

April 4, 2021

Easter Sunday!



He is Risen!



St. Pat'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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Body and Soul

If I ever found a religious order (and I might!), in addition to poverty, chastity and obedience, the members will also take a "vow of wonder." In doing so, they will promise to take delight in who and what is before them and to find out all they can about every facet of that person, place, event, or thing.

We take so much at face value these days. We are perhaps the least self-reflective generation in a millennium. We need to ask, to seek and to knock so that we may gain wisdom.

Take the Resurrection for example. Why was Jesus raised from the dead and why is it so important for the rest of us who share a human nature?

First, we need to remember what it means to be human. Humans are unique in all of creation in that we have a body and a rational, self-reflective soul. There is a heresy in popular culture that when we die we become angels. It makes for fun stories and good TV, but in reality angels (and the corrupted angels we call demons) are simply spiritual beings. They don't have a body. But we do! We are marvelously and wonderfully made.

We need to remember that when Christ reconciled humanity to the Father, he did not do it halfway. When we die, we do not metamorphosize into something else. Instead, in the fullness of time, we become what God created us to be—perfectly human, body and soul.

The resurrected body of Jesus was the same body that he had on this earth. It bore the marks of his scourging and crucifixion. Yet, having conquered sin and the suffering and death that are the price of sin, he shows us what we have to look forward to in the fulness of time.

While the mechanics of the resurrection of the body escape us, the reality of it is certain. As St. Paul, says in his letter to the Romans:

If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. (Rm 8-13)

But this is not just some future reality. It starts now. We are Easter people and 'Alleluia' is our song. (John Paul II)
HAPPY EASTER!

- 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

March Goal \$51,200.00

Sunday, March 7	\$10,949.32
Sunday, March 14	\$9,894.32
Sunday, March 21	\$14,058.38
Sunday, March 28	\$13,323.38

<u>Total Collected</u>	<u>\$48,225.40</u>
Short of Goal	\$2,974.60

Thank you for your generosity!

Prayer Chain

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

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

Pray the Rosary!

All are welcome to join our Knights of Columbus as they lead praying the Rosary before the 5pm Mass each Saturday, and before the 8:30am Mass each Sunday.



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 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!

Lenten Alms, 2021

This past December the city of Haines was struck by a devastating landslide. Two lives were lost, and the community suffered extensive damage. Our community of St. Patrick's will dedicate this year's Lenten Alms collection to assist our sister parish in Haines, Sacred Heart Parish. Please consider donating to assist the Sacred Heart Parish community as they work to recover from this natural disaster. Donations may be made online, or by dropping your donation marked "Lenten Alms" in the regular collection basket or in the mail.

Greeters, Ushers, Cleaners Needed to Open the Church!

As the pandemic abates and more people get vaccinated, we are seeing more people coming to Mass. Nevertheless, until the Muni ordinances change, our protocols are still in place regarding social distancing, etc. It would be nice to add another Sunday Morning Mass, but we cannot do so until we have a sufficient number of Greeters, Ushers, and Sanitizers to ensure the safety of all. We need your help. You can sign up in the Church at the table by the front door, or send an email to Margaret Simmons at queenowrits@arctic.net.

Divine Mercy Celebration



Please join us on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 11th, for this year's Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration. The service will begin at 2pm, and will be held this year at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 2901 East Huffman Road. The service will include a welcome and greeting, Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament, recitation

of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, hope for a Plenary Indulgence, and opportunity for Reconciliation. Please join us on Sunday, April 11, at 2pm for this wonderful celebration.

**"We are Easter people
and 'Alleluia' is our song."**

- St. John Paul II

ARCHDIOCESAN AND PARISH NEWS



FOR
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FOR **LIFE**

He is Risen!

We prayed, fasted and gave alms—and now we rejoice because Christ is risen! Our Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowl challenges us as we begin the Easter season to share the joy of having a loving God Who is alive and accompanies us always. Let's do the same by being present to our global family by caring for their material and spiritual needs.

Don't forget to turn in your CRS Rice Bowl or donate online at crsricebowl.org/give.

Featured Easter Recipe

Fr. Leo's Fabulous Bacon-wrapped Mojito Lime Sprouts!

Ingredients:

- One pound pack of sweet bacon
- 24 fresh brussels sprouts
- Extra Virgin olive oil
- McCormick's Grillmates Mojito Lime Spice

Preheat oven to 425F, (218.3C). Wash, drain and dry sprouts. In a large mixing bowl, cover sprouts liberally with olive oil. Sprinkle spice on sprouts to taste, stirring sprouts until they are evenly covered. Place parchment paper on a large baking sheet. Cut bacon strips in half. Wrap each sprout in a half strip of bacon and place on baking sheet. Leave a bit of room between them. Bake at 425F for about a half hour or until bacon is cooked and yummy. Cool a bit and serve. About 4-6 sprouts per person.



Co-Coordinator Needed

Make a difference! Save a soul! We are looking for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) co-coordinator to help plan and run VBS this year and next. Please email Mary if you have questions or would like to volunteer. mallison@st.patsak.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 or call 907-346-2343. Open until filled.

Little White Books for the Easter Season

Thanks to a generous donation, we are offering free copies of The Little White Book published by the Diocese of Saginaw, Michigan. The Little White Book offers daily reflections on the Sunday Gospels of the Easter Season. Please pick up your free copy from the table in the gathering area -- one copy per family please.

Thank you to our generous donor!

Women's Morning of Reflection

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to a Women's Morning of Reflection at St. Patrick's Church on Saturday, April 10th. 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.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, April 4 - Easter Sunday - He is Risen!

7:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
 9:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows
 11:30 AM, Mass in Church and Hall, Communion follows

Monday, April 5

Office Closed—No Public Mass today
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bible Study - Intro. to Scripture, via Zoom

Tuesday, April 6

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

Wednesday, April 7

12 Noon, Mass in Church, Communion follows
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bible Study - The Book of Job, via Zoom
 7:00 PM, Knight of Columbus Meeting, via Zoom

Thursday, April 8

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

Friday, April 9

5:30 PM, Mass in Church, Communion follows

Saturday, April 10 - Vigil

10:00 AM, Saturday 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, April 11 - 2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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

READINGS

April 4 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; 1 Cor 5:6-8; Jn 20:1-9

April 5 - Monday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-32; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15

April 6 - Tuesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33: 4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18

April 7 - Wednesday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 21:13-35

April 8 - Thursday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

April 9 - Friday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1-2; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14

April 10 - Saturday in the Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15

April 11 - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn20:19-31

MASS INTENTIONS

April 3 - April 9, 2021

Sat.	8:00pm	In Thanksgiving for our Parish Volunteers
Sun.	7:30am	Austin & Barbara Huck, ROS
	9:30am	Betty Espitalier-Noel, ROS
	11:30am	People of the Parish
Tues.	5:30pm	Jean Hinzmann, ROS
Wed.	Noon	Irene Carroll, ROS
Thurs.	7:00pm	Leo Garza, ROS
Fri.	7:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	Church	Hall	Live stream	Tot	Week end
Sat, Mar 13, 5:00	89	1	269	359	
Sun, Mar 14, 8:30	52	0	270	322	
Sun, Mar 15, 11:00	105	10	338	453	1337
Mar 17, St. Patrick	85	0	266	351	
Mar 19, St. Joseph	50	0	242	292	
Sat, Mar 20 - 5:00	68	0	240	308	
Sun, Mar 21 - 8:30	75	0	300	375	
Sun, Mar 21 - 11:00	100	35	281	416	1965

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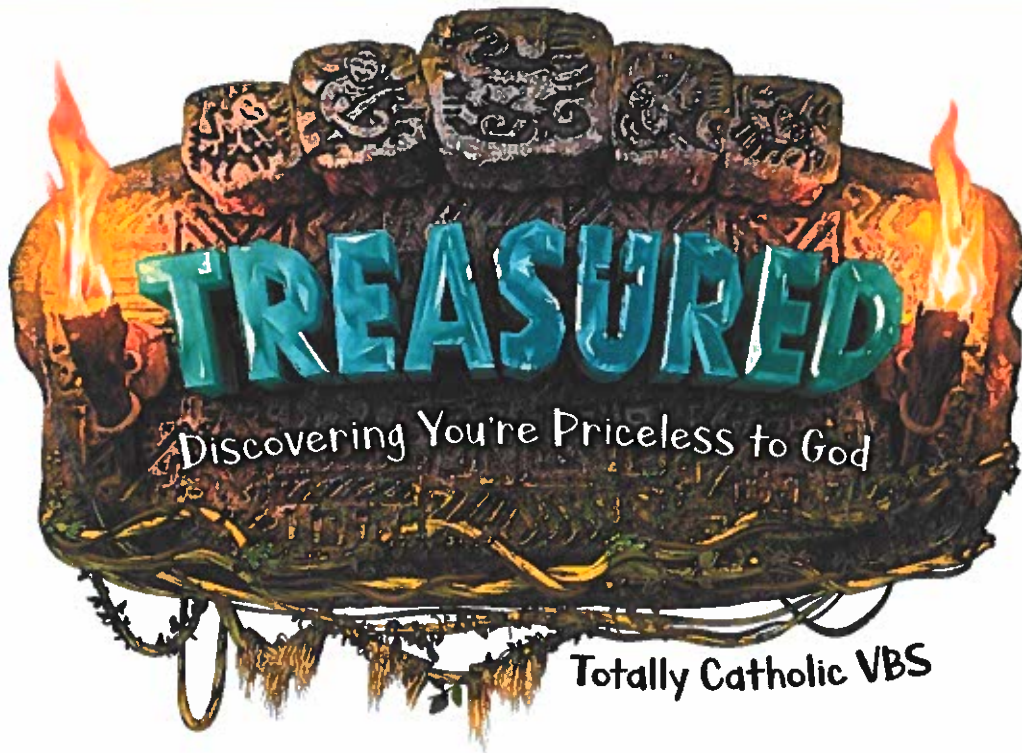
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Happy Easter **from your friends at** **St. Patrick's Parish!**

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FAITH FORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS



VBS Co-Coordinator Needed!

Make a difference! Save a soul! We are looking for a Vacation Bible School (VBS) co-coordinator to help plan and run VBS this year and next, with help from an experienced VBS co-coordinator. *We can't do it without you!*

Please email Mary if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

mallison@st.patsak.org

Dear St. Patrick's Friends and Family!

The Catechetical Ministries Team (CMT) has been working hard all year to create a Faith Formation program that will be exciting, engaging, thorough, and long-lasting. We have looked at all the best models and curricula available, from preschool through adult education. We have discussed guidelines from the Vatican, the USCCB, our own Archdiocese, and our unique needs as a parish. We've considered, to the best of our ability, the needs of children, parents, newcomers, visitors, our retirees, and our diverse population.

We plan to announce to you our new, comprehensive faith formation plan by the end of May this year. We are excited about the possibilities and potential our new plan opens for us as a community. **We are also pleased that this plan will operate under the assumption that we will be meeting in person!** As a team, we believe in the need and power of effective faith formation: we are confident our investment in faith formation will have many returns over time.

We also know this year has been hard on so many families. Please be assured of our continued prayers. We are making efforts to alleviate as much hardship as possible in the area of Faith Formation.

We look forward to the joy of renewal this Easter season and its reflection in our plans to move forward with Faith Formation!

Happy Easter and God Bless!