

Welcome to St. Parick's!

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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Touched by Christ

Merry Christmas, Day 17!

Today brings the Christmas Season proper to an end. You may take down your Christmas tree if you like. If it is safe to do so, you can leave it up until Candlemas (February 2nd). Given the year just passed, you can leave it up until St. Patrick's Day. What the heck!

Last year I talked about WHY Jesus was baptized. He certainly did not need it for the reasons that we do. Rather, as the Incarnate Word of God, by entering into the waters of baptism in the Jordan, Jesus transforms them into the sacrament we know today. Remember, "God's word is living and effective." (Heb 4:12) As the Incarnate Word, whatever Jesus touches, he transforms.

That includes each one of us, who through our own baptism have been transformed and configured to Christ in the very core of our being. This is much of what John is talking about when he says that "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God..." (1Jn 5:1) I have found three ways that we are made and re-made into the image and likeness of God.

1) **We can love**—setting our own needs aside and work for the good of one another. For some this is in ministry, perhaps even Holy Orders; for others, it may be Holy Matrimony; for others it may be as a professed religious or in the chaste single life in the secular world.

2) **We can be creative**—and help the world around us become what God has created it to be. The most obvious example of this is parents. But for some this is in making art or music; for others it might be building or construction; for others it might be administration; for others it might be parenting or teaching, or any other number of things.

3) **We can forgive**—and thus pave the way for reconciliation. When we forgive we transcend the offense and do not let the power of sin have any more control over us. This is true freedom.

As Christians, let us allow Christ to enter into our lives and transform us, so that at the end of this life we may hear, "This is my beloved son... This is my beloved daughter...with whom I am well pleased."

- Fr. Leo



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!

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PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Stewardship of Treasure December Goal \$51,700.00

Sunday, December 6	\$12,801.12
Sunday, December 13	\$11,629.12
Sunday, December 20	\$11,902.23
Sunday, December 27	\$16,364.23
Total Collected	\$52,696.70
Over the Goal!!!	\$996.70

Thank you for your generosity!

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!

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.

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

January Parish Calendar
USCCB Moral Considerations on COVID Vaccines

Three Things for Our Prayer and Work

This January, we focus on three important initiatives:

1) **Unity.** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-25. This year's theme, "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit," is based on John 15: 1-17. Learn more at the Vatican website, christianunity.va, in the "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" tab.

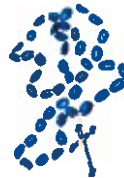
2) **Justice.** Poverty does not strike all demographics equally. In 2018, the poverty rate for people living with a disability was 25.7%. That's nearly 4 million people living in poverty with a disability. Visit povertyusa.org to learn about how you can help.

3) **Respect for Life.** 9 Days for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. Pray with us at 9daysforlife.com

Parish Community Rosary

Please join the ACTS Core Team for a St. Patrick's Community Rosary!

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 7:00pm
via Zoom



Meeting ID: 910-6943-4837

Password: 507204

An Aquatic Nativity Scene

Speaking of the farm animals here at St. Patrick's, within their enclosure was a small pond on which the ducks and geese swam. Over the pond was a wooden bridge. One Christmas, a life-sized plastic manger scene was placed on the bridge over the pond. As is often the case, a Chinook wind blew in causing the pond to thaw, and, unfortunately, blowing the plastic manger figures off the bridge and into the water. As colder temperatures returned, the pond froze, and for the rest of the winter a random hand or foot could be seen sticking up out of the water.....It was many, many years ago.

Do you have a fun story to share? Let us know!

Our 50th anniversary is October 4, 2021.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Upcoming Adult Bible Studies!

Winter and Spring of 2021 have an exciting variety of Adult Bible Studies! As requested, Mary will be leading a 5 week bible study on the **Book of Jonah**. We will meet via Zoom on Mondays and begin on *January 25 at 6pm*.

Email Mary for details.

Introduction to Scripture will be happening again! This is an 8 week bible study for adults who are interested in learning the basics of salvation history, how we should read the bible, interpreting what God is asking of us, and how we can bring the Gospel into the world. *Day and time is TBD*. Email Mary for more information.

Keep an eye out for more options too!

Faith Formation Registration is ongoing! Email Mary for more information!

Youth Leadership Council Members Needed

We are forming St. Patrick's Youth Leadership Council, comprised of teens in sophomore year of high school through senior year. The council will work with Mary to help advise and guide on youth faith formation, design and run retreats and workshops, and lead their peers in small groups and youth ministry. The council will receive leadership training, work on teamwork skills, and gain experience in designing and leading various group activities.

Members will be committing to bi-weekly meetings, in addition to the occasional retreat, teamwork activity, or leadership training. Members are also committing to praying a decade of the Rosary daily for our parish youth and attending Mass every Sunday (when possible).

Youth interested in joining must submit a complete application to mallison@st.patsak.org no later than **Friday, February 26**. Please email Mary at mallison@st.patsak.org for an application.

(We do need an adult volunteer to join us—email Mary if interested!)

