

St. Patrick Catholic Community

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Mission Statement

'Joyfully serving God and our neighbor with open hearts and helping hands.'

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November 29, 2020 1st Sunday of Advent

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Mass Times:

Sunday: 8:30 & 10:30am

Reconciliation: between Sunday masses except on Holidays

Parish Office Hours: The office is open by appointment only until further notice.

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St. Patrick's
Christmas Sweet

December 4th & 6th
St. Patrick Parish
324 Nicolet Blvd. Menasha

Cookie and Candy Sale
Friday, December 4th—4:00-7:00pm
Sunday, December 6th—8am-12pm
Pick up a prepackaged 1-lb container containing a variety of our delicious Christmas cookies and candies from our Cookie & Candy Walk...perfect for a Christmas Gift or Sweet Treat!
Prepackaged containers are **\$10/lb.**

Christmas Sweet Fish Fry
*****Pickup Only*****
Friday, December 4th from 4:00-7:00 pm
Menu includes choice of Deep-Fried Walleye, Shrimp, Perch, Battered Haddock, or Baked Haddock. Served with coleslaw, rye bread, choice of french fries or potato salad & homemade dessert.
TO ORDER, CALL 920-725-5544 OR 920-213-9657
Orders can be placed beginning 12pm on 12/4/2020.

St. Patrick Parish Christmas Tree Sale
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Christmas Tree Sale Hours

****Full-service****
Mon-Fri: 3:00pm—6:00 pm
Nov. 27th: 9:00am—6:00 pm
Sat & Sun: 9:00am—6:00 pm

****Self-Service****
Mon-Fri: 10:00am—3:00pm
pay in Parish Center (next to Luigi's)



From the desk of



Mary Krueger,
Pastoral Leader

Dear Parish Family,
Now that Thanksgiving is over ... whether you celebrated with family and friends or kept a low profile because of COVID, I hope that you have time to sit back and take the time to read this column and reflect upon a newly beautified (one step before being declared a Saint) youth who should be an inspiration to every generation. I came across Carlo Acutis as I was preparing for my remarks to our soon-to-be confirmed young people on October 11th. He had just been beatified the day before, and laid in repose

wearing jeans, a sweatshirt and a pair of Nikes.

Who was Carlo Acutis?

- † A Catholic Italian teenager who was born May 3, 1991 and died in 2006.
- † Had a special love for God from a young age even though his parents weren't especially devout. Carlo loved to pray the rosary. After he made his First Communion, he went to Mass as often as he could, and made Holy Hours before or after Mass. He went to confession weekly.
- † Known for defending kids at school who got picked on, especially disabled kids. Made special efforts to include them in the Acutis family life.
- † A member of the Millennial generation, Carlo was an avid enthusiast of technology. He was a gamer and computer programmer who also loved soccer and the Eucharist.
- † Used his tech-savvy skillset to build an entire website which catalogued and promoted Eucharistic miracles and proclaimed the Gospel.
- † Couldn't say "no" to Nutella or to ice cream.
- † Was a "natural jokester" and would make his classmates and teachers burst out in laughter at his remarks.
- † Diagnosed with leukemia at 15 and offered his sufferings for the Lord, Pope, and the Church.
- † Carlo's heart, which can now be considered a relic, will be displayed in a reliquary in the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.
- † Buried in Assisi, at his request, because of his love for St. Francis of Assisi.

In this life, Carlo believed we are meant to move towards our destination (Heaven). He used to say that the Word of God was **the compass** by which we must constantly orientate ourselves. Carlo placed the **Sacrament of the Eucharist** at the heart of his own life, and he called it "**my highway to heaven**". He, a Catholic Italian teenager who died in 2006 would often ask why there were mile-long queues of people waiting for hours to go to a rock concert or a film, but never the same queues in front of the Eucharistic Christ. He said people did not realize what they were missing, otherwise churches would be so full that you would not get into them! He would repeat passionately that in the Blessed Sacrament -- Christ was present in the same way he was 2000 years ago during the time of the Apostles. Back then, people had to travel great distances to see Him, while we are much luckier today ... **we can find Him in any church close to our homes!**

Get acquainted with Carlo. Remember we are *all* called to be saints and to live like Christ with whatever time we are given. May we all strive for sainthood and learn from Carlo's example!

