



# THE CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

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## January 2, 2021



### THE EPIPHANY *of the Lord*

"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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**BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday-Friday 8:30-10:30 am

**FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR:** Linda Radtke 651 774-8675

**MAINTENANCE:** Martin Silva

**PARISH REGISTRATION:**  
Please call the Parish Office at 651 774-8675

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:**  
Saturday 4 pm (Alternating with St. Casimir) — Sunday at 10:45 am

**WEEKDAY MASS:** Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday 3:30-3:50 pm

**BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:**  
For Sacrament preparation, please call the Parish Office at 651 774-8675

**ST. CASIMIR CHURCH:** Phone: 651 774-0365  
Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 pm (Alternating with St. Patrick) — Sunday 9 am

# SAINT PATRICK

## MASS INTENTIONS

**January 1 – January 9**

Sat.	10:00 am	†Alvin & Myra Peterson
	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Casimir
Sun.	10:45 am	†Helen Merth
Wed.	8:30 am	†Angela Sherrick
Fri.	8:30 am	†Marceline Harvey
Sat.	4:00 pm	For the People of St. Patrick
Sun.	10:45 am	†James Dourney

## **Eggs and Rice Blessing for the New Year**

We give thanks to God for a successful year of harvest and for keeping us healthy and at peace. This is a time of rest, discernment about God's will going forward, reflection on our accomplishments and pray for a new coming year full of abundant blessings, full of health, love, prosperity, peace and joy.

The blessing of "Eggs and Rice" is part of Hmong's way of life: They spent a whole year caring for their crops and their rice. At the end of the harvest season, they collect everything from their farm to their home. Then they offer the very first and best grain to the Lord before they start consuming the rest. It is also a time of petition, asking the Lord to bless their labor and crops throughout the years.

Along with the crops, they raised domestic animals for their family consumption, for their celebration, for their festivities. The eggs represent all domestic animals they raised. At the celebration, they ask the Priest to offer their sacrifice and labor to the Lord and to ask the Lord to bless the Rice and Eggs. The blessed Eggs and Rice will be the very first thing they consume for the New Year.

Everyone is welcome to take home a bowl of rice and egg from the blessing. Please bring an empty bottle to fill Holy water to bless your home.

## **CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**

Please continue to support St. Patrick's Church financially by mailing in your contribution envelopes or dropping them in the mail slot by door 5, if you're unable to attend Mass.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT**

12-19-21	\$2,837.00
12-26-21	\$6,595.00

*Thanks for your support!*

## Lectors

## Eucharistic Ministers

**Saturday, January 1 - 10:00 am**

Kathy Mueller \*Karen Berres

**Sunday, January 2 - 10:45 am**

Micheal Danielson \*Kou Vang

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**Saturday, January 8 - 4:00 pm**

David Pellowski \*Jasmine Minor

**Sunday, January 9 - 10:45 am**

Houa Her \*Kou Vang

## **PRAYER PARTNERS**

For one of our NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS we will pull out names from the basket in the back of church to find out who our prayer partner will be for all of 2022. Everyone should pull one name out, please add them to your prayers during the week, if you get your name please put it back in the basket and pull another one. The person who gets your name from the basket should add you to their prayers also. We will pray for our prayer partner for all of 2022. This will help us be a whole community of Saint Patrick's Parishioners caring about all of us. Thank You for your participation.



## **YOUTH RETREAT**

NET Ministries will be here for a Youth Retreat on Sunday, January 9 from 9:30 am - 4 pm in the lower level of the church. The retreat is open to all youth in Grades 6-12 at no cost. This is a great way to experience a retreat and to learn more about your Catholic faith. We will celebrate Mass with the parish at 10:45 am (Sunday Mass). Lunch will be provided. Register by January 4 by calling Linda at 651-774-8675 or emailing her at [ffstpatrick@gmail.com](mailto:ffstpatrick@gmail.com).



## **JANUARY INTENTION**

**For true human fraternity:** We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

**SATURDAY 4 PM MASS SCHEDULE**

- January 1 - St. Casimir
- January 8 - St. Patrick
- January 15 - St. Casimir
- January 22 - St. Patrick
- January 29 - St. Casimir

**THANK YOU**

Thank you everyone for the Christmas cards, gifts and wishes! Thanks for all you do for St. Patrick!

- Fr. Mike, Fr. Cyprian & Staff

**A Walk Through the Mass:  
A Step-by-Step Explanation**

The Eucharistic Prayer brings us to the very center of the Mass and the heart of our faith. While the words of the prayer may vary from Sunday to Sunday, the prayer always has this structure: 1) We call upon God to remember all the wonderful saving deeds of our history. 2) We recall the central event in our history, Jesus Christ, and in particular the memorial he left us on the night before he died. We recall his passion, death and resurrection. 3) After gratefully calling to mind all the wonderful saving acts God has done for us in the past, we petition God to continue those deeds of Christ in the present: We pray that we may become one body, one spirit in Christ.

**Invitation.** The prayer begins with a dialogue between the leader and the assembly. First, the priest greets us with “The Lord be with you.” He then asks if we are ready and willing to approach the table and to renew our baptismal commitment, offering ourselves to God: “Lift up your hearts.” And we say that we are prepared to do so: “We lift them up to the Lord.” We are invited to give thanks to the Lord our God. And we respond: “It is right and just.”

To “give thanks” translates the traditional Greek verb which now names the whole action: Eucharist.

**BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST**

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**FOR THE CHILDREN...**

**Sharing the Gospel**

The Three Wise Men told Herod about a King being born. Herod was jealous. He did not want another king to be more powerful than he. Herod told them to come back and tell him where the baby was. They thought Herod was truly interested in Jesus. After they gave him their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, an angel warned them, "Go back a different way. Herod wants to kill the baby Jesus."



**THANK YOU**



Thanks to the St. Patrick’s parishioners for their generous contributions to the Merrick Community Services toy distribution efforts. The contributions help play a significant role in MCS’s efforts to bring Christmas cheer to the many families they service.

**PARISH COUNCIL**

Parish Council meeting on Thursday, January 20 at 6:30 pm.

**HMONG MASS**

The Hmong Mass is Sunday, January 30 at 12 pm.

**COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND**

Are you homebound? Would you like Communion brought to you? Please call the Parish Office at 651-774-8675 to make arrangements.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Deryl Cunningham, John Driscoll, Kitty Francy-Payton, Monica Lorang, Mike McCann, Jim Nagel, Howard Olson, Dan Printon, Randy R., Bernice Stroeing, Shirley Weiss, Jim & Gwen West.

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