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Luke 3:4

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Mass Times

Monday - Friday | 7 AM Downtown
8 AM Crane Road
Thursday | 6 PM Español Downtown
Saturday | 8:30 AM Downtown,
4 PM Crane Road, 4:30 PM Downtown
Sunday | 7:30 AM Downtown, 8 AM Crane Road
9 AM Downtown, 9:30 AM Crane Road
10:30 AM Downtown, 11 AM Crane Road
5 PM Crane Road
5 PM Español Downtown

Reconciliation Times

Monday, Thursday, Friday | 8:30 AM Crane Road
Tuesday | 7:30 AM Downtown
6 - 6:30 PM Crane Road
Wednesday | 7:30 AM Downtown
Saturday | 9 - 9:30 AM Downtowm
3 - 3:30 PM Crane Road

Adoration

Tuesday | 8:30 AM - 9 PM Crane Road
Wednesday | 7:30 AM - 6:45 AM Downtown

From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We've begun our homily series for Advent and hope you'll take a moment to listen to our homilies. A homily series gives us a chance to accompany you in growing in your faith as we one theme, expounding on the idea over a few consecutive weeks. The goal of the series to expound on the gospel to help you prepare to receive Jesus on Christmas. By connecting to the deepest desires of your heart Christ can fulfill them with at his coming.

Last week our title was: "What He Gives." You can tell the kind of God he is by what he gives. He gives us the best he can in Jesus. In Christ, God has fulfilled his promises and continues to call us into a personal and life-giving friendship. This week our homily title is: "The Way We Live." We often grasp and take gifts for ourselves which leaves us empty. So, Advent challenges us to let go of anything that keeps us from receiving the gift that God wants us to have. We are reminded that sin traps and destroys the plan that God has for our well-being.

Have a great week,
Msgr

Immaculate Conception Holy Day Mass Times

This upcoming Wednesday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is also a holy day of obligation. Please join us in celebrating this great feast at one of the masses listed below.

Dec 7 Vigil: 7 PM Crane Road.
Dec 8: 7 AM Downtown, 8 AM Crane Road, 12 PM Downtown, 7 PM Crane Road.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent, the season of preparation, is almost here! Help us prepare to welcome Christ anew by lighting the candles of our parish Advent wreath. Sign your family up to participate in this special way by visiting our website and looking under the announcements.

WHEN: Saturdays & Sundays, Dec 4 - 19.
WHERE: Downtown & Crane Road.

Find the signup link in the Announcements section of *stpatrickparish.org*.

Ways to Give

November 22 - 28

Weekly Offering	$45,992.59
Thanksgiving Collection	$1,312.00

November 15 - 21

Weekly Offering	$51,743.88

November 8 - 14

Weekly Offering	$53,018.60

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To give online, please visit *stpatrickparish.org* and click the "Donate" button.

Giving online is quick and secure. It helps us keep records more easily and budget more predictably. In turn, this enables us more energy to dedicate to the Lord's work in our parish and greater community.

However you give, know that we sincerely appreciate your support.

For questions, please contact the parish office.

Fundraisers

Salesian Bake Sale

Join us for a bake sale to benefit the Salesian Missions and all the good they do. This sale will take place after all the Masses at the Crane Road Church on Dec 19. Donations of baked goods are greatly appreciated. Baked goods need to be dropped off before Mass at Dempsey Hall. All donations need to be wrapped. Sponsored by the Salesian Cooperators

WHEN: Sunday, Dec 19.

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall.

Thank you for supporting St. Pat's!

St. Ambrose shares some wisdom on our need to prepare the way and open the door for Christ. “You see that when the Word of God knocks hardest on your door, it is when his hair is wet with the dew of the night. In fact, he chooses to visit those who are in tribulation and trial, lest one of them be overwhelmed by distress. So, his head is covered with dew, with drops, when his body is laboring hard. It is important to keep watch so that when the Bridegroom comes, he is not shut out. If you are asleep and your heart is not keeping watch, he will go away without knocking; but if your heart is alert for his coming, he knocks and asks for the door to be opened to him.” When life gets overwhelming and difficult and we find ourselves feeling a bit downhearted and miserable, these words can bring great comfort.

We sometimes choose to remain stuck in our uncomfortable darkness and being stuck becomes our norm. In this time of self-focus our hearts are closed to the graces and life God desires to give us. Wrapped in the robe of mourning and misery, we fail to see the mercy, justice, and love the Bridegroom wants to bring. If we take seriously the need to prepare the way for Christ and open our hearts in preparation for his visit, we can hear God’s gentle voice calling us deep within. It beckons us to seek out its source and discover the inner calm and peace that can prevail over the darkness of despair. Sometimes our darkness is so dark that it may seem unsurmountable. Trusting in the spiritual friends who journey with us, and God’s promise may bring a glimmer of light even when it is most difficult to keep our hearts’ doors open. Sometimes, the only light in the darkness is found in trusting the faith of others both past and present.

