

December 27, 2020

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Merry Christmas!

St. Patrick's: "A community of Christian stewards living in faith, hope and love."

St. Patrick's Parish
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PARISH OFFICE, by appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 PM
Wednesday and Friday 12:00 Noon

Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Saturday—5:00 PM, Mass in the Church and Hall
Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Sunday—8:30 AM and 11:00 AM, Mass in the Church and Hall
Communion to follow for those attending and those who watch the livestream.

Adoration—Thursday, 6:00-8:00PM

Confessions—Thurs., 6:00-7:00PM, Sat, 3:00-4:00PM

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How to be a Holy Family

Merry Christmas...Day 3!

One of the great things about being Catholic is that for us, Christmas is not just a day, but a whole season. This year Christmas lasts until the Solemnity of the Baptism of the Lord on January 10th. That's actually 17 days of Christmas. So

don't take that tree down yet!

This week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. A central focus of the feast is the family as the first expression of the Church. Indeed, it's vitally important for us to remember that Church exists first at home. If it does not, then what we do here on the weekends will have limited impact.

So how do you raise a Catholic household? How can each of us be a "holy family?" Simple. In the Church we sanctify (set aside for God) three things: 1) People, 2) Places, and 3) Time. So start with the basics:

1. Sanctify the members of the family. In the Catholic Book of Household Blessings and Prayers there are lots and lots of blessings that parents can impart at certain times of the year. I particularly like the blessing of children as they leave for school each day. There are also blessings for birthdays, anniversaries, graduation, and just about anything else you can think of.

2. Set aside a special place in the house that is dedicated to family prayer. You have a place to eat, a place to sleep, a place to watch TV. Where in the house will you make a place to pray? As a child, I remember kneeling around our parents' bed to pray the Rosary. Make sure there is a crucifix prominently displayed in the main part of the house. Does every bedroom have a crucifix above the bed or the doorway. Have a depiction of the Last Supper in your dining room.

3. Make sacred family time. Make the Church calendar, your family's calendar. The parish calendars that we hand out can help in this regard. Celebrate all the liturgical seasons at home. Decorate with the liturgical colors. Advent calendars and Advent wreaths are great for preparing for Christmas. Leave the Nativity Scene and other Christmas decorations up until the Baptism of the Lord (some will even do so until Candlemas on February 2nd.) Set aside a certain time each day for simple family prayer.

4. Learn your faith and have resources on hand for quick reference. Here are five essential Catholic books in every household: 1) New American Study Bible (Revised Edition), 2) Catechism of the Catholic Church 3) Catholic Book of Household Blessings and Prayers. 4) Flannery's Documents of Vatican II, Volume I. 4) Butler's Lives of the Saints (Revised). 5) The Treasury of Catholic Wisdom by John Hardon, S.J.

Raising a holy Catholic family is not rocket science, but it does take some planning and resolve. The traditions established in the home now will pay dividends for generations. - Fr. Leo

Welcome to
Our Church

New to the Parish?

Welcome! Please take a moment to call the office! We would love to meet you and show you around...in a safe and sanitary way, of course! Thanks for coming!

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Stewardship of Treasure December Goal \$51,700.00

Sunday, December 6	\$12,801.12
Sunday, December 13	\$11,629.12
<u>Total Collected</u>	<u>\$24,430.24</u>
Still Needed	\$27,269.76

Thank you for your generosity!

Many Thanks!

- To all who donated to the warm clothing drive during Advent.
- To Angela Shemel, Jean Watson, Jane Guzauskas, and all who make the church and grounds so beautiful!
- To the elves who, greet folks and sanitize the building and all who keep us safe!
- To all the liturgical ministers, especially the musicians who make our liturgies wonderful!

[Additional Documents Online at www.st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

December Parish Calendar
USCCB Moral Considerations on COVID Vaccines

Thank You for Your Generosity!

During these odd times, we offer many ways to give.

In Person: Drop your donation in the basket at the back after Mass, or

Drop your donation through outer doors of the Deacons Hall.
Give Online: Go to the parish website, www.st.patsak.org and click on the DONATE button at the upper right. You can donate through a credit card or bank account, and you can use the "Quick Give" option if you don't wish to set up a user name and password.

By Mail: Send your donation via U.S. Mail

Thank you for your continuing support of your parish family during these difficult times!

Lector Workbooks for the New Liturgical Year

Our Lector Workbooks for 2021 have arrived. All lectors are invited to pick up a copy from the table in the sacristy. Thank you to all who proclaim the Word of God for our community!

