



# ST. PATRICK BULLETIN

December 19, 2021



This past week I was doing Evening Prayer from Liturgy of the Hours and a reading from James 5:7-9 really hit me. **"Be patient, my brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer awaits the precious yield of the soil. He looks forward to it patiently while the soil receives the winter and spring rains. You too, must be patient. Steady your hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."**

We may ask ourselves, what are we waiting for? Father Eilen has been working on the pursuit of happiness for the last three weeks. The 1<sup>st</sup> week he talked about *instant gratification*—immediate, like Deacon George thinking of donuts and stopping at the Holiday gas station and getting his donuts every morning. The 2<sup>nd</sup> week he talked about *personal achievement/ego-based* on comparing ourselves to others—taking advantage of them, or not thinking we are good enough. It's all about personal power, control, jealousy, fear of failure, and contempt of others. Most of us fall somewhere in between. Gratification here is usually short-term, as I mentioned—momentary self-satisfaction. This past week, he focused on *looking beyond ourselves*. As the first two weeks were focused on self-satisfaction, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week we start to look beyond ourselves. Decisions here are focused on doing the greater good for others. Some of this may be helping out a neighbor and not expecting anything in return. It's not about me but helping others—long-term gratification. This week I believe, Father will be talking about the ultimate good —by participating in giving and receiving the ultimate meaning, goodness, ideals, and love. Good is the ultimate by looking at truth, love, justice, beauty, and peace. All of these characteristics lead us to and can be found in Jesus Christ our Savior. That is Who we are waiting for. As mentioned in the reading above, **we must be patient and steady our hearts, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.**

Our true happiness is knowing the love of Jesus in our heart, mind, and soul. A time we can spend with Jesus. This is the eternal gratification that we are looking for. Merry Christmas to all of you; let us strive to know the love of Christ in our hearts each and every day.

-Deacon George



***"Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."***

**- Lk 1:45**

## GENERAL INFO

Pastor - Fr. Allan Paul Eilen

Deacon George Stahl

Deacon Kris Ringwall

### MISSION STATEMENT

"Love God, Neighbor, and Self"

### LIVE STREAM MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday at 9:00am

### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm (*not on Dec. 25*)

Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am

Tuesday 6:15pm

Wednesday 9:00am

Thursday 8:00am

Friday 9:00am (*not on Dec. 24*)

First Saturday 8:00am

*The Rosary is prayed 30 minutes before all Masses in the Worship Area. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed following all Masses by the statue of St. Patrick in the Worship Area.*

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:30-4:30pm (*not on Dec. 25*)

Tuesday at 5:30-6:00pm

Wednesday at 7:00-8:00pm

Friday at 8:15-8:45am (*not on Dec. 24*)

First Saturday at 7:15-7:45am

*Also available by appointment*

### ADORATION

Held in the Adoration Chapel on Sunday 6:00pm - Friday 9:00am, walk-ins welcome. Join us for Walk-In Adoration on Tuesday evenings after 6:15pm Mass until 8:00pm in the Worship Area.

#### **Christmas and New Year's Schedule**

The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, December 23 at 5:00pm and re-open on Sunday, January 2 at 6:00pm.

Contact Jean Menge at 763-360-4545 or [mengejean@yahoo.com](mailto:mengejean@yahoo.com) to learn more!

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday from 8:30am-5:00pm

*Closed on Dec. 24, 27, 31, and Jan. 3.*

### CONTACT US

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## COMMUNITY LIFE

### CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE - MASS, ADORATION, AND PARISH OFFICE

Christmas Mass times this year are Friday, December 24 at 4:00pm and 11:00pm, and Saturday, December 25 at 10:00am. The 4:00pm Mass on December 24 will be live streamed. Please note, we will NOT be having the normal 5:00pm Saturday Mass on December 25 (there will be NO vigil Mass for the Feast of the Holy Family). There is NO 9:00am Mass on Friday, December 24. The parish office will be closed on December 24, December 27, December 31, and January 3. The Adoration Chapel will close on Thursday, December 23 at 5:00pm and re-open on Sunday, January 2 at 6:00pm.

### MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASS TIMES - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

*Friday, December 31 at 6:00pm and Saturday, January 1 at 9:00am*

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will have two Mass times - Friday, December 31 at 6:00pm and Saturday, January 1 at 9:00am. We will live stream the 9:00am Mass on January 1. Visit our website!

### FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN (FMSC)

*Friday, December 31 at 9:00-10:45am and 11:30am-1:15pm*

Volunteers are needed at FMSC in Coon Rapids on Friday December 31 for the 9:00am-10:45am and/or 11:30am-1:15pm shifts. Registration required by Tuesday, December 28. You will be done many hours before the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass. See our website to register, or call Jacqueline at 763-208-4725. NOTE: The daytime New Year's Eve shift replaces the usual Friday reservations.

### MAGNIFY 90 FOR WOMEN

*January 17 - April 17*

Calling all women 18 and over—prepare for Lent early this year! Introducing a 90-day guided reflection to help us women grow in virtue with the help of the saints. In communion with women in our community, join us as we deepen our spirituality, recognize God's graces in our soul, hold each other accountable, and lift one another up to Magnify Christ. See our website or contact Caroline Jaeger at [carolinec109@gmail.com](mailto:carolinec109@gmail.com) or 651-341-4898.

### EXODUS 90 FOR MEN

*January 17 - April 17*

All men are invited to participate in Exodus 90, a spiritual exercise for Catholic men. Exodus 90 is a 90-day period of purification which is supported by a fraternity of like-minded men for greater interior freedom and, eventually, a more purified and selfless love. Our 90-day adventure begins January 17 and ends on Easter Sunday (April 17). Each man will participate in a small group, large group meetings, and be assigned an "anchor" (accountability partner). Contact Dan Jaeger at [djaeger@st-patricks.org](mailto:djaeger@st-patricks.org) or by calling the parish office at 763-753-2011 to register!

### OUR NEWEST ST. PATRICK STAFF MEMBER - TIM FINNEGAN

We are excited to welcome Tim Finnegan to our St. Patrick staff! He will be working as a part-time custodian and assisting our maintenance team with various projects.

### NOTE OF THANKS - ADOPT A FAMILY

Thank you all who helped make Adopt a Family possible this year. Either by adopting a family, volunteering, praying, or donating, you made all this happen! Last year we helped 47 families, this year because of your generosity we helped provide gifts and food help for over 60 families this Christmas! God bless all of you this Christmas Season.

### NOTE OF THANKS - GIVING TREE

The Women of the Celtic Cross - Circles of Claddagh thank each and every one of you for your generosity to the Giving Tree 2021. Through your donations many local organizations and families received help during this Christmas Season including: Kody's Closet, Hope 4 Youth, The Caring Closet, Anoka Community Mission, Stepping Stone, NACE, Pathways, Granny's Closet, Birthright, Sharing and Caring Hands, and some St. Francis Schools and Anoka-Hennepin Schools.

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 - 4th Sunday of Advent

Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser - 7:00am  
 Rosary - 8:30am and 10:30am (Chaplet 10:05am and 12:05pm)  
 Mass †*Harold Vanscoy & St. Patrick Parishioners* - 9:00am and 11:00am  
 Fellowship - 10:00am and 12:00pm  
 RCIA - 10:30am  
 Sacrament of Baptism - 12:30pm  
 Giving Tree Sorting - 12:30pm  
 Zoom Rosary with Fr. Eilen - 7:00pm

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

Church Cleaning - 8:30am  
 Mass of Christian Burial †*Patrick Donald Eames* - 11:00am  
 Funeral Luncheon - 12:00pm  
 Separated and Divorced Ministry - 6:30pm

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21 - St. Peter Canisius

Bundles of Love Sewing Group - 1:00pm  
 Mass †*Shirley Lockwood & †Fr. Timothy Nolan*  
 & †*Dale Carlson* - 6:15pm (Rosary at 5:45pm)  
 Walk-In Adoration - 6:45pm  
 Loss Ministry - 7:00pm

