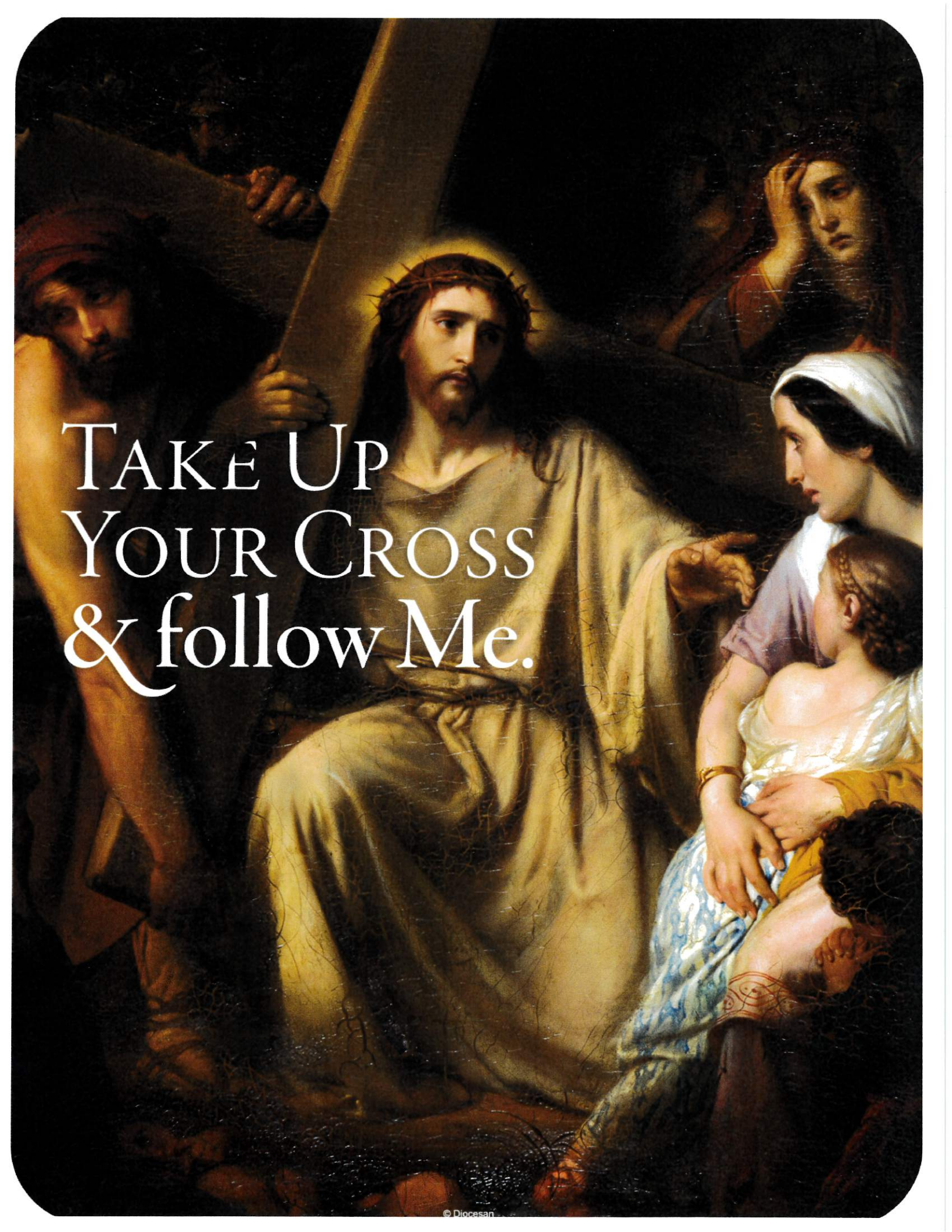


A religious painting depicting Jesus Christ, wearing a crown of thorns and a simple robe, holding a large wooden cross. He is surrounded by the Three Marys: Mary Magdalene on the left, Mary the Mother of Jesus in the center, and Mary the wife of Clopas on the right. The scene is set in a dark, rocky landscape. The text "TAKE UP YOUR CROSS & follow Me." is overlaid in white, serif font on the left side of the image.

TAKE UP
YOUR CROSS
& follow Me.

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses for the Week

Sunday, August 30

7:30am Stephan & Rosemary Mannes
10:00am St. Patrick parishioners

Monday, August 31 NO MASS

Tuesday, September 1

7:00pm Owen Roberts

Wednesday, September 2

8:00am Jeff Trahin

Thursday, September 3

8:00am Mary Jane Dufallo

Friday, September 4 *First Friday*

8:00am J. Strack family

Saturday, September 5 *First Saturday*

8:00am Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:00pm *66th Anniversary* – Tony & Ilene Iott

Sunday, September 6

7:30am Patrick Muhler
10:00am St. Patrick parishioners

Liturgical Ministries

September 5 & 6

Lectors

5:00pm Jim Bottone
7:30am Roberta Davis
10:00am Therese Joy Burkett

Eucharistic Ministries

5:00pm P. Bottone, B. Harber, S. Fawbush, R. Rospond
7:30am M. Butts, K. Lipke, A. Lushis, B. Tippmann
10:00am A. Deckena, W. Mathenge, N. Duffy, S. Harber

Gifts

5:00pm Les Mangis family
7:30am Paul Nicholson family
10:00am Tim Wilhelm family

Ushers

5:00pm J. Fawbush, J. Burelison, J. Gordan, Volunteer
7:30am H. Strack, M. Magers, D. Davis, J. Butts
10:00am J. Deckena, C. Deckena, D. Frazier, H. Frazier

Servers

5:00pm Volunteers
7:30am Sean D, Xavier R, Tyler N, Matthew N
10:00am Micah H, Everett T, Levi T, Xavier T

Church Cleaning

September 5 Beth Fiato, Mary Ripley

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Fr. Bobby's Column

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our parish council met a little over a week ago for the first time since I arrived here. The parish council serves as an advisory body to the pastor. And as the pastor, my goal is to serve the spiritual needs of the parish to the best of my abilities. Thus, the parish council helps me to care for the needs of everyone here at St. Patrick. We meet every few months to discuss the activities of the parish. I am able to bounce ideas off of them and they can also bring ideas or areas of concern to my attention. This is very helpful for me as a pastor because almost everyone at St. Pat's has been here much longer than I have! I am always open to honest and charitable ideas and feedback with anything at the parish.

