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## 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.



## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." - Mt 28:19-20

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## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 PM & Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM  
Or online at [www.churchofstpatrik.com](http://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

Thursday, 8:30 AM to 6 PM.

### 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](http://www.churchofstpatrik.com).

### Marriages

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

### Office Hours

8:30AM-4:30PM ~ Monday-Thursday  
8:30AM-Noon ~ Friday

### Bulletin Notices

Submit in writing at the Parish Office or to [bulletin@churchofstpatrik.com](mailto: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.

## Bryan Collins, Parish Administrator

On Thursday, May 20, 62 people came together at St. Patrick's for the End of Life Workshop. A heartfelt thank you to our three presenters, Fr. Brian, Jamie Roberts from Roberts Funeral Home and John Tetzloff from Catholic United Financial.

Each day I am reminded that life is becoming increasingly complicated. This is certainly true when a loved one comes to the end of life. How do we plan a funeral? What do we do with assets? How do we pay for the service? These questions create a need for interdependence. We need help from people or organizations we can trust. The End of Life Workshop at its core was a lesson in who and what you need in finding help when a loved one gets sick and is nearing their death.

Fr. Brian gave a brief overview of different Church teachings in relation to basic Catholic end of life principles, end of life directives and cremation vs. traditional Burial. He also spoke about the many years of working with families in funeral planning. St. Patrick's is here to help you both in the advance planning of funerals as well as serving families in a great time of need. All participants were given a funeral packet with much of the needed information about funerals here at St. Patrick's. This funeral packet is available in the parish office or on the parish website.

Jamie Roberts from Robert's Funeral Home here in Inver Grove Heights gave an overview of how families will work with the Funeral Home both before and after a loved one passes away. He spoke about the different ways the funeral home will work with local authorities depending on the different circumstances surrounding a death. Jamie went over the funeral process and pre planning as well as different options for pre-funding the process. If you would like to begin this process for yourself or a member of your family, please contact Jamie as he has a great deal of experience and works very well with families.

John Teztloff from Catholic United Financial shared his many years of experience on Estate and charitable planning. He shared different strategies for creating a planning to designate beneficiaries and plans for assets once a person dies. He spoke about the need to have end of life and estate plans in place to determine how assets are divided upon a person's death. He also spoke about how to designate estate gifts to a charity and ways this can be directed before your passing. A lack of an effective plan can make the situation very difficult for loved ones in the determination of the estate. If you are interested in learning more and finding out how Catholic United Financial can help you, our local representative is Randy Mulligan who can be contacted at 651-245-1766 or [rmulligan@catholicunited.org](mailto:rmulligan@catholicunited.org).

There are extra packets and handouts from the evening available in the parish office, please feel free to stop by for information given out at the meeting.

The End of Life Workshop was a great example of how different organizations can come together through the church to serve our parishioners. Thank you to all who attended. We had a lot of positive feedback about the evening and the presenters. Please look for future presentations focused on bringing you more helpful information.



**Memorial Day Mass will be at St. Patrick's Cemetery at 9AM, weather permitting. Mass will be in church in bad weather at 9AM.**

## Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

**Confirmation Candidates and their Saint Reports:** This year all our confirmation candidates were asked to write a saint report. We asked that each Confirmation candidate write about what attracted them to the saint they had chosen. We asked them to reflect on why their chosen saint chose to step forward and in some instances risk their lives to make the name of Jesus Christ known and loved. These candidates did not disappoint. They were introspective about how examining the life of the saint they had chosen brought them to reflect on their own faith journey. Please watch for future excerpts from their saint reports in the bulletin and a display of the reports in the gathering space. Confirmation will take place at the parish on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm.

**Vacation Bible School is being planned for onsite learning the week of July 26<sup>th</sup> to July 30<sup>th</sup>:** “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.churchofstpatrick.com](http://www.churchofstpatrick.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.

**Mary’s Garden Continues to Grow:** The statue of Mary is here. Our staff is re-building the garden area for planting. St. Patrick’s statue has been refurbished. Thank you to the many families and individuals who have donated to this project. We are still in need of funds to complete this project. Please look at our drawings of what the completed garden will look like in the gathering space. If you would like to donate to this project to make the completion of this garden a reality, please make out your check to St. Patrick’s with “Mary’s Garden” in the memo. We are accepting donations in honor of family members as well. Also, the social justice commission is still looking for volunteers to help plant the garden as we are getting close to having garden beds once again. Would you like to become involved? Individuals and families are needed to plant, weed, water and pick the produce from the garden to be delivered to Neighbors Inc. in South St. Paul, our area food shelf. Contact Teresa at [tneuman@churchofstpatrick.com](mailto:tneuman@churchofstpatrick.com) or by phone at 651-621-1565. If you have plants to donate, drop them off at church as soon as possible.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT IS COMING, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16TH FROM 4:30-7:30PM:** 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. **Donations needed:** 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.

**HELP MAKE FAMILY FUN NIGHT A SUCCESS:** In the gathering space this weekend, we will have a display of tags on trees. Each tag has an item needed to make our fun night a success. Pick a tag, purchase the item and return it to the area in the gathering space over the next several weeks. Want to help with the raffle on the night of this event? Then put a family friendly basket together with a theme of game night, movie night, fun at the beach, fun at the cabin, travel for young families, etc. and bring it to the parish office. We would be happy to supply the basket and put the basket together for you. Thanks in advance for your help with this fundraiser for the parish.

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Parish Councils/Commissions: See Page 7



1,000 Registered Families | 579 out of 1000 families have contributed.  
107 Family Envelopes & 101 Electronic deposits through May 23, 2021.

