



# SPCC Happenings



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## Angel Tree Program Gets Underway Last Week of November

The Angel Tree Program, a Yuletide tradition at St. Patrick Catholic Church of sharing within the community, will begin during the weekend Masses of Nov. 25 and 26. Parishioners will have the opportunity to provide gifts for needy families who apply for the program as well as homebound individuals.

Two Christmas trees decorated with informational tags will be set up in the vestibule of the church. The tree

for the families will have tags which list a game or a throw blanket or a box of candy (chocolates, peanut brittle, etc.) which can be donated. The tags on the smaller homebound tree will each give a suggested gift to contribute. Parishioners may remove one, two or as many tags as they wish and purchase the listed item(s).

In addition to the Angel Tree Program, bags for non-perishable food donations will be available for pickup

beginning the same weekend (Nov. 25-26). A list of suggested (or comparable) food items to purchase and place in the bag(s) will be found inside the bag at the time of pickup.

The parish asks that the purchased gifts with their tags remain unwrapped. These as well as the filled food bags should be returned to designated areas in the Rose Room after church services or to the parish office during normal working hours (Tues., 1-4 p.m. and Wed. through Fri., 9 a.m.-12 noon and 1-4 p.m.).

All donations—for the family Angel Tree, the homebound Angel Tree, and the food bag—must be received no later than Wed., Dec. 13.

The youth enrolled in Confirmation classes this year will organize the gifts and bags on Sat., Dec. 16, after the 5 p.m. Mass. All items will be distributed Dec. 20.

For more information contact Colleen Sabatino via the parish office at 423-2846.

*Thank you ♥ to all who generously give of their time and treasure to make these Christmas traditions for the needy in our parish so successful each year! May God bless all of you!*



*To be grateful is to recognize the Love of God in everything He has given us - and He has given us everything.*

*Every breath we draw is a gift of His love, every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.*

*Gratitude therefore takes nothing for granted, is never unresponsive, is constantly awakening to new wonder and to praise of the goodness of God.*

*For the grateful person knows that God is good, not by hearsay but by experience. And that is what makes all the difference.*

— Thomas Merton

## Parish Christmas Party Dec. 17th

St. Patrick's will hold its annual Christmas party this year on Sun., Dec. 17, in the parish hall beginning at 5 p.m.

While the parish will provide turkey for the evening meal, parishioners are asked to bring their favorite (and hearty) dishes to the potluck.

Among the festivities will be Christmas caroling by the young boys and girls of the parish, the appearance of Santa Claus, and the awarding of door prizes as well as other surprises.

For the first time a live auction, with Paul Loop as volunteer auctioneer, is scheduled as part of the night's program. Among the items of significant value to be auctioned are a framed and numbered watercolor or print by Nevada artist Jane Jill Mueller, donated by parishioner Jeannette Hale, who has also contributed one of her own paintings, an oil entitled "High Desert," to the auction. Mary Carter has donated a weekend

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

**Nov. 23—Thurs.**—Thanksgiving—Mass at 10 am—Parish office closed

**Nov. 24—Fri.**—Family Day—9 am Mass cancelled—Parish office & food pantry closed

**Nov. 26—Sun.**—No CCD classes

**Nov. 29—Wed.**—6 pm—Parish Hall—Parish Council meeting

**Dec. 8—Fri.**—Immaculate Conception—Holy Day of Obligation—Masses at 10 am & 6 pm

**Dec. 10—Sun.**—After 8 am Mass—Parish Hall—K of C Pancake Breakfast—\$5 each

**Dec. 13—Wed.**—Deadline to bring in Angel Tree gifts and food bags

**Dec. 17—Sun.**—5 pm—Parish Hall—Annual Christmas Party/Potluck

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**Party** *(Cont. from p. 1)*

getaway at Graeagle. Proceeds from the live auction will benefit the parish's building fund.

Although admission to the Christmas party is free and open to all, tickets will be distributed to those who intend to participate so that an approximate count of attendees may be determined. Tickets will be available at the parish office at the beginning of December.

If you can donate a door prize or an auction item of significant value, contact the parish office at 423-2846 or Mary Thomas at 428-2322.

**Third Annual Wine Tasting Event Successful**

Parishioner Mary Erquiaga and pastor Father Tony prepare to sample one of the wines offered by parish council member Bob Knoll at St. Patrick's Oct. 20 wine tasting event held in the parish hall. Delectable hors d'oeuvres were also offered, and a silent auction, with items including several gift baskets of wine, was conducted. Parish council members were servers and prepared most of the finger food available at the festively decorated tables.

Once again the annual wine tasting, hosted by St. Pat's parish council, proved profitable in its third year of operation and added about \$3,000 to the church's building fund. Over 55 people attended the Oct. 20 event.

In actuality, according to a parish council member with access to a vintage scrapbook of church activities, the local Knights of Columbus hosted a wine tasting way back in 1962 and continued to do so for another seven years. In those days, admission was only \$1.00 and dancing was part of the entertainment. The current wine tasting seems to be a kind of revival.

*Many thanks ♥ to the parish council and everyone who donated wine, food, and/or silent auction items as well as those who gave their time and energy to set up before the wine tasting and clean up afterwards!*



**As the Thanksgiving holiday approached, the editor asked the following parishioners, "For what are you thankful this year?" Here are their responses.**

**Nancy Gerten:** I thank the Lord for my husband Richard's successful surgery and for our wonderful children who continue to support us in our time of need.

**Pete Larson:** I'm thankful for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and for priests who are willing to administer it. I am also grateful for a parish that prays for the sick and for prayer groups and individuals who remember them with prayer shawls.

**Anonymous:** I am grateful that God gives me serenity in my life and shows me how lucky I am to have my family.

**Kay Nickerson:** I am thankful for my faith and my family. Two members of my family recently experienced serious health problems but are now doing well. I also treasure my friendships.

**Anonymous:** I thank the Lord for His benevolence in many aspects of my life and also for parish members who have included my ailing husband in their prayers.

**Barbara Mathews:** I'm thankful for my family and friends and that I have a roof over my head and enough food to keep me sated. I am grateful and humble that I am loved and forgiven by the King of the Universe and that I am a Roman Catholic.

**Leonard & Joan Fischer:** We are thankful for our children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter and for all our extended family. We pray for peace in the world so that families everywhere can come together and give thanks.

*Wishing this Thanksgiving gives you plenty of reasons to be thankful!*