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August 30, 2026

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30 am – 8:00 pm
Friday 8:30 am – 2:30 pm

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Weekday Mass: Monday through Friday 8:00 am Tuesdays and Thursdays 5:30 pm

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Baptism: To arrange a baptism and begin the required preparation class, call (480) 998-3843 a minimum of three months in advance.

Marriage: Arrangements must be made a minimum of nine months in advance. Call the Parish Office for an appointment.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Anointing of the Sick or Communion to the Sick: To request either sacrament, call the Parish Office.

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First Down with Fr. Eric

Dear Friends,

Our children's ministries have begun with the beginning of the new school year. Parents bring their children to Mass, and at the Sunday morning Masses we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) and for the younger children Young Disciples. I want to offer support for parents who make the effort to bring their children to our Masses. I understand the effort it can take to bring them. The temptation for parents is to think they really cannot get anything out of Mass as the children take so much attention. Other parents are very concerned that the children will bother other parishioners. I remind the parents that disciples do not first ask the question, "Am I getting anything out of Mass?" Parents, the first words out of a disciple's mouth are "What do I bring to Mass?" You bring the children, God's gift to the world and the Church. You are modeling the example of love, sacrifice, and guidance to the young ones. The House of God should sound like your House of God at home. I come from a large family, and I have some experience with noise, family dynamics, and the challenge of moving the family from one place to another.

It is vital that the Church welcomes parents and their children. In my family, when the children made a fuss at Mass, my parents would take turns taking them to the Narthex or outside until they calmed down. I invite our parents to do the same, as the Narthex has the speakers to listen to the Mass while you wait for the child to be calm.

Parents, it is not easy to raise children, and it is not always convenient or easy to bring children to Mass. Yet children are a gift; they are the future of the Church, they are important to God and should be an important part of the Mass, to view, to learn, and have parents model the ideal posture and reverence that we offer to God.

I had great modeling from my mom and dad about bringing us to Mass. I try to remember that in encouraging parents to do their best.

We love when you bring your children to Mass.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Eric

READ MORE FROM FR. ERIC
HUDDLE UP - WEEKLY BLOG

BY **SUE ORLANDO**, Parish Administrator

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BY **ERIC TAMAYO**, Coordinator of Liturgy

The Way of the Cross

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reveals something difficult to his disciples as he must go to Jerusalem to suffer and be killed. It is easy to understand Peter's reaction as he just proclaimed Jesus as the Christ. We often want a faith that protects us from suffering and difficulty. We may believe that if we follow Christ faithfully, our lives should become easier. Yet Jesus never promises his disciples a life without suffering. Instead, he tells us plainly: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross, however, is not simply about enduring pain. To take up our cross means choosing love, faithfulness, forgiveness, sacrifice, and service even when doing so is difficult. Jesus shows us that genuine discipleship requires more than believing in him; it requires allowing his way of living to shape our own. Jesus makes it clear that the path of discipleship cannot be separated from the cross.

There are many crosses we encounter in ordinary life: caring for a family member, remaining faithful during difficult times, forgiving someone who has hurt us, standing up for what is right, serving those in need, or persevering when our prayers seem unanswered. These experiences can become opportunities to follow Christ more closely. Jesus' message challenges our conventional way of thinking, "Whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." The world often tells us that happiness comes from protecting ourselves, gaining possessions, achieving success, or putting ourselves first. Jesus teaches something radically different. True life is discovered when we give ourselves in love.

The Christian life is therefore not about avoiding the cross, but about discovering Christ present within it. Jesus does not promise us a life without suffering but he does promise us we will never be alone in our suffering. He is always with us especially in difficult times. To follow Jesus is to learn to see life differently. It means trusting God even when we do not understand, loving even when it costs us something, and carrying our crosses with hope because we know the cross is not the end of the story. May we have the courage to follow Jesus faithfully, carrying our crosses with hope. With Christ, every cross can lead us toward new life.

