

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent



# Welcome to St. Patrick's!



A community of Christian stewards living in faith, hope and love."

St. Patrick's Parish  
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Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
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Parish Website: [www.st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

**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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## Time for a Pastoral Council

Over the past year and a half, you may have noticed that there are several working committees and teams that have been organized in the parish. These include the Finance Council, the Liturgy Committee, the Facilities Committee, the Catechetical Ministries Team and the newly formed Evangelization and Parish Life Team. Each of these helps to coordinate activities and projects within their respective area of responsibility.

Now that these are up and running, the time has come to reconstitute the Pastoral Council. A pastoral council is a group of parishioners, representative of the parish, whose task is to advise the Pastor on important matters in the life of the parish family. The council helps the Pastor to discern the pastoral needs and opportunities within the parish and how those needs and opportunities might best be addressed.

Our council will be what is called a "representative council." That is, members will be selected who represent not only the essential activities, but also the demographic makeup of the parish. The above named Finance Council, teams, and committees will each select one of their members as a representative to the Pastoral Council. In addition, through a process of prayerful discernment, the parish at large will select a member of the parish who has been here since its founding as well as a parish youth, a young adult, and a representative of a family who has registered in the parish within the last year. Finally, two at-large members will be appointed by the pastor. Eventually a member of the yet-to-be-formed Stewardship Council will be added.

The Council will meet quarterly, usually after a tasty dinner at the parish house cooked by the Pastor. Members will serve a three-year term, renewable once. Terms will be staggered so that a third of the Council will renew or cycle off each year. Youth members will serve a one-year term, renewable once.

A well-functioning pastoral council is an essential tool in collaborative ministry, ensuring that pastoral initiatives and resources are truly the result of prayerful discernment of the whole parish family and not just one group or one individual. It also serves as an effective vehicle for parishioners to bring their needs and concerns to the attention of the Pastor in a deliberate and charitable manner. As the saying goes, "No one of us is as smart as all of us."

Please start praying now for those who will serve in this very important ministry in the parish. May the Holy Spirit guide us as we call them forth for service to the community.

- 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!

# PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

## Stewardship of Treasure

February Goal **\$48,700.00**

Sunday, February 7 \$12,980.56

Sunday, February 14 \$11,920.56

Total Collected thus Far \$24,901.12

Still Needed \$23,798.88

**Thank you for your generosity!**

## Thank You for Your Generosity!

We offer many ways to support St. Patrick's.

**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](http://www.st.patsak.org) and click on "Donate" at 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!**

## Best Lent Ever!

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. This year's BEST LENT EVER journeys through Matthew Kelly's latest book, *I Heard God Laugh: A Practical Guide to Life's Essential Daily Habit*. Each day of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

If you choose to throw yourself into this experience, we promise you that you will be surprised by what God can do in your life. So this year, don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever! Go to: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent/best-lent-ever.html>

## Prayer Chain

Is there a special person or need that you would like lifted up in prayer?

Email: [prayerchain@st.patsak.org](mailto:prayerchain@st.patsak.org) with the name and intention you would like our intercessors to bring before the Lord in their daily prayer.

## Stations of the Cross

Fridays of Lent

7:00 PM

In the Church and Livestreamed

## Better Meals in Madagascar CRS Rice Bowl - Lent 2021

In Madagascar half of all children are undernourished. That means that 50% of kids won't grow to reach their full potential. But communities are changing this by focusing on improving health and nutrition. What role has food played in your life? How can you help those who lack access to enough nutritious food? Visit [crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org) to learn more.

## Women's Morning of Reflection

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to a Women's Morning of Reflection at St. Patrick's Church next Saturday, March 6th. Mass begins at 10am with adoration, confession, and Rosary to follow.

Event concludes at 11:30am.

Please bring a mask, Bible, and journal.

No food will be served due to COVID-19.

Please call Tammy Williamson at 907-744-7887 for more information.

## Upcoming Adult Bible Studies!



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 coming soon!

## Pray the Rosary!

All are welcome to join our Knights of Columbus as they lead the praying of the Rosary before the 5pm Mass each Saturday. Another opportunity to pray the Rosary has started. Please join us as we pray the Rosary at 8am Sundays at the Marian Shrine in The Cloister before 8:30 Mass.



# ARCHDIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS



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## ➔ Before Reconciliation: Examination of Conscience

Pope Francis's Prayer intention for March 2021 focuses on the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Before celebrating the Sacrament, prepare yourself with an examination of conscience, which involves reflecting prayerfully on your thoughts, words, and deeds to identify any sins.