~Mary K.

"... forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus." (Phil 3:13b-14)

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 6, 2020

2nd Sunday of Advent

8:30am Jan Van Dinter

10:30am family of Mary
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Readings for the Week

- Monday** (St. Andrew, Apostle):
Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8-11/Mt 4:18-22
- Tuesday:** Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24
- Wednesday:** Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37
- Thursday** (St. Francis Xavier, Priest):
Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
- Friday:** Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
- Saturday:** Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
- Sunday** (2nd Sunday of Advent):
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

Immaculate Conception Mass
(Holy Day of Obligation)



Tuesday,
December 8

9:00AM Mass



St. Patrick Parish's 2020 Giving Tree
 On the back of each ornament you will find a requested item listed or see the list below. Here is what you need to do:

For those who attend masses:

- ◆ Choose an ornament.
- ◆ Replace the ornaments you have taken with a helping hands ornament.
- ◆ Buy the items.

- ◆ Bring the items back with the ornament attached and place it under the tree.

If you are not attending masses:

- ◆ Find the items you would like to help out with from the list provided below.
- ◆ Buy the items.
- ◆ Drop off the items between Monday-Thursday from 9-4pm. Please call 725-8381 x101 first to let us know you are coming or ring the door bell to the right of the door and a staff member will come to the door.

If you would like to make a monetary gift, please make the check out to St. Patrick Parish. The money will go to purchasing items not chosen from the giving tree. Send check to St. Patrick Parish Attn: Jeanne, 324 Nicolet Blvd. Menasha, WI 54952 or put it in Sunday's collection.

Any monetary gifts and gift card gifts should be placed in a separate envelope marked with Giving Tree either in the memo line or on the envelope and placed in the collection at masses. Remember to add the ornament if you have it.

Harbor House

Children's fiction chapter books	family board games
"Chicken Soup for the" books	adult coloring books & gel pens
Book: "Becoming" by Michelle Obama	children's activity or science kits
Women's slippers & pajamas (small or medium)	children's activity or science kits
Book: "The Nightingale" by Kristin Hannah	Lego sets
Cooking pans set & cookbook	Nice throw blankets
women's pajamas (small or medium)	Children's slippers
Kwik Trip, Target and Walmart Gift Card	Women's slippers
Aldi's, Woodman's, Festival, Piggly Wiggly, and Pick n Save Gift Card	non holiday themed bath and body works gift set

Christine Ann Center

Long sleeve tees-all sizes	Pick n Save Gift Card
Twin size mattress protectors and comforters	Batteries (AA, AAA, & 9V)
Journals	Youth Fishing poles
Door alarms	Leggings/Sweatpants-all sizes
Gender neutral toys-ages 1-3 years old	Small fidget toys
Basketballs	Tampons & body wash
Puzzle foam floor mats	Laundry detergent
headphones	Deodorant, lotion, hand soap
coloring books	Shampoo & conditioner
Winter outdoor activity items	Cough syrup/cough drops/ Tylenol/Ibuprofen
Kwik Trip, Target and Walmart Gift Card	multi-ethnic cultural dolls
Walgreens Gift Cards	Play-doh and Putty
Aldi's, Woodman's, Festival, Piggly Wiggly, and Pick n Save Gift Card	Sketchbooks, Colored pencils, Canvases, paint, paint brushes and other art stuff



WHY DO WE DO THAT?
 Catholic Life Explained

Question: When we say the Penitential Act at Mass, why do we strike our chest three times?

Answer: Our rituals and liturgical celebrations are filled with a variety of symbols, some of which also relate to our gestures and physical postures (e.g. kneeling, sitting, processing, making the Sign of the Cross). The custom of striking our breast three times during the "I Confess" of the Penitential Act of the Mass is one of those gestures that is loaded with symbolism.

The tradition of Christian's striking the breast (above the heart) is rooted in the image of Sacred Scripture, especially texts like Psalm 51 which speak of a "humbled contrite heart" or how God heals broken hearts, binding up our wounds (see Psalm 147:3). Early Christian writers like Saint Augustine of Hippo and Saint Jerome also refer to this custom in their writings.

