# Merry Christmas from St. Pat's "For a child is born to us, a Son is given us" - Isaiah 9:6 ST. PATRICK PARISH December 26, 2021 | First Sunday of Christmas 630.338.8000 | stpatrickparish.org

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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,

Merry Christmas to all! The best part of Christmas is celebrating Jesus' birth with the family that you love. So your priests, deacons and staff wish you and yours our richest and choicest blessings and graces on this holy day. But your parish family is part of that blessing as well. Today the whole St. Patrick family rejoices with you as we gather together with the Mary and Joseph, the shepherds, angels and animals in our mangers around the Bethlehem stable where our Savior is born. As we gather around the manger we also gather around the altar. Bethlehem or house of bread becomes the altar where the bread of life comes and feeds the family that the baby brings together. Enjoy your families this Christmas weekend and remember to put the baby where he belongs.

P.S. Here's part of one of my favorite Chesterton poems: "The House of Christmas."

Home shall men come,
To an older place than Eden
And a taller town than Rome.
To the end of the way of the wandering star,
To the things that cannot be and that are,
To the place where God was homeless

To an open house in the evening

And all men are at home.

Merry Christmas, Msgr Deutsch



## Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Solemnity

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, falls on January 1st each year. While it is usually a holy day of obligation, it is not this year, as it falls on a Saturday. However, it is still a solemnity and a day to be celebrated. If you'd still like to go to mass in honor of this great feast, our mass times that day can be found below.

WHEN: 8:30 AM. WHERE: Downtown.

# Ways to Give



## December 6 - 12

Weekly Offering \$50,370.66 Immaculate Conception \$4,133.37

## November 29 - Dec 5

Weekly Offering \$59,396.16

## November 22 - 28

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## Electronic Giving

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

#### **Amazon Smile Fundraiser**

As the Holiday Season is quickly approaching and supply chain concerns will have all of us searching... would you be willing to take a small step today that will support our school in a big way?

Open the Amazon app on your phone and find "Settings" in the main menu. Tap on "AmazonSmile" and follow the on-screen instructions. Select St. Patrick School in Saint Charles as your favorite charity and Amazon will automatically give back to our school!

#### St. Vincent de Paul Donations

Due to an abundance of generosity over the past few months, St. Vincent de Paul will not be collecting donations on the first weekend of January as they usually would. We thank you for your continual support of their good work and service to our community. They will collect donations again on the first weekend of February.

# The Answer is in the Manger

Nic Frank

It's not by coincidence that you're reading this. Our faith assures us of that.

It may be strange to think about, but Jesus has known since the beginning of time, that you would be taking a few minutes to read this Christmas Reflection. A small, simple gesture, like reading a parish bulletin, isn't beyond God's scope of knowledge or care. If we can manage to wrap our hearts, even the most broken of them all, around the basic truth that God cares about the smallest details of our lives, then I think we can have a major revelation this Christmas season.

The reason God intimately knows you is that He intentionally created you. Scripture says that God "knit" you in your Mother's womb" (Ps 139:13); moreover, before He created you, He knew you. (Jer 1:5). His love for you brought you into existence and is bidding us to live a full and happy life. The desire to be happy may be even stronger around the holidays. Unfortunately, so many of us have never experienced the joy and peace that we so long for; the the idea can feel empty and shallow. Or worse, it can create a chasm between our desires and our actual reality.

If this is you, then I want you to wrestle with this question. If God created me, if He knows me, if He wants me to be happy, then why is there so much brokenness in the world and in my heart? Why Covid. Politics. Unemployment. Broken families. Inflation. Mental Health Issues. If God cares so much, then what is He doing about it? Will He ever draw near? Will He ever step in?

The answer is what makes Christmas one of the most important Holy Days of the year. The answer will fulfill our hearts more than any gift found under the tree. The answer is not just about what God is doing about the brokenness in the world, it is what He is doing about the brokenness in my life.

The answer is found in the manger.

God the Father, sent His only-begotten Son into the world, to bring us back to the Father. Yes, Jesus healed the sick, gave sight to the blind, walked on water, and raised the dead, He carried the cross, was crucified, and died for our sins. And it's there, on that cross, that Jesus allows Himself to be broken so he could conquer our brokenness.

But, none of that would have been possible if He wasn't with us.

And yet, the story doesn't end with the cross. Jesus rises from the dead to be with us yet again. He can't get enough of us.