Parish Calendars for 2021

Our parish calendars for the new year have arrived! Pick up your in the gathering area after Mass today -- one per family please.

May the Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph bless you in the New Year!



**From your St. Patrick's Parish
Family!**

ARCHDIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS



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January 1 each year is the solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God.



➔ Prayer for the New Year

Begin with the sign of the cross.

Our lives are made of days and nights, of seasons and years, for we are part of a universe of suns and moons and planets. We mark ends and we make beginnings and, in all, we praise God for the grace and mercy that fill our days.

Read a scripture passage:

Genesis 1:14-19 or Psalm 90:1-4.

After a time of silence, invite each person to offer prayers of thanksgiving for the past year, and of intercession for the coming year.

Pray this prayer:

Remember us, O God; from age to age be our comforter. You have given us the wonder of time, blessings in days and nights, seasons and years. Bless your children at the turning of the year and fill the months ahead with the bright hope that is ours in the coming of Christ. You are our God, living and reigning, forever and ever. R/. Amen.

LEARN MORE ONLINE:
archdioceseofanchorage.org

Masses for the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
Thursday, December 31, 5:30pm
Friday, January 1, 11am

One "Beard" One Body

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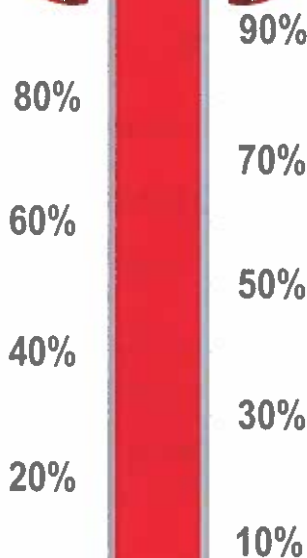
Nice!
About \$27,000 is coming back to the parish!



Beard or no Beard?

Archdiocesan Goal

\$73,644



Alas, the good people at the chan-cery take a well deserved rest from Christmas to New Year's, so we won't know if we made it to our 250 pledges until later this week. Stay tuned!

All proceeds at this point go directly to the parish. A pledge or donation in any amount counts.

St. Patrick, pray for us!



S.W.E.A.T.!

Once upon a time there was a group of dedi-cated people who organized all the celebrations at St. Patrick's. The hard workers of S.W.E.A.T. ("Social Workers Engaged in All Things.") cooked food, decorated, took tickets, served the guests, and ensured everybody had a good time. Were you or someone you knew a member of S.W.E.A.T.? Do you have story from our past to share? Contact the parish office, 337-1538.

Our 50th anniversary is October 4, 2021!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, December 26 - Vigil of The Holy Family

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, December 27 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Monday, December 28

Office Closed—No Public Mass today

Tuesday, December 29

5:30 PM, Mass, Communion follows
6:15 PM, Legion of Mary, via Zoom

Wednesday, December 30

12:00 Noon, Mass, Communion follows

Thursday, December 31

10:00 AM, Adult Bible Study, Deacons Hall
5:30 PM, Vigil Mass, Communion follows
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration, Church

Friday, January 1, 2021 - Solemnity of Mary

11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Saturday, January 2 - Vigil of the Epiphany of the Lord

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, January 3, The Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

All liturgies are livestreamed, then posted on
www.facebook.com/@stpatsak

READINGS

December 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

December 28 - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

December 29 - The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

December 30 - The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-10; Lk 2:36-40

December 31 - The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18

January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Num 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

January 2 - Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen

1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28

January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Dec. 25 - Jan. 1, 2021 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Sat.	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30am	Goldie Arnold, ROS
	11:00am	Jerry Witt, ROS
Mon.	(private)	Leeann Anderson, Birthday Blessings
Tues.	5:30pm	John Murray, ROS
Wed.	Noon	Drew Koop, ROS
Thurs.	5:30pm	Peggy & Wes Bergsrud, 62nd Anniversary Blessings
Fri.	11:00am	People of the Parish

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church/ Hall	Live stream	Mass Total	Total
Sat, Dec 19 – 5 PM	44	327	371	
Sun, Dec 20 – 8:30 AM	45	340	385	
Sun, Dec 20 – 11 AM	72	389	461	1217
Thurs, Dec 24 - 6 PM	122	638	760	
Thurs, Dec 24 - 9 PM	84	366	450	
Fri, Dec 25 - Midnight	68	567	635	
Fri, Dec 25 - 11 AM	60	269	329	2174

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