



Church of ST. PATRICK

Mission Statement

Saint Patrick's Church welcomes all into our community of Catholic faith and worship. We celebrate the Word of God, proclaim His Word by our daily actions, foster hope, and commit to justice in service to others.



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses & Services

See inside of the bulletin

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Offered the first Tuesday of each month at the Tuesday 6:30 PM Mass, or by calling the parish office.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment

Eucharistic Adoration

Please enter through the east door, lower level during office hours, or the outside chapel door:

Tuesdays 9:00 AM - 10:00PM

Wednesdays 9:00AM - 9:00PM

Thursdays 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Infant Baptism Preparation

Baptismal instruction is the 2nd Saturday of Jan., March, May, July, Sept. and Nov., 10:30 AM in Emerald Hall. To sign up for the class, call the Parish Office.

Baptisms

The 1st Sunday of the month at 12PM, and the 3rd Sunday at the Masses. Dates for Baptism may be set after you have attended instruction. We encourage you to attend before the birth of your child.

New Parishioner Registration

Is available during office hours Monday thru Friday OR on-line: www.churchofstpatrick.com

Marriages

Contact the Parish Office a minimum of twelve months prior to the wedding date.

Office Hours

8:30 AM - 4:30 PM ~ Monday thru Friday

Bulletin Notices

Submit in writing at the Parish Office or to bulletin@churchofstpatrick.com by noon on Monday. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. Please contact the parish office with questions.

March 29th, 2020 ☩ 5th Sunday in Lent

From Deacon John Vomastek

Spiritual Communion

Yesterday I attended Mass: The Fourth Sunday of Lent in my family room. My youngest daughter “cast” from Facebook the Mass from Saint Ambrose (my home parish) onto our home TV. A lot of this technology I have heard about, but never used it until now. I had to admit, it was better than I expected. Everything was the same, the readings were read, a homily was given, the prayers of the faithful were prayed and the consecration of the bread and wine took place, just as it does every day around the world. What was different was that my family and I were not physically present, and we could not physically receive the Eucharist. The priest did however have us do a “Spiritual Communion” after they had consumed the precious Body and Blood of our Lord. What is a “Spiritual Communion” some of you might ask?



In his book on the Blessed Sacrament Saint Alphonsus Liguori writes: A Spiritual Communion consists in an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and in lovingly embracing Him as if we had actually received Him.”

Saint Alphonsus goes on to talk about the Lord’s appearance to Sister Paula Maresca (the foundress of the convent of St. Catherine of Sienna in Naples, Italy): “He showed her two precious vessels, the one of gold, the other of silver: He then told her that in the gold vessel He preserved her sacramental Communion and in the silver one her Spiritual Communion.” Saint Alphonsus writes: “all those who desire to advance in the love of Jesus Christ are exhorted to make a Spiritual Communion at least once in every visit that they pay to the Most Blessed Sacrament, and at every Mass that they hear.”

So how do we make the Act of Spiritual Communion? It is actually a prayer and we pray it. Father Williams had those watching the Mass pray it; repeating the words after him:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

So, there you have the prayer of Spiritual Communion. You can use it many times in a day, but especially when watching or listening to Mass. Here is a link of some of the resources to tap into to find a Mass online or by radio or TV: <https://www.archspm.org/covid19>. Make sure to go to: Ways to Watch/Listen to Mass.

Finally, all parishes need our continued financial support, including St. Patrick’s. Parish operations need to continue. Please consider online giving to the parish if you haven’t already done so.

Also, know of my continued prayers for all of you during these challenging times. God is faithful. We place our trust in Him.

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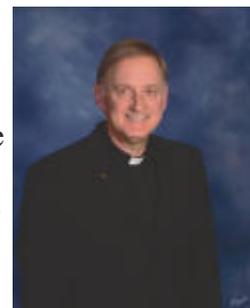
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Dear fellow parishioners,

GREAT NEWS!!!! I am happy to announce that we have hired a new parish administrator. Since Cindy Reckinger tendered her resignation one month ago we have been in the midst of the usual hiring process; for example, we advertised via the Archdiocesan job line, and then we reviewed the applications of interested parties. After consideration of the unique time we find ourselves in, the trustees and I decided to suspend the process and move forward with a special opportunity. We decided to hire from within — namely, starting April 1st our new parish administrator will be Bryan Collins.



Be aware that Bryan brings some 21 years of experience working for a variety of Catholic churches, including the past 8 here at St. Patrick's. He is person committed to his faith and service to our Catholic Church. He possesses many pertinent gifts and skills that will guide him in handling this job. I hope you will join me in congratulating Bryan in accepting this wonderful opportunity to serve God and our parish.

A BIG THANK YOU to all who helped guide this hiring process. The support has been appreciated.

Finally, we thank Cindy for her efforts this past month to help us handle this challenging transition. In particular, she has been able to mentor Bryan this past week. THANK YOU CINDY!

Together we will continue to build the kingdom. There is hope! Keep the faith!

- Fr. Brian

My fellow parishioners,

I am excited to serve our parish community as the new Parish Administrator. Many of you already know me from my work here as the Director of Faith Formation for grades 6 thru 12 and Youth Ministry. I am honored to take on this new role. I will work hard to continue the solid ministry here at the Church of St. Patrick. I bring with me many years of experience working for several parishes in the Twin Cities. I have used this time to gain a great deal of knowledge about parish operations and hope to use all that I know to serve each of you.

My educational background:

- I have a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Minnesota.
- I have a Master's of Arts in Religious Education from the University of St. Thomas.

My professional experience is as follows:

- In the mid 1990's I worked 3 years for Firststar Bank in the Check Processing division. I developed and maintained tracking systems for large bank deposits.
- In 1999, I began my work at Sacred Heart Parish in Robbinsdale as their first ever Youth Minister. I worked hard to improve their Confirmation Program.
- In 2001, I moved closer to home, and began working as the Director of Faith Formation for Confirmation at Transfiguration Parish in Oakdale. I spent 11 years working with parish leadership in the school and parish. I worked closely with the business administrator to improve communication methods and building security.
- In 2012, I joined you all here at St. Patrick's. I have served as a faith formation director, and also as the primary staff member in technology and communications. I have improved our communications through the website, social media, Flocknote and the bulletin. I lead the installation of Wi-Fi on our campus as well as the info screens located in the Gathering Space and lower level entrance.

As you can see, I have a very diverse background and have worked with many different people. I have worked hard for every parish where I have served. I hope to use my skills to make St. Patrick's an even better place for you to call home. A big part of my professional career has been expanding my knowledge about parish ministry. I will continue further my education to more effectively serve you in my new role. I also invite staff and parish leadership to offer guidance, especially during this first year. Thank you to Teresa Neuman for her support as a supervisor and colleague for the past 8 years. Thank you to Cindy Reckinger for her help in understanding what it means to be an Administrator. It has been a gift to work with her before she leaves and I hope to continue her wonderful legacy. ~Bryan



Mass Intentions

Tuesday (3/31) † Joe Abbett | **Wednesday (4/1)** † Don Borash **Thursday (4/2)** 0 The Unborn |
Friday (4/3) † Jim Larsen | **Saturday (4/4)** People of the Parish |
Sunday (4/5) 5th Sunday in Lent: † Jan Nuorala † Ron Unten

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