Epiphany Proclamation 2021



While a day like Christmas is fixed in our minds and on the calendars on December 25th, many of the important feasts of the Church year move, based upon the date that Easter is set. Easter changes each year moving to the Sunday after the "Paschal Full Moon," and can fall between March 22 and April 25.

In ancient times before calendars were common, most people did not know the dates for the upcoming Liturgical year. On Epiphany Sunday, the upcoming dates were "proclaimed" after the gospel in this way:

Know, dear brethren (brothers and sisters),
that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so by leave of God's mercy
we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection,
who is our Savior.

On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday,
and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fourth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day,
the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the thirteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our
Lord Jesus Christ,

To whom is honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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"To speak of a 'culture of encounter' means that we, as a people, should be passionate about meeting others, seeking points of contact, building bridges, planning a project that includes everyone. This becomes an aspiration and a style of life."

-Pope Francis, Fratelli Tutti 216

➔ Poverty Awareness Month: How We Make a Difference

The Catholic Church in the US continues to work toward a culture of encounter by honoring the dignity of each human person in our world. With the help of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, we are working to improve lives and bring hope to those in need. How? Read stories of impact and initiative on a variety of issues at povertyusa.org/stories

The Church's mission to alleviate poverty and bring justice is a calling for us all. By virtue of our baptism, we are all incorporated into Christ's body and are sent on Christ's Mission to love, respect, and serve all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, as stewards of our common home, in local and global ways.

LEARN MORE ONLINE:
aoaj.org

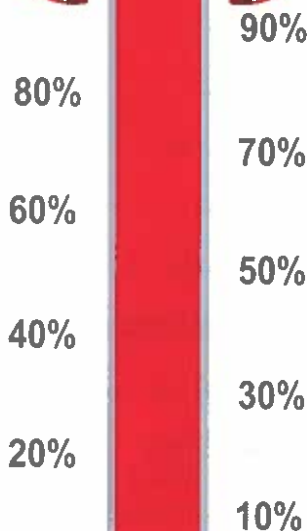
One "Beard" One Body

\$105,380.04

How cool is that?!
About \$32,000 is
coming back to the
parish!

Archdiocesan Goal

\$73,644



And the verdict is...

Well, as of Thursday, we had **247 pledges or donations** to the appeal. So, tell you what, if we can pick up the last three this weekend, the beards will be history.

A pledge in any amount counts. All proceeds at this point come back to the parish. **Will you be the one to put us over the top?**

St. Patrick,
pray for us!



Are you taking care of your soul? Are you feeding it and nurturing it?

This Christmas, as a gift to our parishioners we mailed out *I Heard God Laugh* by Matthew Kelly. In the book Matthew Kelly "powerfully demonstrates that we cannot live the life we have imagined, or experience the joy we yearn for, unless we learn to tend the soul". He teaches us how to do so. Enjoy the read!

If you did not receive a copy, please contact Rima in the office (907) 337-1538 Ext 35

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Saturday, January 9 - Vigil - The Baptism of the Lord
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
 5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
 8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
 11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Monday, January 11
 Office Closed—No Public Mass today

Tuesday, January 12
 5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows
 6:15 PM, Legion of Mary, via Zoom
 6:30 PM, R.C.I.A., via Zoom

Wednesday, January 13
 12:00 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Thursday, January 14
 10:00 AM, Adult Bible Study, Deacons Hall
 5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Eucharistic Adoration, Church
 7:00 PM, Catechist Training, via Zoom

Friday, January 15
 12:00 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Saturday, January 16 - Vigil - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel
 5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Sunday, January 17 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 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

January 10 - The Baptism of the Lord
 Is 42: 1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mk 1:7-11
January 11 - Monday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Mk 1:14-20
January 12 - Tuesday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
January 13 - Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
 Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105: 1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
January 14 - Thursday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
January 15 - Friday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4, 6-8; Mk 2:1-12
January 16 - Saturday of the 1st Week in Ordinary Time
 Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
January 17 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 1 Sam 3:3-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

MASS INTENTIONS

January 9, 2021 - January 15, 2021

Sat. 5:00pm Anna Evanson, Birthday Blessings
 Sun. 8:30am Austin & Barbara Huck, ROS
 11:00am People of the Parish
 Mon. (private) Home Missions
 Tues. 5:30pm Home Missions
 Wed. Noon Janet Molloy, ROS
 Thurs. 5:30pm Luke Schnellbaecher, ROS
 Fri. Noon John Andrew Koop, Sr., ROS

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church/Hall	Live stream	Mass Total	Total
Sat, Dec 26 – 5 PM	55	601	656	
Sun, Dec 27 – 8:30 AM	40	430	470	
Sun, Dec 27 – 11 AM	75	363	438	1564
Thurs, Dec 31 – 5:30 PM	87	367	454	
Fri, Jan 1 – 11 AM	65	380	445	899
Sat, Jan 2 – 5 PM	69	405	474	
Sun, Jan 3 – 8:30 AM	59	512	571	
Sun, Jan 3 – 11 AM	70	365	435	1480

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