Many Examinations of Conscience are available online: for children, young adults, single people, married people, or based around a particular theme. Visit [USCCB.org](http://USCCB.org) or another reputable Catholic website to find an examination that matches your life.

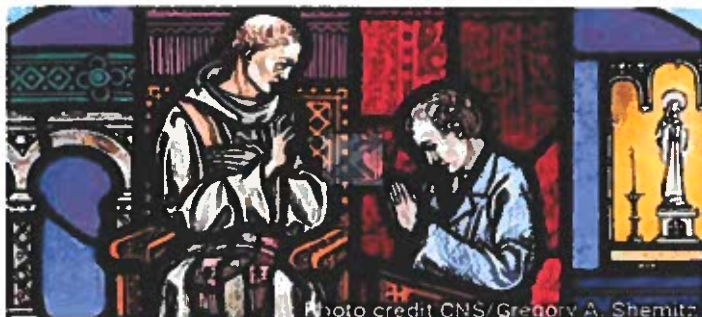


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## ➔ 2nd Sunday of Lent

As we celebrate the Second Sunday of Lent, check in with yourself. How are you doing with your Lenten sacrifice? In what ways have you succeed and where is there room for growth?

## ➔ Thank You for your support!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 136th annual Black and Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities all over the US. Spreading the Gospel couldn't happen without your support!

**LEARN MORE ONLINE:**  
[aoaj.org](http://aoaj.org)

**Do you feel called?**

## Position Opening Holy Spirit Center

**HOLY SPIRIT CENTER** in Anchorage is seeking a new **Director**. This position is responsible for the overall operations of the Catholic Retreat House Ministries. Duties include administration, staffing and supervision, ministry services, program development, operation and maintenance of facilities. Qualifications include: bachelor's degree in administration or related field, experience in management, must be a practicing Catholic (preferred experience as director of a non-profit with a mission similar to Holy Spirit Center). Currently 25 hours per week/full year; expected to return to 40 hours per week when the Center resumes full operation. For information and application visit: [www.holyspiritcenterak.org](http://www.holyspiritcenterak.org) or call 907-346-2343. Open until filled.

## Cloister "Family Plots"

This is a good year to establish a "Family Plot" on a Memorial Wall in The Cloister. A "Family Plot" is a section of the wall reserved for your family - for purchases now for deceased members - and for future purchases as needed. There is a permanent 20% discount on a "Family Plot" making the purchase price \$400.00 per name block. Call the parish office for more information - 337-1538.

Reserve space now for engraving this summer.

"Confession is the passage from misery to mercy; it is God's writing upon the heart. There – in our hearts – we constantly read that we are precious in the eyes of God, that he is our Father and that he loves us even more than we love ourselves. How many times do we feel alone, that we have lost our way in life? How many times do we no longer know how to begin again, overwhelmed by the effort to accept ourselves? We need to start over, but we don't know where to begin. Christians are born from the forgiveness they receive in Baptism. They are always reborn from the same place: from the surprising forgiveness of God, from his mercy which restores us. Only by being forgiven can we set out again with fresh confidence, after having experienced the joy of being loved by the Father to the full. Only through God's forgiveness do truly new things happen within us. Let us hear again words the Lord spoke through the prophet Isaiah: "Behold, I am doing a new thing" (Is 43:19)."

—Pope Francis

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, February 28 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Day Chapel  
8:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows  
11:00 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

### Monday, March 1

Office Closed—No Public Mass today  
6:00 PM, Bible Study - Book of Jonah, via Zoom

### Tuesday, March 2

5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
6:00 PM, Legion of Mary, via Zoom  
6:30 PM, R.C.I.A., via Zoom

### Wednesday, March 3

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
7:00 PM, Knights of Columbus Business Meeting, via Zoom

### Thursday, March 4

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

### Friday, March 5

12:00 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows  
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross, Church

### Saturday, March 6 - Vigil, 3rd Sunday of Lent

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Women's Morning of Reflection, Church  
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confessions, Day Chapel  
4:30 PM, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Church  
5:00 PM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

### Sunday, March 7 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM, Rosary before Mass, Marian Shrine in the Cloister  
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](https://www.facebook.com/@stpatsak)

*And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them.*

Mark 9:2-3

# Read God's Word Daily!



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## READINGS

### February 28 - Second Sunday of Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-19; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

