



I know that there is nothing  
better for people than to be happy  
and to do good while they live.  
That each of them may eat and  
drink, and find satisfaction in all  
their toil - this is the gift of God.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Labor Day

**St. Patrick**

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St. Patrick Catholic Church  
Tolono, Illinois

**Parish Center Rentals**

Call or Email Parish Office

**Finance Council Members**

Larry Meyer, Sharon Morgan  
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**Catholic Charities Coordinator**

Jan Blaney 217-621-5694

**Altar & Rosary**

Marlene Breen  
217-485-6500

**Parish Nurse**

Danna Williamson  
217-621-6653

**August 27, 2023 DONATIONS****General Funds**

Regular/Loose..... \$1,037.00  
School Support ..... \$40.00  
**Total..... \$1,077.00**

Cemetery ..... \$40.00  
Mass Stipend ..... \$95.00  
Religious Education (CCD) ..... \$150.00

***Mass Schedule*****Saturday, September 2nd**

4:00pm/Marjorie Campbell

**Sunday, September 3rd**

10:30am/Wendy Gooch

**Tuesday, September 5th**

5:30 pm at St. Joseph

**Wednesday, September 6th**

8:00 am/Tom Spencer

**Thursday, September 7th**

8:00 am at St. Joseph

**Friday, September 8th**

8:00 am/Richard & Robert Breen

**Saturday, September 9th**

4:00pm/Jim Kaufman

**Sunday, September 10th**

10:30am/For the People of the Parishes

**Father Pat's Office Hours**

Father Pat will not be holding regular office hours. If you would like to speak to him, please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email [frpkoneal@yahoo.com](mailto:frpkoneal@yahoo.com)

**Confession Schedule**

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment. Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****Saturday, September 2nd @4:00 pm Mass**

**Lector:** Randy Wojan

**Ushers:** Rick Bates, Dennis Winslow

**EMHC:** Beth Hewing, Annette Wishall

**Gifts:** Volunteers

**Sunday, September 3rd @10:30 am Mass**

**Lector:** Diane Ducey

**Ushers:** Alan Schwenk, Mike Miller

**EMHC:** Marlene Breen, Carol Miller

**Gifts:** Volunteers

**Money Counters:** Brian Barnes, Beth Hewing

**Hospital Rules**

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

**Prayer Requests** Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Miss Barbara Kleiss, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Sue Millikin, Ron Adams, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Loretta Taylor, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Ferrell & Anita Strack, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, and requested prayer intentions.

**ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS**

Sign-up sheets are in the back of church for the various A & R committees for the 2023-24 months. Please sign up to help with the events sponsored by the Altar & Rosary Society.

This group is integral to the prayer, fellowship, and outreach of our church.

We will once again be selling one pound bags of pecan halves for the holiday season. These bags of fresh pecan halves will be sold for \$10/bag. To place your order, please call Marlene Breen, 217-485-6500.

Mark your calendars for November 5th, for the annual chili supper and raffle. We will again be selling raffle tickets for gift card prizes from Olde Time Meat and Deli. Look for those raffle tickets to be available, for sale, soon.

**ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS****STM Job Opportunities**

STM is currently seeking applications for a Head Boys Swimming Coach, and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at [srmbridget@hs-stm.org](mailto:srmbridget@hs-stm.org), Mr. Corapi at [acorapi@hs-stm.org](mailto:acorapi@hs-stm.org) and Jon Marston, Athletic Director at [jmarston@hs-stm.org](mailto:jmarston@hs-stm.org).

**Save the Date**

Mother Son Superhero Dance, Friday, September 29, 2023 6:30 to 8:30 PM at The High School of St. Thomas More. \$30 Per Mom. Boys up to 8th grade free. Event Sponsor: STM Parent Association. Contact: Becky Leibach 217.202.0998 or [leibach@gmail.com](mailto:leibach@gmail.com) for questions. Go to [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w1ymfja1IPJeH5vW3lhBHLKuWVCbmF4hUh17NctZaXY/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1w1ymfja1IPJeH5vW3lhBHLKuWVCbmF4hUh17NctZaXY/viewform?edit_requested=true) to register.

**Alumni** - Join us at the high school for Homecoming on Saturday, October 7th at 1 PM as STM takes on Metro East Lutheran. Bring your families with you and enjoy the game. We will have an alumni tent set up through halftime for check-in and for a meeting place. We will especially recognize the Class of 2003 on their 20th anniversary. Questions? Email [alumni@hs-stm.org](mailto:alumni@hs-stm.org).

*To do God's Will unto death, that is the inner heart of all holiness.*

**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2023-24 REGISTRATION**

Last weekend we registered 7 children for CCD classes.

Registration fees remain at \$25 per student to cover the cost of books. No student will be turned away due to financial constraints.

If you were unable to attend either of these registrations, please email [officeofstp@gmail.com](mailto:officeofstp@gmail.com) or call 217-485-1129, and leave a message, so other arrangements can be made.

**FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING****Topic: Lung Cancer Awareness**

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women, but it is largely preventable. Astoundingly, 9 out of 10 cases of lung cancer are caused by smoking. Learn about symptoms, smoking cessation aids, and if you should be getting routine screening here: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Lung Cancer Awareness <https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/resources/features/lungcancer/index.htm>

Community Wellness and Faith Community Health Services at Carle connects you and your faith community to needed healthcare and wellness support, taking a whole-person approach to health.

To learn more about bringing healthcare and wellness resources to your faith community, call (217) 902-3160 or email [FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com](mailto:FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com).

**2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Next weekend, September 9-10, we will begin our Annual Diocesan Appeal, which is an opportunity to help the Catholic Diocese of Peoria raise necessary funds for many ministries and apostolates that we as a single parish cannot offer.

This week, parishioners throughout the Diocese will receive a mailing asking for a pledge to support the Appeal. The mailing will include a pledge card and a return envelope addressed directly to the Diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a pledge over eight months or a one time gift. We will have pledge cards available in the pews next weekend for those who have not received them in mail.

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish, diocese, and the work of the Church throughout the world.