And hopefully everyone would feel comfortable with me at this point to approach me with ideas or concerns, whether in person or through an email. But if you would prefer to bring something to me through the parish council, that would be fine as well. The members of the parish council are: Mark Butts, Jim Bottone, Anna Knitter, Hope Parish, Zach Schortgen, and Dan Strack. Please feel free to approach any of us with questions or concerns you have about the parish.

Finally, if you or someone you know would like to serve on the parish council, please let us know. Some of the members of the council have served for a few years now, so we are looking to cycle some members off while also welcoming some new members too. Let's continue to lift each other up in prayer as we seek the true and lasting joys of the Heavenly Kingdom!

August 30, 2026

Young Adult Bible Study (18–35-year-olds) will be held on **Monday, August 31 from 6-8 pm** in the conference room.

Life Teen – Leading Teens Closer to Christ (6-12th grades) on **Saturday, September 12 from 3-5 pm** in the old school hall.

CCD Registration Forms for Pre-K through Grade 12 are located at the church entrances. Classes resume on **Sunday, September 13 from 8:30am – 9:45am**. Open House for students and parents! *Welcome back with Fr. Bobby at 8:45am in the hall. All encouraged to attend.*

Adult Education Classes will meet on **Sunday mornings** during Religious Education classes from **8:30-9:45am** in the Adult Ed classroom across from the kitchen in the parish hall. All are welcome to join as we continue our faith journey.

Welcome to Our Parish Library! Our Parish Library is organized and ready for you to enjoy. We hope you will take advantage of this wonderful resource and discover something that inspires, encourages, and deepens your faith. Happy reading and may God bless you on your faith journey!

Called to Serve at the Altar? Have you ever considered becoming an altar server? Serving at the altar is a meaningful way to grow in your faith, participate more fully in the Mass, and assist our priest during the liturgy. We are looking for children (4th grade and up), and youth who feel called to this important ministry, please contact **Raylene Rospond** at rmrospnd@gmail.com or speak with Father Bobby after Mass. We hope you will prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve God and our parish community.

Considering Becoming Catholic: An informal meeting will be held on **Sunday, September 6 after the 10 am Mass in the Conference room to discuss the steps to become Catholic**. Please join us! We warmly invite you to explore this journey with us. If you would like to learn more or have questions about becoming Catholic and cannot attend the informal meeting, please contact **Raylene Rospond** at rmrospnd@gmail.com or the Parish Office at stpatarca@earthlink.net.

First and Fourth Grade Catechists Needed – If anyone feels led to help co-teach with the 1st or 4th grade Religious Education teachers on Sunday mornings please contact Nancy Beyhan: text 260.580.2772 or email ccdstpatsarca@gmail.com.

Thank you! The cemetery maintenance team would like to thank Pete Strack for repairing the wrought iron fence that was damaged by falling limbs. *Pete graciously donated his labor and materials.*

St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Paul of the Cross Church would like to thank St. Patrick parish for the donations to their food pantry. The donations will help fight hunger in their area.



First Friday Mass will be on **Friday, September 4 at 8:00 am** followed by adoration, confessions, and devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

First Saturday Mass will be on **Saturday, September 5 at 8:00 am** followed by adoration, confessions, and devotions to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

All are welcome! Anyone interested in **singing** or **playing** for Mass, please see the organist after any of the Masses. No experience is necessary. We'll be happy to coach newcomers. We'll plan a newcomer practice this fall. Please contact Mary Poinsette at marypoinsette@gmail.com with any questions!

Catholic Charities Do Small Things Together Material Drive August 29-September 6. In honor of St. Teresa of Calcutta's Feast Day on September 5th please support local charities by donating small essentials that make a big difference for our most vulnerable neighbors. Drop your new items off in the **Catholic Charities Blue Barrel** in the parish hall.

St. Peter's Sensory Mass (518 E Dewald, FW) the **First Sunday of every month at 4pm**. This 30-minute Mass features low lighting, no music, and no incense. All are welcome!

"Living the Litany of Humility" Weekend Retreat on **September 18-20** at the Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center, Bloomington, IN with Fr. Jerry Byrd as seen on EWTN The Journey Home. Call 812-825-4642, ext. 1.

World Day of Prayer for Creation on September 1, a day for Catholics around the world to give thanks for God's gift of creation and renew our commitment to caring for our common home.

National Day of Prayer for Peace on September 9, the Feast of St. Peter Claver. Pray and reflect on how we can foster peace, healing, and reconciliation in our communities.

Pilgrimages to France: May 18-26, 2027, with Fr. Daniel Koehl (register at stcharlespilgrimages.com/ward-koehl) and November 5-16, 2027, with Msgr. Michael Heintz. (info@myfaithjourneys.com) More information located on the flyers at the church entrances.

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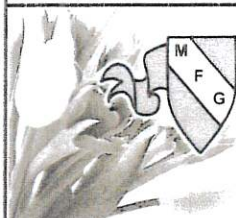
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