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Stewardship

Jesus tells His disciples plainly that following Him means denying oneself, taking up the cross, and losing life in order to truly find it, which is a hard word for a culture obsessed with self-preservation and gain. Stewardship asks the same paradoxical surrender: what we cling to tightly, we lose, but what we freely give for Christ's sake bears lasting fruit. **Giving** becomes an act of self-denial, a small daily cross that loosens our grip on possessions and reorders our priorities. **Praying** is how we align our will with God's, especially when His plan doesn't match our own comfortable expectations, as it didn't for Peter. **Serving** costs us something: time, convenience, comfort, but that cost is precisely what makes it a share in Christ's cross. What is one thing you are holding onto that Christ may be asking you to release for the sake of a greater good?

Stewardship

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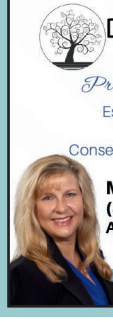
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Alpha begins Wednesday, September 16, and meets every Wednesday through November 18, in the House of Mercy, Building E. Complimentary dinner is served each Wednesday at 6:00 pm, followed by the Alpha presentation and small-group conversation. The evening concludes at 8:00 pm.

Come for dinner. It's complimentary! Meet new people, and explore faith in a relaxed and welcoming environment. We would love to have you join us!

Interested in joining the Alpha Team? Please call 520-981-0648.

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SEPTEMBER 27

10:00 am in the Youth Garage

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Questions? Contact Jen D'Costa

jdcosta@stpatcc.org

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AT ST. PATRICK

2026-2027 MOM DATES

SEPTEMBER 15	JANUARY 26
SEPTEMBER 29	FEBRUARY 9
OCTOBER 20	FEBRUARY 23
NOVEMBER 3	MARCH 9
NOVEMBER 17	APRIL 6
DECEMBER 1	APRIL 20
JANUARY 12	MAY 11

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Moms

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Women's Social Dinner

Wednesday, September 23 | 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Please join us for a social evening including a delicious catered dinner, wine & refreshments.

Pastor Jackie Parks, founder of South Scottsdale Presbyterian Church will talk briefly about the **Community House**: "a place in Scottsdale belonging to the least, last, lost and left out in our city."

Please consider bringing donations of (new) men and women's underwear.

RSVP at **stpatcc.org/registration/falldinner26**

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Social Justice

Honoring Saint Teresa of Calcutta

Feast Day: September 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta devoted her life to serving the poorest of the poor. Born as Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu in Skopje, North Macedonia in 1910, she answered God's call to leave her teaching post and live among those whom the world had forgotten. In the sick, the dying, and the abandoned, she recognized the face of Christ and responded with tender, unwavering love.

Her witness reminds us that holiness is not found in grand gestures but in small acts done with great love. She embraced humility as her strength, never seeking recognition, only seeking to console the heart of Jesus by caring for His most vulnerable children. Her life challenges each of us to look beyond ourselves and to see the dignity in every person we encounter.

St. Teresa's life is a powerful witness to Catholic Social Teaching in action. She upheld the dignity of every person, embodied the preferential option for the poor, stood in solidarity with the marginalized, and showed us that service is a concrete expression of faith. Her example calls us to recognize that social justice is not an abstract ideal but a daily commitment rooted in love.

As we honor her on her patron saint day, let us ask for the grace to imitate her compassionate service in our own parish and community. Whether through a kind word, a moment of presence with someone who is suffering, or a generous offering of our time, we carry forward the mission she began.

"If you judge people, you have no time to love them."
— St. Teresa of Calcutta

Let us pray: Lord, grant us humble hearts and willing hands, that we may serve You in the least of our brothers and sisters. Through the intercession of St. Teresa, help us to be instruments of Your compassion. Amen.

