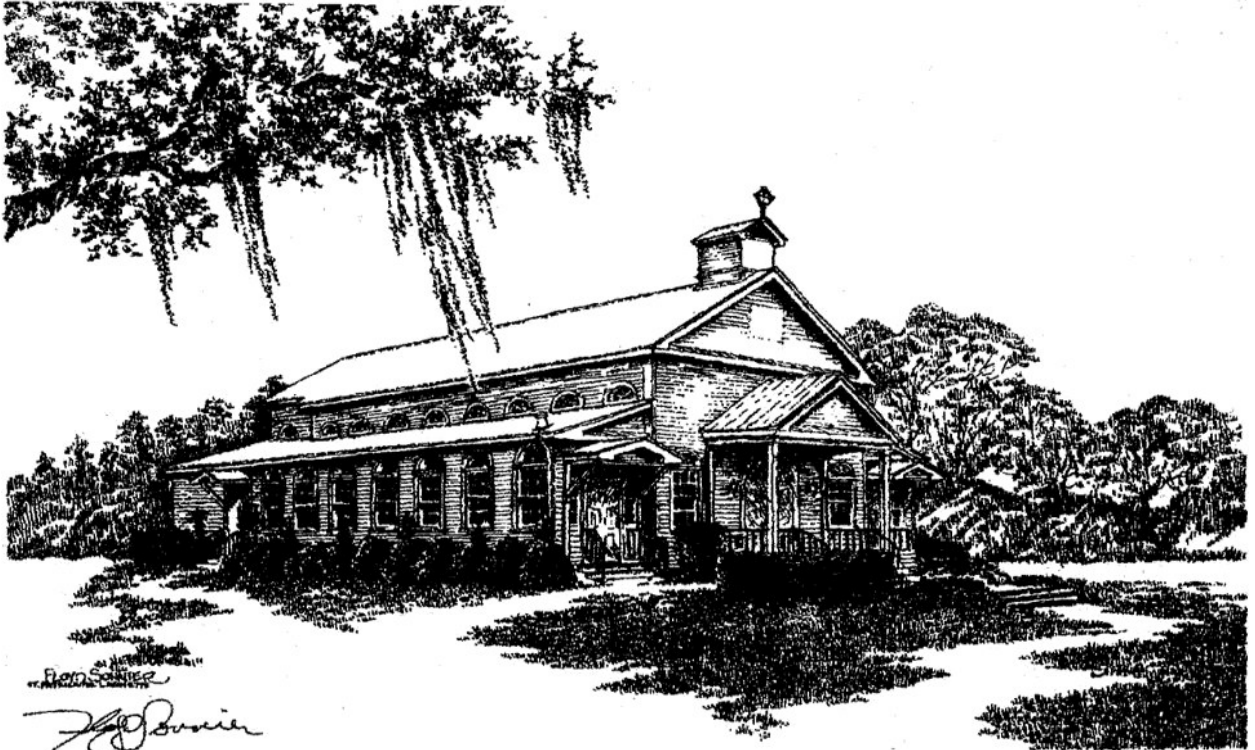


St. Patrick Catholic Church

August 2, 2026
Eighteenth 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, August 1

4 p.m.: Dr & Mrs Leonard Rolfes; Louis & Ruby Delahoussaye

Sunday, August 2

8:30 a.m.: Willis Dore'; Thomas Thibodeaux

10 a.m.: For parishioners

Monday, August 3

7:30 a.m.: Darlene Gesser

Tuesday, August 4

7:30 a.m.: Kreamer family

Wednesday, August 5

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

Thursday, August 6

7:30 a.m.:

Friday, August 7

7:30 a.m.: Brett Walker; Drew Godeaux; LaFleur Family

Women's Silent Retreat

Digging Deeper, a women's silent retreat reflecting on the "Woman at the Well" will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St Martinville, beginning Friday, October 9, at 6 p.m. until Sunday at 2 p.m. Conferences given by members of the Community of Jesus Crucified. This retreat is free of charge. To register or for more information contact Cheryl Moss at 337-654-0936.

St Patrick Summer Social

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, August 19! St Patrick's will host a summer social at the City Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. The occasion: Fr Guillory's 50th birthday. Come celebrate our parish and our pastor! Sign up sheets are in the back of church.

Bishop's Pro-Life Rose Dinner & Awards

Saturday, August 29, at Doubletree Hotel by Hilton Hotel, Lafayette. Cocktail hour will be held at 5 p.m. Program begins promptly at 6 p.m. Guest speaker is Lydia Taylor Davis. Visit diolaf.org/bishopsdinner for more information or to purchase tickets.

Fête Dieu du Teche 2026: Eucharistic Boat Procession

The 12th annual Fête-Dieu du Teche will be held on Saturday, August 15. Begins at 8 a.m. with Mass in French celebrated by Bishop Deshotel at St Leo's in Leonville, after which, the 40-mile Eucharistic boat procession to St Martinville begins, with stops along the way in Arnaudville, Cecilia, Breau Bridge, and Parks. The final stop is at the Evangeline Oak in St Martinville, followed by processions to Notre Dame, St Martin de Tours, and Our Lady of Sorrows Churches. To participate or for more information call 337-394-6550, email fetedieuduteche@gmail.com or visit fetedieuduteche.org.