Weekly Collection	\$7,408	Year to Date: 07/01/2020 - 05/23/2021	
Electronic Giving	\$7,069	Sunday Giving	\$822,294
Total for the Week	\$14,477	Sunday Budget Needed	\$942,643
Total Revenue Needed Weekly	\$20,146	<b>Year to date shortfall</b>	<b>-\$120,349</b>
<b>Weekly Shortfall</b>	<b>-\$5,669</b>	Weekly Youth Collection	\$0

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

**God Doesn't Take a Break:** An acquaintance who works in church ministry once told me a story about one of the students she had in Faith Formation. This student informed my friend that his family doesn't come to Mass in summer. "God takes a break in summer, and so do we," he said.

There's a lot to unpack here. First, it's tragic to think of anyone voluntarily missing out on the Eucharist for so long. It's also a real problem in the church today that a lot of our folks don't understand the beauty of the Sunday obligation. But if I had to dissect this situation and pinpoint the thing I find most troubling, it's the idea of God taking a break.

I hope it's starting to look like summer where you are. We've still got a few weeks left before it's official, but the school year should be winding up for most kids, the birds should be chirping a little louder, and hopefully your lawn is starting to green up nicely. You're probably daydreaming about the annual cabin getaway weekend or water-skiing on the Fourth of July.

All in all, summer is going to be a nice break, even if — like typical Americans — our break is full of productive work.

Thank God — literally — that He doesn't take a break, even if we do. Can we try to remember that, even in the midst of our many wonderful distractions? Let's enjoy this summer. Let's live it to the full. But let's see it for the gift that it is — and remember the thanks we owe the Giver. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



## Upcoming at St. Pat's

**Monday 31st**  
 9:00AM Mass at the Cemetery, weather permitting  
 Mass at Church, if necessary

**Tuesday June 6th**  
 2:00PM Confirmation, Church

**Wednesday June 16th**  
 4:30PM Family Fun Night, Outside, West Lawn

### (Social) Distance Makes the Heart Grow Fonder

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic many of us have grown in appreciation of and desire for some of those things we've had to do without: going out for a good burger, a shared cup of coffee with an elderly parent, big life celebrations like graduations and weddings.

As Catholics, in the absence of communion with each other and Holy Communion, we've had a chance to reflect upon the joy that comes from fellowship, and the life that comes from the Eucharist.

We are so glad you are back with us, for we are created for communion! As the COVID-19 pandemic subsides, consider welcoming a friend, neighbor, family member, or loved one back to Mass to experience that joy and life.

**Attention Nurses and EMTs:** We have traditionally scheduled a nurse/EMT for each weekend liturgy so that should an emergency arise, our hospitality ministers can quickly identify a medical professional to assist. We are looking at our rosters of liturgical volunteers now that things are getting back to normal, and we find that we have few people to put in the rotation. If you are a nurse or EMT and are willing to be on our schedule, please contact the office with your name and the mass you regularly attend.

### Please Remember in Prayer

Marion Baker  
 Amy Sporcic  
 Oscar Wilmes

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

### 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

## Mass Intentions

**Online Weekend (5/29 & 5/30)** 0 Chase Jacobson

**Saturday (5/29) St. Paul VI**  
 5:00PM 0 Rosemary Franta

**Sunday (5/30) The Most Holy Trinity**  
 8:00AM 0 Chase Jacobson  
 10:30AM † Don & Bev Winter

**Monday (5/31) Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 9:00AM † Deceased Military Members

**Tuesday (6/1) St. Justin, Martyr**  
 6:30PM † Barbara Rief

**Wednesday (6/2) Sts. Marcellinus & Peter**  
 8:00AM † Christian Seidl

**Thursday (6/3) St. Charles Lawanga & Companions**  
 8:00AM † Ron Schilmoeller

**Friday (6/4)**  
 8:00AM † Mary Jane Sperl

**Online Weekend (6/5 & 6/6)** † Eino Nuorala

**Saturday (6/5) St. Boniface**  
 5:00PM † Jerry Speldrick

**Sunday (6/6) The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**  
 8:00AM † Eino Nuorala  
 10:30AM † Louis Langer  
 2:00PM 0 Confirmation Learners

0 - Living † - Deceased

Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM

### Music for May 30 Online Mass:

Gathering Song: Go Make of All Disciples #769  
 Glory to God: #323  
 Psalm 33: Blessed the People the Lord Has Chosen #1087  
 Gospel Acclamation: Glendalough Mass  
 Mass Acclamations: #262, #265, #267, #269  
 Recessional: O God, Almighty Father #566

### READINGS

*for the week of May 30*

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**Sunday:** Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

**Monday:** Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56

**Tuesday:** Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17

**Wednesday:** Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27

**Thursday:** Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34

**Friday:** Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37

**Saturday:** Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44

**Next Sunday:** Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

## Statue of the Virgin Mary

Our beautiful statue of the Virgin Mary has arrived from Italy. She is now in her permanent location by the lower entrance to church. Right across from her is the 60 year old statue of St. Patrick. We have recently had the statue of St. Patrick refurbished. Both of these statues show the people who enter our building or just pass through our parking lot, the joy and peace that these works of art bring to Catholics who believe in the intercession of our Saints. Their beauty is a beacon of hope that will extend beyond our parishioner base. We give a heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners who have donated. We are still looking for donations to complete the garden which includes benches, planting, signage and cement work.





# **FAMILY FUN NIGHT**

**JUNE 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**4:30-7:30 pm**

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