Mass Readings

This Sunday:

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–9
Second Reading: Romans 12:1–2
Gospel: Matthew 16:21–27

Next Sunday:

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7–9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8–10
Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, August 31
8:00 am ✞ Joseph Jacksa

Tuesday, September 1
8:00 am ✞ Elizabeth Brown
5:30 pm ✞ Jake Schlueter

Wednesday, September 2
8:00 am ✞ Jeffrey Saeli

Thursday, September 3
8:00 am ✞ The Honorable Harry Mitchell
5:30 pm ✞ Bill Martin

Friday, September 4
8:00 am For the people

Saturday, September 5
4:30 pm ✞ Don Moss

Sunday, September 6
8:30 am ✞ Kerrie Shey Houser
10:30 am ✞ Jerry Lews
5:00 pm ✞ Jiosué Di Donna

If you would like a specific Mass intention offered for someone, living or deceased, please come to the Parish Office to schedule one.

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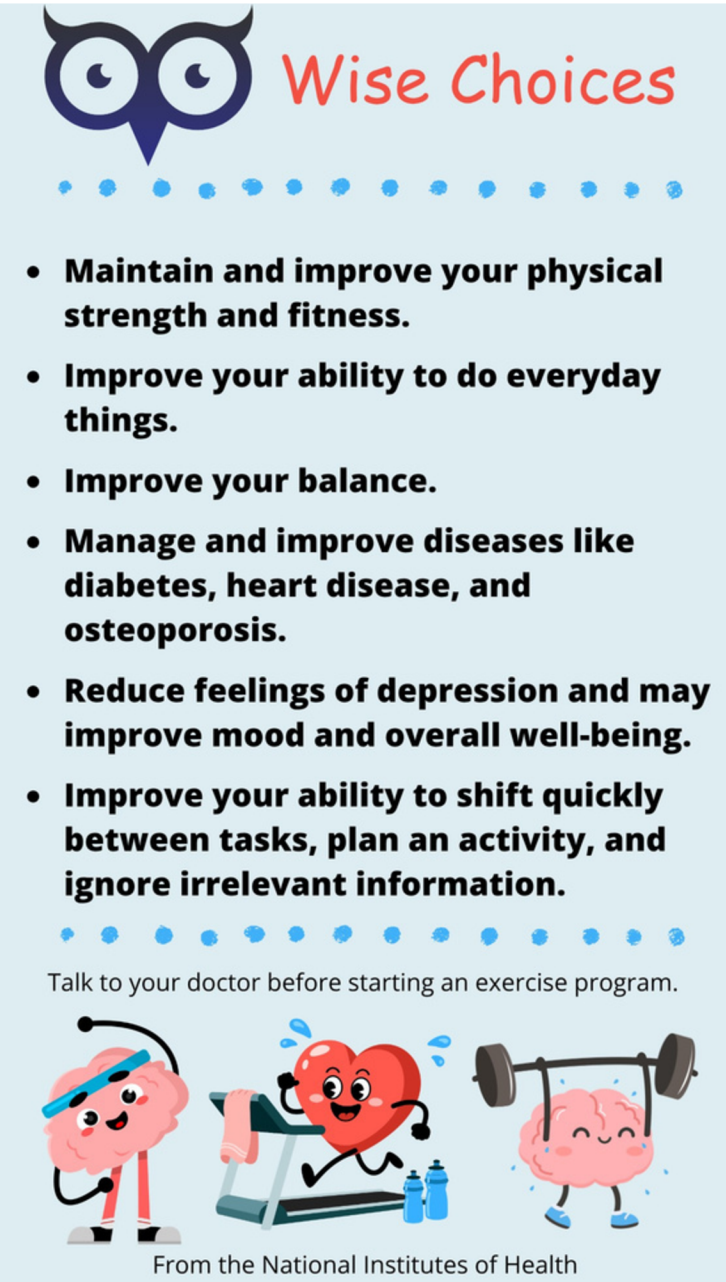

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Cancer Support This support group is for those dealing with the effects of cancer in their lives and their families' lives. Group meets virtually the first Wednesday of the month, September to May, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. For more information please contact Gloria Yturralde at 602-370-7042.

