

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.

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses Saturday 5PM. Sunday 8 & 10:30AM

Weekday Masses See Page 5.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 to 4:30PM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 8:30AM to 6PM.

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.churchofstpatrick.com.

Marriages

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

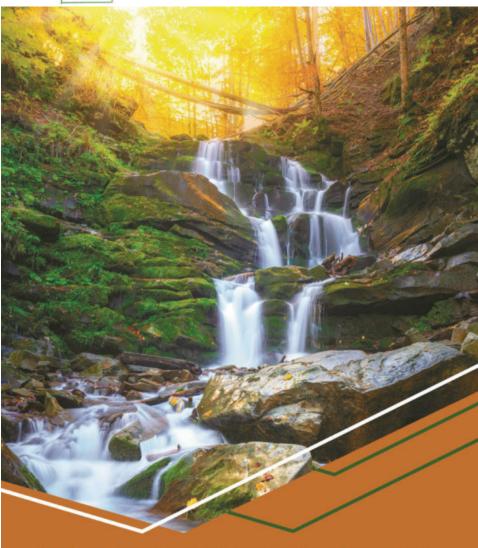
Office Hours

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

Bulletin Notices

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

** Notary services available upon request.



28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mk 10:26-27

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass © 2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

Kím Thompson, Director of Liturgy & Music

This is my second year as the staff liaison to both the Social Justice and the Worship Commissions. We have a lot going on! Here are some updates in these areas of ministry:

Vegetable Garden: With the development of Mary's Garden, this year the vegetable garden grew to twenty-two 4' by 8' beds. Parishioners generously donated the seeds and seedlings of different vegetables: green beans, tomatoes, beets, cucumbers, tomatillos, basil, broccoli, yellow squash, peppers, Swiss chard, onions, lettuce, and parsley along with zinnias and marigolds that were



used as cut flowers. Many adult volunteers and a Girl Scout troop cared for the garden throughout the growing season, planting, weeding, harvesting and delivering the vegetables. All told, more than 550 pounds of produce were donated to Neighbors food shelf. We all know that fresh foods are full of vital vitamins and minerals. It matters a great deal that we can help those in need eat healthy foods and in turn lead healthier, more productive lives. The Social Justice Commission is talking about ways to improve upon this season's performance. Next year we would like to get even more volunteer support, to be more intentional about involving youth, and are looking to improve communications between garden volunteers.

Worship Updates: Congregational singing has been challenging because of COVID-19 and due to the fact that our efforts to keep the church clean mean that we are unable to have hymnals in the pews for the foreseeable future. The use of seasonal supplements, while not a perfect solution, is helping foster community singing by churchgoers as they contain many seasonal hymns and the Mass acclamations. Thanks to the constructive feedback from parishioners, we will be including the psalm refrains in the next set of seasonal supplements. We will also be resuming the use of the hymn boards, as some have reported that it is difficult to hear numbers announced. As a reminder, families are invited to check out a hymnal and to bring it to and from church on a weekly basis. We just ask that you return the hymnal when we are eventually able to return the hymnals to the pews.

Presently there are 160 parishioners volunteering in our fourteen liturgical ministries. In the past month, we have recruited and trained one new sacristan, one cantor and one lector. What are our current volunteer needs? We always have a need for more volunteers in all of our ministries, but right now we especially need lectors for all the Masses. Contact the parish office for more information.

The first youth Mass of this program year is this Sunday, October 10, at the 10:30 AM Mass. There are eleven 8th graders serving as liturgical ministers in the Mass. Last week the Worship Commission met with the students during their instructional time to teach them about liturgical ministry, give them an opportunity to sign up for ministries that interested them and train them in those ministries. The students will be helping as hospitality ministers, crucifers, gift bearers and lectors. Next month's youth mass will be on Saturday, November 13 at 5:00 PM. Please invite your family and friends to attend!

Our annual parish Mass of Remembrance coming up on November 7 at 10:30 AM. The Mass is to honor those families who lost a loved one and whose funerals were celebrated at St. Patrick's in the past year. At the Mass, the names of the deceased will be read and each family will receive a sanctuary candle. Families who lost a loved one who did not celebrate a funeral here will also have the opportunity to add their loved one's name to the necrology, or list of the dead, prior to the start of the Mass. This year we will have a picture video of the loved ones who have died playing in the gathering space throughout the weekend of November 6 and 7.

We continue to have a vibrant worship and service life in our parish. Thank you for your participation in these ministries and outreach opportunities, and thank you for your prayers for our continued growth as the Body of Christ!

Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

COME JOIN US FOR THE LIVING ROSARY

Faith Formation is once again having the Living Rosary on Sunday Oct. 10th at 9:00 am and on Wednesday evening, Oct. 13th at 4:30 and 6:30 pm What is the Living Rosary? It is where the people involved become beads on the rosary and leave the group for that particular prayer. Plus, I always have a PowerPoint presentation that explains the rosary and its prayers. Rosaries are provided so come and join us.