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

Mass †*Pat Mathison* - 9:00am (Rosary 8:30am)  
 Youth Choir - 5:45pm  
 High School Large Group - 6:30pm  
 St. Patrick Choir Rehearsal - 7:00pm

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23 - St. John of Kanty

Mass *The Dierkhising Family (living and deceased)* - 8:00am (Rosary 7:30am)  
 Ladies Card Group - 1:00pm  
 KC Songsters Rehearsal - 7:00pm

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 - Christmas Eve

No 9:00am Mass  
 Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Mass - 4:00pm and 11:00pm

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 - The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord Mass (Christmas Day) - 10:00am  
 No 5:00pm Mass

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 - Feast of the Holy Family

Rosary - 8:30am and 10:30am (Chaplet 10:05am and 12:05pm)  
 Mass †*Richard Terhaar & †Alice Mohs & Clara Olsen (living)* - 9:00am and 11:00am  
 Fellowship - 10:00am and 12:00pm  
 Sacrament of Baptism (Must Be Pre-Registered) - 12:30pm  
 Zoom Rosary with Fr. Eilen - 7:00pm

**OUR SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE!**

## COMMUNITY LIFE (CONTINUED)

### "A JOURNEY THROUGH THE BIBLE" WITH JEFF CAVINS

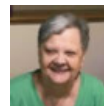
March 1 - April 26, Tuesdays 7:00-9:00pm

Looking for that perfect gift? Give the gift of faith this year! This amazing course is taught by Jeff Cavins, and is open to anyone 16+. Participants will meet at St. Patrick and watch the live stream session. "A Journey through the Bible" utilizes the "Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible" materials while tying in the teachings of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The cost to participate is \$75/person which includes materials. This eight-part course provides the easiest way to understand the Bible, helping you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about! Register by February 22 on the Catechetical Institute website (we will have a link on our "Journey Through the Bible" web page). Contact Linda Abel-Thomas with questions!

## FUNERALS



†**Patrick Eames**, died December 4, 2021. Patrick is survived by his wife 56 years, Delores, children: Jenifer (Jay), Patricia (Mike) and Peter (Amanda). His Mass of Christian Burial is Monday, December 20 at 11:00am, visitation at 10:00am. *Visit our website for his full obituary.*



†**Patricia Laudal**, wife of Clifford, died December 12, 2021. Her Mass of Christian Burial was Friday, December 17, 2021. *Visit our website for her full obituary.*

†**Daniel Klein**, husband of Sharon, died November 20, 2021.

## WEDDING BANNS

**Matthew Flanders & Hannah Terhaar**  
 December 31, 2021

**Matthew Peterson & Bethany Peterson**  
 January 8, 2022

### ZOOM ROSARY WITH FR. EILEN

*Sundays at 7:00pm (link opens 6:45pm)*

Join via the link on our website or via phone - dial +1-312-626-6799 and using the Meeting ID 631-686-3624.

*Note there is a charge to join via landline.*

### DAILY READINGS (December 19 - 26)

**Sun:** Mi 5:1-4/Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19/  
 Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

**Mon:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-6/Lk 1:26-38

**Tue:** Sg 2:8-14/Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21/  
 Lk 1:39-45

**Wed:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1,4-8/Lk 1:46-56

**Thu:** Mal 3:1-4,23-24/Ps 25:4-5,8-10,14/  
 Lk 1:57-66

**Fri:** 2 Sm 7:1-5,8-12,14,16/Ps 89:2-4,27,29/  
 Lk 1:67-79

**Sat:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1,6,11-12/Ti 3:4-7/  
 Lk 2:15-20

**Next Sun:** Sir 3:2-6,12-14/Ps 128:1-5/  
 Col 3:12-21/Lk 2:41-52

### TITHING TOTALS

DECEMBER 11 & 12

<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$14,469</b>
Parish Tithing <i>(Rachel's Vineyard)</i>	-\$590
<b>Stewardship Net</b>	<b>\$13,879</b>
YTD Gifts	\$553,209
Annual Goal	\$1,228,891
Other Income	\$22,969.22

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