



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.



4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 10:30 AM

Or online at www.churchofstpatrik.com.

Weekday Masses

See Page 5.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM
Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

No adoration will be held until further notice.

Infant Baptism Preparation

A preparation class is required. Please
contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms

The 3rd Sunday at the Masses or by
appointment. Dates for Baptism may be set
after you have attended instruction. We
encourage you to attend instruction before the
birth of your child.

New Parishioner Registration

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

Marriages

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

Office Hours

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

8:30 AM - Noon ~ Friday

Bulletin Notices

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

** Notary services available upon request.

April 25, 2021 ✠ Fourth Sunday of Easter

Bryan Collins, Parish Administrator

A place of service, community and dedication

You may recall that last month my article was about the continuing efforts of the Administration Commission to define stewardship for the parish of St. Patrick. This is no easy task. In my last article, I wrote about the key words of prayer, participation, generosity and active discipleship. I went on to highlight how our appreciation of prayer allows us to understand exactly how much we are dependent on God and grateful for His many gifts. Another important aspect of stewardship is participation. A healthy community of believers is made of active committed members dedicated to the success of the people within. Day in and day out, I see many examples of this dedication, and I am humbled to serve our community.



There are many paths to participation in our community. I would like to highlight just a few upcoming events in which you may wish to participate.

End of Life Seminar: Several months ago, parish leaders noticed a need to bring the aspects of the end of life to the parish. This topic is not intended to be sad or depressing, but rather a celebration of life in a way that does not create further stress and hardship on our loved ones after we pass. How many of us have had a conversation with the people who will be planning our funeral, estate and final wishes? In my experience, this is very often a topic with little or no preparation. I often think of the times that I have had to plan a funeral for someone I have lost, and feeling the pain of losing a loved one on top of trying to complete the numerous tasks that need to be done to prepare for end of life issues was very difficult. Parish leadership has put together an End of Life Workshop on May 20. We will bring together 3 key presenters that will help explain the different facets of preparing for end of life.

- Fr. Brian will be discussing different aspects of funeral planning and the church's view on end of life.
- Jamie Roberts, a parishioner and owner of Roberts Funeral Home will be discussing the funeral planning process with a funeral director and making the necessary arrangements for end of life.
- A representative from Catholic United Financial will be on hand to discuss the many complicated decisions regarding finances and estate planning.

We hope you will join us. The event will take place on Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM. Please look for further details on page 6 of the bulletin.

Family Fun Night: You may recall for the past few years a spring event for parishioners and families called Family Fun Night. Last year we were unable to have a spring event due to the onset of COVID 19. With the ability to hold safe in person events once again, a joint effort of the Parish Life Commission and the Faith Formation Commission is planning a Family Fun Night on Wednesday, June 16 from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. This will be a safe event with music, a petting zoo, teen area, GREAT food from a variety of food trucks and much more! Tickets are now available and more details about this event can be found below.

These are just a few ways to participate in the life of the parish. Healthy stewardship is about people coming together to participate through service in a parish setting. We all take ownership in many different ways for the life of the parish. Please consider getting involved. The happiness you bring to others through your service will be given back to you through a sense of gratitude from all those who benefit. Thank you to all who make St. Patrick's a great community of believers.

Family Fun Night is Coming, Wednesday, June 16th from 4:30-7:30 PM: Tickets are \$7.00 a piece or \$35.00 for a family; kids 5 years and younger are free. Ticket price does not include purchases from the food trucks. Everything will be outside. Current plans include: Teen hub with fun interactive games and prizes, DJ with fun music playing for your dancing and listening pleasure, Rob Madden the science guy showing off fun science facts, Snack walk-like a cake walk but with super size bags of snacks for prizes, pop ring toss, ice cream making with the grandparent group, giant Jenga, balloon person, and much more-see the board in the gathering space for all the details. Tickets can be bought in the parish office or during faith formation. We are seeking donations of 2 liter bottles of pop for the pop toss, super sized candy bars and snacks for the snack walk. Raffle prize donations are also needed which can include any family friendly game or activity. To help make this event a success, sponsorships in any denomination are welcome. Sponsor a specific activity or sponsor the family fun night as a whole. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

The social justice commission is looking for volunteers and donations for the community garden—soon to be renamed Marian garden: As we wait for the garden to once again take shape next to the lower parking lot, we must focus on what the garden has always been—an outreach project to support Neighbors Inc. food shelf. We need people to donate their extra seedlings, plants and seeds for the garden. We have asked Neighbors Inc. what kind of produce they would need for this year and zucchini, squash and cherry tomatoes did not make the cut. They already receive plenty of those. We need pepper plants of all kinds, regular tomatoes plants, beans, cucumbers, eggplant, leafy greens, broccoli and cauliflower. You can bring your donation to the parish the first week of May. We also need volunteers to tend the garden. If you would like to help plant, weed, harvest or deliver produce from the garden to Neighbors Inc. please contact Teresa Neuman at neuman@churchofstpatrik.com. Gardening is a great activity for families. We welcome family involvement. You can volunteer for a week in the summer, a day to plant or once a week for any month, June, July and August.