The Incarnation, God taking on flesh, in this holy season is just the start of how God reveals the extremes that He is willing to go to simply be with us. His very name was promised to us when the prophet Isaiah prophesized His miraculous birth, "and they will call Him, Emmanuel" (Is. 7:14) which means "God with us".

It's not a coincidence you're reading this. Jesus sees you. He knows you. And He loves you. And Jesus wants to be with you this Christmas season.

## **Events**

## Walking with Purpose Study

Another glass of wine, just one more episode on Netflix, a little more scrolling on Instagram... Women are numbing out at ever-increasing rates. Why? What might change if we figured out how to build lives that we like? Ordering Your Priorities: Building a Life Well Lived is an immensely practical Bible study that will help you put the most important things first.

**WHEN**: Wed 9 AM or Thur 7 PM, January 12/13, 2022 - March 2/3, 2022.

**WHERE**: St. Pat's Crane Rd, St. Joseph Room.

For more information, contact Lynn Patrick at dlpatrick6@sbcglobal.net.



## Fox Valley Women's Catholic Bible Study

Join us in studying the books of Tobit, Judith, and Esther and growing in both faith and friendship with other women. You can order the commentary, "Ignatius Catholic Bible Study: Tobit, Judith and Esther", from The Catholic Shop in Geneva or on Amazon.

WHEN: Thursdays, Jan 13-Apr 21 at 9:45 AM.

WHERE: Zoom.

Email Kathy at fvwbiblestudy@att.net before January 9th to sign up.

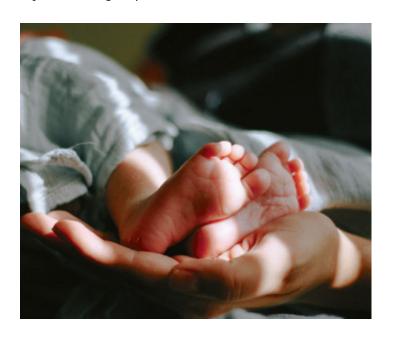
## Walk for Life - Rockford

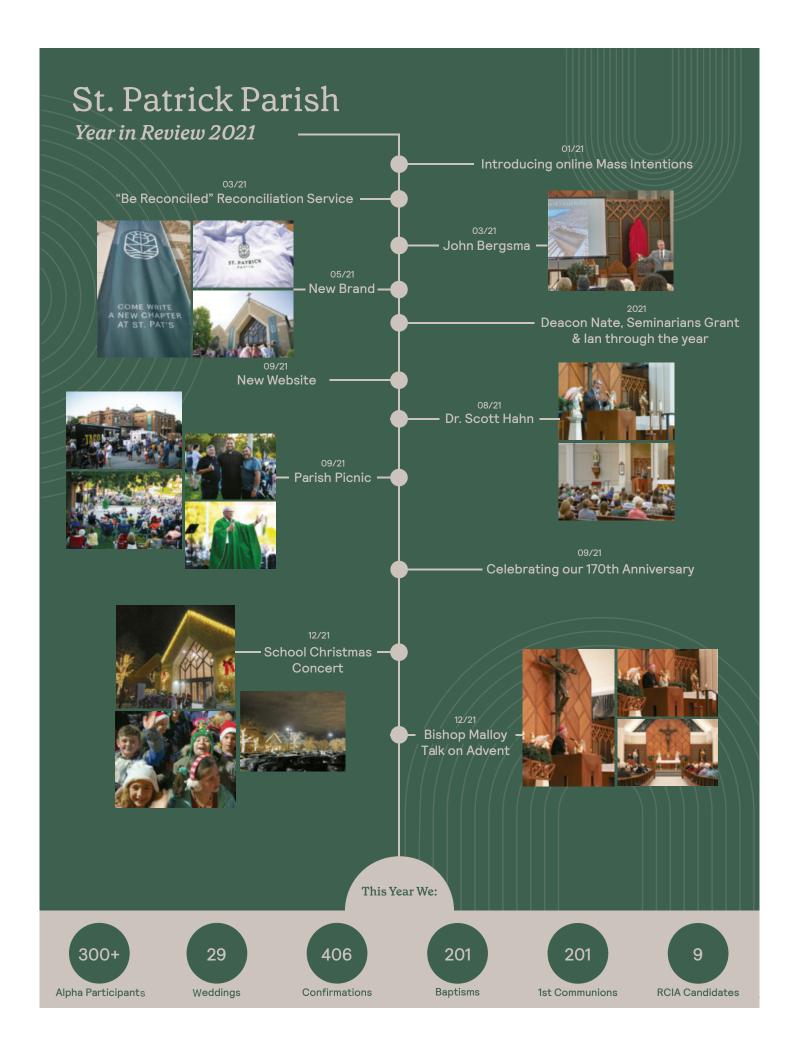
Join St. Pat's Respect Life Committee for Walk for Life 2022 in Rockford on January 15, 2022. Begin with a rally at 11 AM conclude in prayer at 1 PM. This year's speakers list includes Jeanna Desideri, Executive Director of Corbella Clinic.