ANNOUNCING GRADE LEVEL MASSES AT ST. PATRICK'S: Once a month, we will have the children of St. Patrick's Faith Formation actively helping with the liturgical ministries. Please welcome and encourage these young people as they strive to become more involved within the weekend Masses at our parish. The first date is this weekend: Oct. 10th at the 10:30 am Mass with 8th graders participating. We encourage all our youth to participate in the liturgical ministries. Our next grade level Mass is with 7th graders on Saturday, Nov. 13th at the 5:00 pm Mass.

I NEED SPONSORS FOR RCIA: What is RCIA? it is the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. I am need of a sponsor: someone who will be present so that the catechumen can ask questions and get support, for a young man who will receive all three sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil in 2022. Anyone interested in learning more about this process can contact Teresa. Also, all parishioners are welcome to audit RCIA classes on Sunday mornings. We meet from 11:30-12:30 most Sundays. It is a great re-fresher of the faith.

FAITH FORMATION NEEDS YOU!!! Thank you to the more than 30 people who have already answered the call to be a catechist (teacher of the faith) this year. I still need a 2nd and 3rd grade catechist for Sunday mornings that meet twice a month from 9:00 am to 10:15 am and I am still in need of a 1st and 6th grade catechist on Wednesday evenings twice a month from 6:30-7:30 pm. I supply all the lesson plans and training. Interested? Want to know more? Feel the Holy Spirit urging you to become involved? Contact Teresa.

ALL SAINTS DAY RETREAT IS RETURNING TO ST. PATRICK'S: This is always a fun and engaging event for the parish. It went away last year because of COVID but is back this year. Come and join us on Sunday, Oct. 24th for engaging games, learning information about the saints and fellowship in Emerald Hall from 9:00 am to 12 noon. Bring your grandchildren, neighbors and fellow parishioners. You are never too old to learn or re-learn about the saints. Watch for our little ones dressed up like saints for this event.

WE NEED TREATS: Bags of wrapped candy are expensive. So Faith Formation relies on the generosity of parishioners to help us have treats at the All Saints Day Retreat. I will have bins in the gathering space and outside the office doors starting this Sunday. We are looking for wrapped candy only to put in treat bags for the young learners who will participate in the All Saints Retreat. Thanks in advance for making this event a fun learning experience for everyone.



MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK!!
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24TH, 8:30-NOON
Proceeds go towards debt reduction and parish improvements.
French Toast, Pancakes,
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage
Juice, Coffee, Milk
Kids 5 and under free
Kids ages 6-11, \$5
Adults, \$7

Family \$22

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964 Registered Families | 487 out of 964 families have contributed. 108 Family Envelopes & 179 Electronic deposits through October 3, 2021.

Weekly Collection	\$11,355	Year to Date: 07/01/2021 - 10/03/2021
Electronic Giving	\$15,437	Sunday Giving \$229,668
Total for the Week	\$26,792	Sunday Budget Needed \$290,864
Total Revenue Needed Weekly	\$20,776	Year to date shortfall -\$61,196
Weekly Surplus	\$6,016	Weekly Youth Collection to date \$367.50

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



Parishioners, the ambassador team is looking for individuals or groups of people to come and participate in our 6

week small group sessions in the fall. The dates are on Tuesdays: October 12th, October 19th, and October 26th.

Small groups will meet with 5 to 8 individuals. The times are 10:00 am or 7:00 pm The session will last 2 hours each: 1 hour of video information and 1 hour to discuss the information seen and give suggestions.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE? Help Archbishop Hebda move the Archdiocese forward. Ideas generated in small groups will assist Archbishop Hebda in determining the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly topics. Those topics will guide Archbishop Hebda as he creates the Pastoral Plan for the future of the Archdiocese. Small groups will discuss the three focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events:

- Focus area #1: Forming parishes that are in the service of evange-lization.
- Focus area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.
- Focus area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

We have a sign up table in the gathering space. Questions? Contact Teresa Neuman.

October is Respect for Life Month: We will have the crib set up in the Gathering Space for the month of October to collect donations of baby items for Guiding Star Wakota formerly known as Wakota Life Care Center. Here is a list of their most needed items: Size 5 & 6 diapers, pull-ups (all sizes), baby bottles, infant toys, infant books, wipes, baby shampoo, baby wash, baby lotion, socks (infant-6 mo.). Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.