### March 1 - Monday of the Second Week in Lent

Dn 9:4-10; Ps 78:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38

### March 2 - Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent

Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

### March 3 - Saint Katharine Drexel, Virgin

Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28

### March 4 - Saint Casimir

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

### March 5 - First Friday of the Month

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

### March 6 - Saturday of the Second Week of Lent

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

### March 7 - Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

## MASS INTENTIONS

### February 27, 2021 - March 5, 2021

Sat. 5:00pm	Mark Brooks, ROS
Sun. 8:30am	People of the Parish
11:00am	Hugh Walter Wilson, ROS
Tues. 5:30pm	Bradley Bergsrud, ROS
Wed. Noon	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thurs. 5:30pm	
Fri. Noon	Jerry Witt, ROS

## ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church & Hall	Live stream	Mass Total	Total
Wed., Feb 17 - 7 AM	50	316	366	
Wed., Feb 17 - 12 PM	115	371	491	
Wed, Feb 17 - 7 PM	167	395	562	1419
Stations, Feb 19 - 7 PM	25	284	309	
Saturday, Feb 20 - 5 PM	82	256	338	
Sunday, Feb 21 - 8:30 AM	75	269	344	
Sunday, Feb 21 - 11 AM	116	334	450	1441

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	OPERATING		REVENUE
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)
DONATIONS/MISC*	\$56,155	\$33,570	\$22,585
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$293,199	\$262,000	\$31,199
INTEREST/RENT	\$8,243	\$2,400	\$5,843
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$357,597</b>	<b>\$297,970</b>	<b>\$59,627</b>

\* Includes \$22,958 in Federal Payroll Protection Program funds

	OPERATING		EXPENSE
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/ (UNDER)
PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$138,838	\$166,522	(\$27,684)
RETREATS	\$0	\$2,500	(\$2,500)
FACILITIES	\$81,550	\$71,100	\$10,450
SUPPLIES	\$23,102	\$39,225	(\$16,123)
DIO. ASSESSMENT	\$45,918	\$45,918	\$0
CATHOLIC ANCHOR	\$4,729	\$7,200	(\$2,471)
OTHER	\$13,104	\$15,825	(\$2,721)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$307,241</b>	<b>\$348,290</b>	<b>(\$41,049)</b>

	OPERATING		SUMMARY
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	Over/ (Under)
OP REVENUE	\$357,597	\$297,970	\$59,627
OP EXPENSE	\$307,241	\$348,290	(\$41,049)
OP MARGIN	\$50,356	(\$50,320)	\$100,676
CAPITAL IMP.	\$22,435		
NET OP MARGIN	\$27,921		

St Patrick Parish

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2020

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash Totals:	586,400.01
Investments Totals:	462,008.96
Accounts Receivable Totals:	36,449.39
Notes Receivable Totals:	55,167.14
Prepaid Expenses Totals:	7,027.90
Other Current Assets Totals:	25,672.00
Land, Buildings, Equipment Totals:	5,879,376.96
Other Long Term Assets Totals:	(24,137.60)
Due to/from Accounts Totals:	0.00
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<u><u>7,027,964.76</u></u>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Accounts Payable Totals:	5,126.14
Accrued Wages and Benefits Totals:	(142.11)
Funds Held for Others Totals:	415.00
Special Collections Totals:	3,599.18
<b>Total Liabilities:</b>	<u>8,998.21</u>
<b>Net Assets</b>	
Unrestricted Net Assets Totals:	6,589,612.05
Without Donor Restrictions:	305,756.30
With Donor Restrictions:	74,900.42
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	<u>380,656.72</u>
Current Period Changes to Net Assets:	48,697.78
<b>Total Net Assets:</b>	<u><u>7,018,966.55</u></u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets:</b>	<u><u>7,027,964.76</u></u>

Despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, our Sunday collections during the first half of the current fiscal year declined by only 8.3% over the same period last year. Thank you to all who continue to support our parish by placing your donations in the basket in the church, donating online, or sending your donations in the mail. Reductions in spending produced a \$50,356 positive Operating Margin for the first half of FY21, allowing us to fund \$22,435 in much needed capital acquisitions.

A significant amount of the cash reported here is obligated to non-Operating purposes, including \$224,921 in the Earthquake Recovery Fund, \$172,849 in Cloister related funds, and \$106,581 in other obligated amounts.

Thank you for making this a positive fiscal year thus far!