The Marian Garden is underway at St. Patrick's: Our facilities staff has been hard at work shifting soil and starting the reframing of the community garden growing boxes that will be renamed in honor of our Blessed Mother. A statue of the Virgin Mary is on her way from Italy. Please take some time and look at the drawings for the garden on display in the gathering space. If you would like to contribute to making the garden space a reality, please make your check out to St. Patrick's with "Marian Garden" in the memo space. We are accepting donations in honor of family members as well. Please pray for the success of this project.

Great things are happening in Faith Formation: SAVE THE DATE-Wednesday evening, April 28th at 6:30 pm in the church. I will be giving a PowerPoint presentation concerning all aspects of the Faith Formation program. When to sign your children up for the sacraments including, First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. I will explain the concept of Whole Community Catechesis and how your child has the ability to learn about their faith in grades pre-school (must be 4 years old by Sept. 1, 2021) through High School. We will talk about youth activities and an exciting new gathering time between the faith formation sessions on Wednesday evening. You will be able to ask questions, register your children and find out about everything we are planning for a new Faith Formation year beginning in Sept. 2021. Spread the news. Everyone is welcome. This meeting will not last longer than 45 minutes it will be well worth your time. Grandparents are welcome to attend as well.

Vacation Bible School is being planned for onsite learning the week of July 26th to July 30th: "Treasured-Where children discover they are priceless to God" is the Vacation Bible School we will be having onsite this July. Children will attend from 9am to 12noon each day. We will have singing, crafts, bible stories, skits, hands on learning and games. The price is \$30.00 per child which includes a t-shirt and a music CD. Registration forms can be found on the parish website at www.churchofstpatrik.com or hard copies are available on the faith formation table in the lower level of the church. We are looking for volunteers to teach and help with stations. Questions? Contact Teresa.

ST. PATRICK'S COMMISSIONS NEED YOU!!! There are many great opportunities to become involved in the varied commissions at St. Pat's:

1. Parish Life
2. Pastoral Care
3. Worship
4. Social Justice
5. Administration
6. Faith Formation

Being a commission member is a way to give back to St. Pat's with your time, talents, skills and experience! Currently, all regularly scheduled MONTHLY meetings are held virtually due to COVID-19. Meeting times are listed in the bulletin. Please contact Rob Madden (Roberttammi@msn.com), Andrea Johnson (asj97@yahoo.com) or the parish office (651-455-6624) if you are interested in becoming a commission member. We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Cantors Needed: Cantors support congregational singing by leading all of the acclamations, hymns, and the psalm at Mass. St. Patrick's has been truly blessed with individuals with a heart for ministry and with musical skill who have stepped up to lead music in a variety of ways: as a cantor, a choir member or an instrumentalist. The pandemic has changed music ministry in many ways, especially when it comes to singing. What has not changed is our need for a cantor to lead worship. In the last few years we have seen a number of our cantors leave the ministry for a variety of reasons. We are truly at a point when we do not have enough cantors to cover our weekend liturgies, especially as we look ahead to adding back our 8:00am Mass time. Have you considered being a cantor? Interested adults and high school students can contact Kim Thompson, Director of Liturgy and Music for more information.

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Parish Councils/Commissions: See Page 7



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75 Family Envelopes & 89 Electronic deposits through April 18, 2021.

Weekly Collection	\$7,281	Year to Date: 07/01/2020 - 04/18/2021	
Electronic Giving	\$7,087	Sunday Giving	\$743,823
Total for the Week	\$14,368	Sunday Budget Needed	\$841,913
Total Revenue Needed Weekly	\$20,146	Year to date shortfall	-\$98,090
Weekly Shortfall	\$5,778	Weekly Youth Collection	\$0

Please consider making a charitable gift to the Church of St. Patrick in your will or trust. Thank you.

We need your financial support!!!

In order to maintain parish operations, we need everyone to continue their financial contributions.

We have four ways to contribute:

1. Bring your offering to Mass;
2. Mail in your offering;
3. Visit www.churchofstpatrick.com and click on the secure link for "Online Giving";
4. Drop your donation at the parish during normal business hours, or after hours in the secure drop box near door # 1.

Together we will continue the Lord's work as the Church of St. Patrick

COVID-19 Protocols Still in Effect

This is a gentle reminder that our COVID-19 protocols, which include mask-wearing and social distancing, are still in effect when you are in the building. We are not yet at a point where we can cease these efforts. Thank you for helping us keep a safe environment for all who enter our doors.



Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Over 40% of dioceses United States and its territories are considered mission territories, because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Upcoming at St. Pat's

Mass Intentions

Sunday 25th
9:00 Faith Formation, Emerald Hall

Monday 26th
7:00 Hand Bells, Church

Tuesday 27th
7:00PM Parish Pastoral Council

Wednesday 28th
6:30PM Faith Formation Informational Session, Church

Sunday May 2nd
7:00PM Men's Club

Online Weekend (4/24 & 4/25) † Fran Nord

Saturday (4/24)
5:00PM 0 Mary Rimstad

Sunday (4/25)
10:30AM † Dennis Boldt

Tuesday (4/27)
6:30PM † Jeff Luedke

Wednesday (4/28) Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignion de Montfort
8:00AM 0 Nancy Stanton

Thursday (4/29) St. Catherine of Siena
8:00AM † Recently Deceased Archdiocesan Priests and Deacons

Friday (4/30) St. Pius V
8:00AM † Ralph Walters

Online Weekend (5/1 & 5/2) † Ken Gruhlke

Saturday (5/1) St. Joseph the Worker
5:00PM † Eugene Stoffel

Sunday (5/2)
10:30AM 0 John Sperl Sr. | † Mary Jane Sperl

Please Remember in Prayer

Oscar Wilmes

Psalm 31:2 "In you, LORD, I take refuge."

8:00am Mass will resume Sunday, May 9: The 8:00am Mass time will be resuming weekly starting Sunday, May 9. In the past, the 8am Mass was a "quiet" Mass during the summer, with few liturgical ministers and no music. With just a few weeks between May 9 and the start of the summer season, we are going to start off making it a "quiet" Mass. There will not be any liturgical ministers or any singing. The plan in the fall would be to add music ministers and liturgical ministers. With fewer people actively volunteering due to the pandemic, it will be difficult to have enough liturgical ministers and cantors to "staff" the 8am Mass come fall. How you can help is by returning to ministry if you have been on a hiatus during the pandemic, or consider volunteering as a lector, hospitality minister, or cantor. We will begin scheduling for fall in August. Watch for more information.

0 - Living † - Deceased
Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM

Music for April 25 Online Mass:

Gathering Song: Alleluia, Christ is Risen #518
Glory to God: Mass of Glory
Psalm 22: I Will Praise You #1074
Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Glory
Mass Acclamations: Mass of Glory
Recessional: Immaculate Mary #886

READINGS

for the week of April 25

©Liturgical Publications

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/Jn 13:16-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14
St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



Spiritual Bouquet Cards for Mother's Day:

Spiritual bouquet cards are an opportunity for you to remember your loved ones (living or deceased) at the Mother's Day Masses. Your intention card(s) will be placed on the altar for all Masses. There is also a greeting card that can be mailed to your loved ones. Suggested stipend is \$5 per card. If you are interested in a card(s), please visit the parish office or see Father Brian after Mass. Supplies are limited!

FOOD SHELF NEEDS (Neighbors Inc.)

- **Canned Meat**
- Pancake Mix & Syrup
- Tuna
- **Hygiene products**
- **Canned Fruits**
- Toothpaste/Mouthwash
- Fruit Juice
- Jelly
- Soups with Meat
- **Tuna-Chicken-Hamburger Helper**
- Paper Bags
- Non-sugared Cereal
- Tomato Products
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables



End of Life Workshop

Topics include: estate planning, funeral planning and current church teaching on end of life

Thursday, May 20 at 7:00 PM

please pre-register by May 13 by calling 651-455-6624 or emailing rsvp@churchofstpatrick.com

Presenters: Catholic United Financial, Jamie Roberts from Roberts Funeral Home, Fr. Brian Fier - Pastor

Attendees will be eligible to take advantage of current St. Patrick's Cemetery grave and columbarium rates

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ST. PATRICK'S COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULES

If you want to attend a meeting or possibly join parish leadership, opportunities are listed below. Please contact the parish office at least 2 days prior to a scheduled meeting date. We are all responsible for building community here at St. Patrick's; therefore, we invite you to consider serving on one of the many commissions or councils. All commissions and councils are available to active registered parishioners. Details on how to attend a meeting will be provided to parishioners upon request. Together we are the Church!

Commission or Council	Meeting day and time
Worship Commission	1st Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Pastoral Care Commission	1st Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm
Parish Life Commission	1st Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm
Faith Formation Commission	2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Social Justice Commission	2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Administration Commission	2nd Thursday of the month at 4:30 pm
Finance Council	3rd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm
Parish Pastoral Council	4th Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm

Liaisons for St. Patrick's Councils/Commissions

Parish Pastoral Council

Staff

I. Finance	Mary Sethre	Fr. Brian Fier Bryan Collins
II. Pastoral Care	Andrea Johnson	Fr. Brian Fier Peg Johnston
III. Worship	Jan Preiner	Kim Thompson
IV. Faith Formation	Tony Sporer	Teresa Neuman Lynette LaForte
V. Parish Life	Jane Marie Rief Jim Casey	Kayleigh Fenton Lynette LaForte Denise Stoffel
VI. Social Justice	Rob Madden	Kim Thompson
VII. Administration	Mary McCahey	Bryan Collins Dave Franzwa Ed Rudquist



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