Upcoming at St. Pat's

Sunday October 10 9:00AM Faith Formation, Emerald Hall

11:30AM RCIA, Office **Monday October 11**

7:30PM Hand Bells, Church

Tuesday October 12

10:00AM Synod Small Group, Rms 43 & 44 7:00PM Synod Small Group, Rms 43 & 44

Wednesday October 13

4:30PM Faith Formation, Emerald Hall 6:30PM Faith Formation, Emerald Hall

Thursday October 14

12:30PM Ugly Quilts, Rooms 46-49

Sunday October 17

10:30AM Hand Bells playing at Mass

11:30AM RCIA, Office

EWTN, Relevant Radio and the Napa Institute Announce Joint Rosary for Life

September 27th, 2021 – Michael Warsaw, CEO of EWTN, Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, CEO of Relevant Radio, and Tim Busch, CEO of Napa Institute, have announced a joint effort to pray and promote the daily rosary during the month of October for "the end to legal abortion in America and an outpouring of support for expectant mothers." With the Supreme Court of the United States taking up the Dobbs case in December that could lead to overturning Roe v. Wade, the Justices will need the grace of wisdom and courage to confront the issues honestly. Warsaw, Hoffman and Busch hope many other Catholic organizations will join this effort by praying and promoting the daily Rosary in October for this intention, and thus mobilize millions of Americans in prayer. For more information, go to EWTN.com, RelevantRadio.com, and Napa-Institute.org. As part of this initiative, I invite you to join us every night for the Family Rosary Across America at 7 PM CT from October 1– 31, to unite in prayer for this very important intention.

FOOD SHELF NEEDS (Neighbors Inc.)

- **Canned Meat**
- Pancake Mix& Syrup
- Tuna
- Hygiene products
- Canned Fruits
- Toothpaste/Mouthwash
- Fruit Juice
- Jelly

- Soups with Meat
- <u>Tuna-Chicken-Hamburger</u> Helper
- Paper Bags
- Non-sugared Cereal
- Tomato Products
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables

Mass Intentions

Saturday (10/9) Sts. Denis, John Leonardi 5:00PM † Roger Sauerer | 0 Jo Sauerer

Sunday (10/10) 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00ÅM † Betty Reynolds 10:30AM † Iskander Mansour

Tuesday (10/12)

8:00AM † Shawn Randall

Wednesday (10/13)

8:00AM † Joan Glewwe
Thursday (10/14) St Callistus I
8:00AM † Kathy McCluney
Friday (10/15) St. Teresa of Jesus

8:00AM † Bill Klein

Saturday (10/16) Sts. Hedwig, Margaret Mary Alacoque

5:00PM † Joan Peterschmidt

Sunday (10/17) 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:00AM † Veronica Wick 10:30AM † Gerald Thurmes

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

ADDITIONAL MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Good Samaritan (10/13), 3PM: 0 Pope Francis Woodlyn Heights (10/14), 10:30AM: 0 Archbishop Hebda Timber Hills (10/15), 10AM: 0 The Archdiocese

SCRIPTURE/COMMUNION SERVICE

Timber Hills: Every Wednesday at 10AM Timber Hills Arbor Residents: October 15 at 10:40AM

READINGS

for the week of October 10

©Liturgical Publications

Sunday:

Monday:

Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/ Heb 4:12-13/ Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk

11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-

41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-

46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk

11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/

Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/

Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Please Remember in Prayer

John Sperl Sr.

Amy Sporcic

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

UGLY QUILTS INFORMATION

UGLY QUILTING has resumed at St. Patrick's and we want to invite you to join us in assembling bedrolls, from donated materials, to be given to organizations that serve those experiencing homelessness.

MEN, WOMEN, and TEENS, please consider joining us at our **NEW TIME**. We now meet on most **Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm in Rms. 46-49 of Emerald Hall**, October through March (see schedule in bulletins). Helping can be as easy as tying knots or snipping the elastic edge from fitted sheets and mattress pads. "Perfect attendance" is appreciated but NOT required!

We are now accept donations of fabrics/materials. Please label your donations "Ugly Quilting" and bring them to the lower level of church, near the food shelf donation bins. The need for materials is on-going through March 2022.

PLEASE clip and save this information for your later reference:

We need **CLEAN** materials, especially:

- * Used blankets--electric blankets, too; comforters, mattress pads
- * STURDY fabrics for constructing the outer part of the bedrolls
- * Fabric (at least 3 ft. x 3 ft. in size)
- * Sheets and pillowcases
- * Quilt batting; Thinsulate® fabric is great too!
- * #10 crochet thread
- * Large (30 gal plus) heavy duty trash bags (we try to include one bag with each bedroll as a moisture barrier or for whatever use the recipient wants)

Donations of fleece fabric and yarn are used to sew or knit/crochet hats, mittens, and scarves which are donated with the bedrolls/quilts.

Items NOT used: clothing, bath towels, nylon fabric, tulle or lace.

Please come on Thursday afternoons from 1-3PM and give it a try! Lend your hands and hearts to a worthy endeavor!

Blessing of the Animals





If Heaven were like Harvard

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors?

When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



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