We have to trust that God has already begun the accomplishment of good work in us and that humanity is on an incredible journey to something wonderful and awesome. God is not done. When we open the doors of our hearts, straighten the paths of our lives, and prepare the way, Jesus can come with God’s simple gifts of peace, grace, and joy. Life throws a great deal at us. It is easy to get tired and confused. We have to train our hearts to keep watch, discern what is of value, and forge ahead. Not allowing ourselves to become so weighed down by things and brought out of focus is a tremendous goal to achieve this Advent season. God is knocking. Answer the door. You will see and understand life in ways you never thought possible before.

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Events

St. Pat's Giving Tree

Take a tag and bring the spirit of Christmas to vulnerable members of our community. Please return unwrapped gifts by December 16th with tags attached so we know which organization to send the gift. Gift bags are encouraged and gift cards may be placed in the collections or dropped at the parish office. Thank you!

WHEN: After every mass.

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd and Downtown.

Questions? Contact Wendy at 630.677.8934 or wbialek@live.com.

Blood Drive

St. Pat's and St. John Neumann are partnering up for a blood drive. All blood and blood products collected stay in our local area to help those in need.

WHEN: Monday, December 6, 1 – 7 PM

WHERE: St. John Neumann Church. 2900 E. Main St.

Appointments are required. Visit *bit.ly/GiveatSJN* or call 800.786.4483 to make yours.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena and Mass Schedule

Our Lady's apparitions to Juan Diego were pivotal for the Faith in the Americas. Join St. Pat's Hispanic Ministry for a novena, Mass, and representation of Our Lady's apparitions. The novena begins on Friday, December 3 and will conclude with a Mass on Sunday, December 12 at 5 PM. All events will be held at St. Pat's Downtown.

For a full list of dates and times, please visit *stpatrickparish.org/events*.

Stock the Pantry Project

This Advent we invite your family to help stock the St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry, which serves local families facing difficult financial situations. The pantry is located in the lower level of St. Pat's downtown church. Since the pantry will be well-stocked with food after Thanksgiving, we are asking for for items like napkins, paper towels, tissues, laundry detergent, fabric softener, and toilet paper.

WHEN: Collections picked up on Nov 28, Dec 5, & Dec 12

CRANE RD: please leave items in the collection boxes
DOWNTOWN: please leave items outside the SVDP pantry downstairs.

St. Patrick's School

Advent Homily Series Discussion Questions

This week's Homily Title: What he Gives

This week's homily question: Does the way we live leave room for what he gives?

1. Take time to talk about the best Christmas gift you have ever received?
    - o Do you still share the same love for the gift today as you did when you first received it or was it eventually replaced by something else?
    - o Who gave you the gift?
        - □ Would your love for the gift have change if it was given to you by someone else?

2. You may have heard it said that "your life is a gift"... if that is true who are you blessing by the way you live and love?
    - o Who is someone in your life who you can make an additional effort to be a gift (or blessing) for this Advent season.
    - o Share one kind or special thing you're going to do this Advent season to share Christ's love with the person you named above.

Events

Breakfast with Santa

Join the Knights of Columbus for a fun Breakfast with Santa and poster making contest. We will provide the paper and art supplies. The kids will come up with their own image and slogan representing how they plan to keep Christ in Christmas this year. The winning posters of each age group will be sent on to the regional competition, followed by district, and then state competitions.

WHEN: Dec 12th, 8:30 AM to 11:15 AM.

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall.

For more info, call Lois at (847) 863-1268.

Bishop Malloy on Advent Talk

Advent is a time of renewal, awaiting, and growth, the perfect time to learn more about our faith and mission as Christians. Join us for a special visit with Bishop Malloy this Advent. Bishop Malloy will be speaking about the beauty and importance of Advent.

WHEN: December 14, 7:00 PM.

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Road.

RCIA Rite of Acceptance

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcoming was celebrated at the 8:00 A.M. Mass on November 28, 2021. In the months to come, the Catechumens and Candidates will continue preparing for full initiation into the Catholic faith through Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Please pray for Jeff, Chad, Ken, Leslie, Travis, Ray, Stephanie, Alec, Rachelle, and Mackenzie as they continue through the RCIA process.

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