Veritas Catholic Teen Conference

For high school students, Saturday, September 26, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Immaculata Center, 1408 Carmel Drive. Mass with Bishop Deshotel. \$20 registration includes lunch. Registration deadline is Friday, September 11. Limited to 200 high school teens. For more information or to register, go to <https://tinyurl.com/zeal4truth>.

Holy Hour for Vocations

The monthly “Holy Hour for Vocations and for the Spiritual Renewal of All Priests” to be held Monday, August 3, from 6-7 p.m. here at St Patrick’s. Recitation of the Rosary begins at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to join in prayer for vocations to the priesthood and the religious life. Sponsored by the Serra Club of Lafayette.

Let us pray for:

Sharon and Larry Lewis who celebrate 56 years of marriage on August 1.

Rita Sparrow, who celebrates her birthday on August 4.

Louise Stelly, Dee LaFleur, Forrest Blanton, Sr., Kathy Cormier, Sarah Brabant, Brandon Boudreaux, Joyce Stelly, Bryan Lege, Ashlie Comeaux, Pat Low, Harry DeMette, Jerrol Sparrow, Jackie Bourgeois, Wayne Bernard, Janell Degeyter, Thomas Sands, Ronald Wiltz, and Brenda Simon for their health concerns.

Please let us know of your prayer intentions, birthdays, anniversaries, and other prayer-worthy

Online giving at St Patrick’s

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



Collect, 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored.

From the Catechism, on prayer in the Christian life, nn. 2717-2719

Contemplative prayer is silence, the “symbol of the world to come” or “silent love.” Words in this kind of prayer are not speeches; they are like kindling that feeds the fire of love. In this silence, unbearable to the “outer” man, the Father speaks to us his incarnate Word, who suffered, died, and rose; in this silence the Spirit of adoption enables us to share in the prayer of Jesus. Contemplative prayer is a union with the prayer of Christ insofar as it makes us participate in his mystery. The mystery of Christ is celebrated by the Church in the Eucharist, and the Holy Spirit makes it come alive in contemplative prayer so that our charity will manifest it in our acts. Contemplative prayer is a communion of love bearing Life for the multitude, to the extent that it consents to abide in the night of faith. The Paschal night of the Resurrection passes through the night of the agony and the tomb – the three intense moments of the Hour of Jesus which his Spirit (and not “the flesh [which] is weak”) brings to life in prayer. We must be willing to “keep watch with (him) one hour.”

Thank you for last week’s stewardship

Offerings.....\$4,988

Honor the Lord with your wealth ... then will your barns be filled with plenty.

~ Proverbs 3:9,10

From the Pastor's Desk

As our parish prepares for offering Communion under both kinds again, I want to share with you, for your consideration, a few excerpts from a document by the US bishops entitled, *"Norms for the Distribution and Reception of Holy Communion under Both Kinds in the Dioceses of the United States of America"*.

5. While the heart of the celebration of the Eucharist is the Eucharistic Prayer, the consummation of the Mass is found in Holy Communion, whereby the people purchased for the Father by his beloved Son eat and drink the Body and Blood of Christ. They are thereby joined together as members of Christ's mystical Body, sharing the one life of the Spirit. In the great sacrament of the altar, they are joined to Christ Jesus and to one another.

It was also Christ's will that this sacrament be received as the soul's spiritual food to sustain and build up those who live with his life, as he said, *"He who eats me, he also shall live because of me"* (Jn 6:57). This sacrament is also to be a remedy to free us from our daily defects and to keep us from mortal sin. It was Christ's will, moreover, that this sacrament be a pledge of our future glory and our everlasting happiness and, likewise, a symbol of that one body of which he is the head (see Lk 22:19; 1 Cor 11:3). He willed that we, as members of this body should be united to it by firm bonds of faith, hope, and love, so that we might all say the same thing, and that there might be no dissensions among us (see 1 Cor 1:10).

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion.

6. The Lord himself gave us the Eucharist at the Last Supper. The eucharistic sacrifice is

wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. It is Christ himself who is received in Holy Communion, who said to his disciples, *"Take and eat, this is my body."* Giving thanks, he then took the chalice and said: *"Take and drink, this is the cup of my blood. Do this in remembrance of me"* (Mt 26:26-27).

11. Since, by reason of the sign value, sharing in both eucharistic species reflects more fully the sacred realities that the Liturgy signifies, the Church in her wisdom has made provisions in recent years so that more frequent eucharistic participation from both the sacred host and the chalice of salvation might be made possible.

17. From the first days of the Church's celebration of the Eucharist, Holy Communion consisted of the reception of both species in fulfillment of the Lord's command to *"take and eat . . . take and drink."* The distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful under both kinds was thus the norm for more than a millennium of Catholic liturgical practice.

18. The practice of Holy Communion under both kinds at Mass continued until the late eleventh century, when the custom of distributing the Eucharist to the faithful under the form of bread alone began to grow.

21. Today the Church finds it salutary to restore a practice, when appropriate, that for various reasons was not opportune when the Council of Trent was convened in 1545. But with the passing of time, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the reform of the Second Vatican Council has resulted in the restoration of a practice by which the faithful are again able to experience "a fuller sign of the Eucharistic banquet."