WHEN: January 15, 2022. 11 AM.

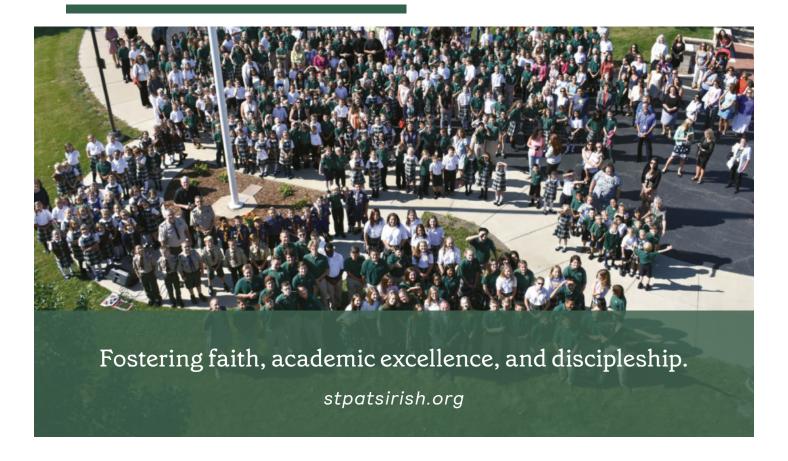
WHERE: Rockford Federal Courthouse.

Reserve your seat on the St. Pat's bus. Contact Karen Bourbon: 630.254.7871 - klbourbon@att. net. For more information, visit proliferockford. com/walk





## St. Patrick's School



# Question: I was raised Catholic, but I've been away for a while. I'd like to get reconnected to my faith. How do I start?

Answer: That's great! We love engaging with people who, for whatever reason, have been away from the faith and would like to reconnect to it. It can be daunting to walk back into a church after some time away. To help, here are a few suggestions:

Sign up for our next Alpha series. Alpha is a 10-week course that explores life, spirituality, and the Christian faith in a fun and non-judgmental environment. Our next series will begin in early February. Visit stpatrickparish.org/alpha.

When you're ready, we invite you to make a good confession. Reconciling with God heals the broken relationship that is a result of our sin. The good news is that our priests hear confessions 6 days a week, so the sacrament is readily available. Jesus wants you to be healed and wants you to come home.

Look through our website, stpatrickparish.org, and find a ministry with which you would like to get involved. Participating and serving alongside others is a great way to re-engage with the St Pat's community.

Finally, and most importantly, make Sunday Mass a priority. It is the primary celebration of the Faith and the best stepping stone to a fulfilling life in the Church.

## **Events**

## **Exodus 90 Small Group**

Join more than 50,000 men from around the world and dive deeper into important aspects of manhood such as prayer, asceticism, and fraternity at St. Pat's.

WHEN: Beginning January 15th, 2022.

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown, Fr. Carse

Center.

For more information, contact Christopher Clausen at fosterdad2014@gmail.com.



## Light of the World Retreat

The Light of the World Retreat is an immersive weekend experience in which participants personally encounter Christ through the presentation of the Gospel. You're invited to participate in our next retreat this January.

WHEN: January 21 - 24, 2022 WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Road.

To signup, visit stpatrickparish.org/ministries/light-of-the-world

# Candlelight Romantic Dinner with Marriage Encounter

You're invited to enjoy a quiet, romantic dinner for two and find out what a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is all about.

WHEN: Saturday, January 29, 2021.

WHERE: Holy Cross Catholic Church.

Batavia, IL.

Please RSVP to Javier & Mandy Andujar at 630.746.6156 or andujar1113@gmail.com by January 26, 2022. This event is being sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. A free-will donation is graciously accepted.



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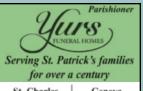
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