Divorced/Separated The "Catholic Divorce Survival Guide" is a twelve part program of sharing, comfort, and healing for divorced or separated people. It is a journey of learning, reflection, and prayer. All are welcome. This course is offered in the spring and fall. For more information contact Benny Jetson at 602-920-1671 or Therese Mexas at 480-278-3805.

Family, Personal Support Catholic Charities Counselor available Mondays from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. For an appointment call 602-749-4405. Fees based on sliding scale.

Annulment Support A group of annulment ministers help people navigate the system of annulments in the Phoenix Diocese. For an appointment call 480-264-4319.

Prayer Support A team of men and women in Arizona and beyond are honored to pray for your intentions. All requests are confidential: first names only are encouraged. For prayer requests email to **weprayforyou@stpatcc.org**.

Grief Support Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one GriefShare is a special weekly Monday or Tuesday seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Please call the Parish Office 480-998-3843.

Benefits Assistance Program Assistance with Medicare and other health insurance benefits available for seniors, the disabled and caregivers. For information, please call the Parish Office 480-998-3843.

The Next Chapter A group for men and women further along on their grief journey to address the ongoing needs after the loss of a loved one through spiritual, educational and social activities. Please contact Peg Bohnert at **thenextchapter@stpatcc.org.**

NAMI Family Support Group This group is a free, confidential and safe place, open to family members, partners and friends of individuals living with a mental illness in order to support each other. Group meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month, 6:00-7:30 pm in the House of Mercy/Pope Francis Room. Questions: **email: info@namivos.org** or **web: namivos.org**

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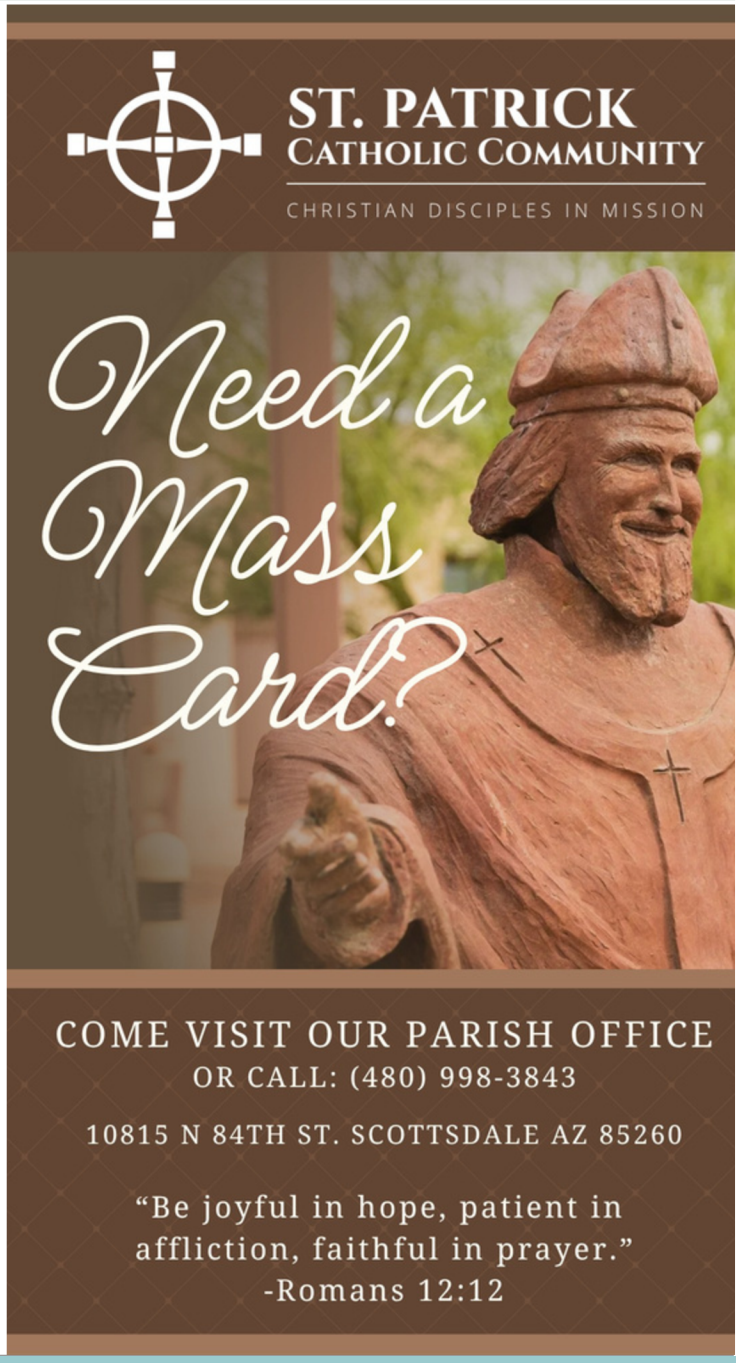
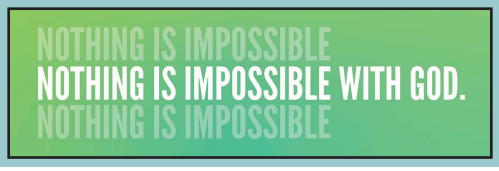
Please contact:
Eric Tamayo at **etamayo@stpatcc.org**