Ultimately, this practice is an expression of our sorrow for those times when we have been guilty of faults and a sign that we are willing to take responsibility for our sins and failings. That we all perform this gesture together is also an act of solidarity, recognizing that none of us, regardless of where we are on our journey of faith, is without fault and the need for grace and forgiveness. ©LPi



Faith Formation Classes

We are still in need of a 6th Grade Catechist for Faith Formation.

With classes for Faith Formation doing at-home learning due to the COVID spike in our area, we have been able to manage without a 6th Grade Catechist for the time being. I am hopeful that at some point during the 2020-21 Faith Formation year we will be able to be back in person in our hybrid model of every other week in person for classes. We are in need of a 6th Grade Catechist to teach our youth when we are able to come back to in person classes. Please prayerfully consider teaching our 6th Graders this year. If you have any questions about this volunteer position or would like to be our 6th Grade

Catechist, please contact Natalie at ncarney@stpatrikmenasha.org or (920) 725-8381 x107. Thank you!



SACRAMENTS/MEMBERSHIP

Baptism: Baptism is a community celebration welcoming a person into the Christian faith Community. Infant baptisms are usually celebrated at a weekend liturgy. Please contact Mary Krueger at 725-8381 x102, sixty days prior to baptism.

Marriage: To aid in the development of your relationship and to prepare for the sacrament of marriage, couples are asked to call Mary Krueger at 725-8381 x102 to set up an appointment at least twelve months prior to your proposed wedding date. Please contact the Parish before making a commitment for your wedding reception location.

Parish Membership: If you would like to join St. Patrick Parish, please contact the office at 725-8381 or stpatmen@gmail.com. We welcome anyone who chooses to share in our mission.

The Parish Pastoral Council, Finance, Liturgy, and Parish Events Committees continue to meet once a month. If you are interested in joining any committee, please call the parish office.

Rosary—Noon every Monday using the Zoom app at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/307898006?pwd=NGlST1dldoelwUnNiZnBmR2duZz09> or call 1 301 715 8592. Password: rosary.

Adult Faith Formation—Canceled until further notice.

Faith Formation Classes—At home learning until further notice.

Men's Group—6:30am every Tuesday in Geenen Hall.

Respect Life—Call St. Gabriel for more information.

SVdP Meeting—3:00pm every third Monday of the month in Geenen Hall.

Parish Events Committee—6:00pm every second Tuesday of the month in PC.

Double Portion Collection—food collected every third Sunday of the month. Place food on Altar steps.

Double Portion Meals—8am first Monday and second Wednesday of every month in Parish Kitchen.

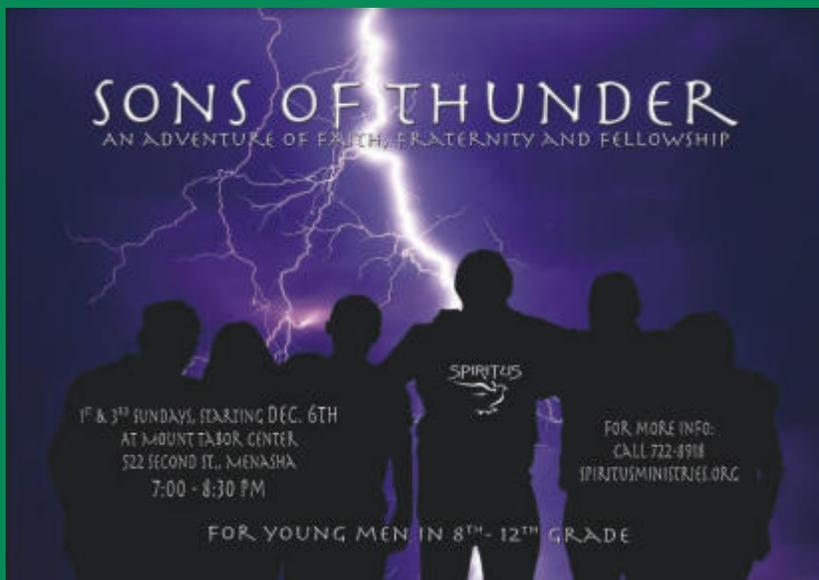
Book Club—5:30pm second Tuesday of the month in PC (Sept-May).