ROCK45 invites 4th & 5th graders to deepen their faith with fun & dynamic evenings that invite our youth to encounter God's immense love for them. Keeping the youth moving and learning is key at ROCK45. Most importantly, ROCK45 helps our youth foster faith-based friendships.

KICK-OFF: September 14

ROCK45 meets on Monday nights from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. All 4th & 5th graders are invited to check it out!

Questions? **YM@STPATCC.ORG**

Jen D'Costa
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sptheedge.org

Middle Schoolers - Your Mondays Just Got an Upgrade!

EDGE is back, and registration is officially open! If you're in 6th–8th grade, mark your calendar: starting Monday, September 14, join us from 6:30 - 8:00 pm for an unforgettable weekly experience in Fenlon Hospitality Center. Each EDGE night is packed with fun games, meaningful conversations, faith-filled moments, and friendships that last.

Whether you're new or returning, this is your chance to grow in your relationship with God, discover who you are, and be part of something bigger.

Register now on our website and come be part of the EDGE community!
Email Jen D'Costa at **jdcosta@stpatcc.org** with any questions.

Last year's kick-off was a western-themed night with lots of games. Come check out this year's kick-off on September 14 at EDGE!

Jack Gordon
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All high school teens are invited to be part of our **Life Teen** youth ministry! We meet Sundays after the 5:00 pm Mass from 6:00 – 8:15 pm in Fenlon Hospitality Center.

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Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is our weekly formation program for children age 4 through 3rd grade, incorporating Montessori principles to help children hear and respond to the loving call of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, who has loved them first and calls them by name. Classes meet after school and early evening for an hour and a half, once a week, September through April. Contact: Renee Genetti at **rgenetti@stpatcc.org**, 480-998-3843 ext. 223.

CLOW is a special time during Mass when children in Pre-K through 4th grade are invited to hear the Word of God in a way they can understand and reflect on. They are encouraged to ask questions and grow in faith through age-appropriate teachings.

Children are blessed and sent forth following the Gloria and return to the congregation during the Offertory. All are welcome—no registration required!

If you're interested in being part of this meaningful ministry, please reach out to Yasmine Rodriguez at **yrodriguez@stpatcc.org**. We'd love to have you join the team!

Young Disciples (Ages 3–5) is a special program created just for potty-trained preschoolers to experience the joy of the Gospel in a fun and meaningful way! Offered during both the 8:30 and 10:30 am Masses, children begin in the church with their families, are then blessed and sent forth to continue worship, where they remain for the rest of the Mass.

Want to learn more or are you interested in becoming a volunteer minister? Reach out to Yasmine Rodriguez at **yrodriguez@stpatcc.org**.

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