CARES Act Benefits Family Giving

Here is some great news about how your donation can help St Patrick Parish and you!

Under Congress' recent CARES Act you may be allowed to take an itemized charitable deduction for up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for cash gifts paid in 2020 to qualified charities.

Consult your tax advisor about how to make the most of your gift to the Parish or other non-profit organization! Thank you for all your support.



SMCS News!!

SMCS Employment Opportunities—We are looking for great people to work for SMCS! Check out current openings at <https://smcatholicschools.org/human-resources>.

Zephyrs High School Theater—Please join us for our fall play "Alone, Together" on Thursday, November 5! Drive-in movie style in the SMCHS parking lot or stream it from home! <https://smcatholicschools.org>.



Sunday November 29, 2020—1st Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Psalms 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder that Advent does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards.

Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed.

Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste.

Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it.

Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

— *Stewardship Reflections by Catholic Stewardship Consultants*

REFLECT & RESPOND TO SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Today we hear the prophet Isaiah's internal spiritual struggle as he questions God's ways and decries our human tendency to sin. What spiritual struggles do you need to confront as we enter into the season of Advent?

Second Reading: In his opening words to the Corinthian Christians, Paul reminds the faithful of God's fidelity to those who believe in his Son. He then cites examples of the blessings they have received since coming to the faith. What are some blessings you have received in your faith journey?

Gospel Reading: Jesus instructs his disciples to be vigilant for the end times. How can you make this spiritual discipline a focus of your Advent Season this year? ©LPi

STILL NEEDED: Maintenance Person for St. Patrick Parish

Are you retired or semi-retired ... or bored? Do you have an extra 12 - 15 hours that your spouse would like you out of the house? Are you a handyman or woman? Do you enjoy working with tools?

We are still looking for someone to keep a daily eye on our electrical and heating issues and to provide maintenance to keep our parish humming along into the next 165 years! Join our parish Team with an excellent staff to work with!

Please send your resume and work experience to Mary Krueger, Pastoral Leader (marykrueger@stpatricksmenasha.org).

SOUP SALE PRE-ORDER FORM

Homemade soups will be ready for pickup:
 December 10th & 11th—9am-4pm at Parish Office
 December 13th—8am-12pm in Gathering Area



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Soup is sold by the QUART: \$10/qt, \$18 for 2, \$27 for 3

Please indicate varieties and quantities:

Soup Varieties	Quantity
Chicken Noodle	
Potato	
Broccoli & Cheese	
Beef Vegetable	

*****Orders must be received by December 6th*****

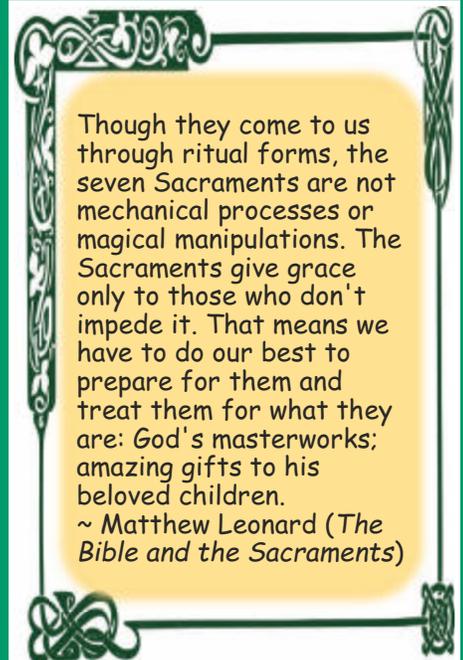
Payment can be submitted with your preorder or when soup is picked up.

Forms can be (1) Mailed to 324 Nicolet Blvd. Menasha, WI 54952

(2) Emailed to egoyette@stpatricksmenasha.org

Or (3) Dropped off at the Parish Office Mon-Thurs 9-4pm (please call ahead 920-725-8381)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Though they come to us through ritual forms, the seven Sacraments are not mechanical processes or magical manipulations. The Sacraments give grace only to those who don't impede it. That means we have to do our best to prepare for them and treat them for what they are: God's masterworks; amazing gifts to his beloved children.

~ Matthew Leonard (*The Bible and the Sacraments*)

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