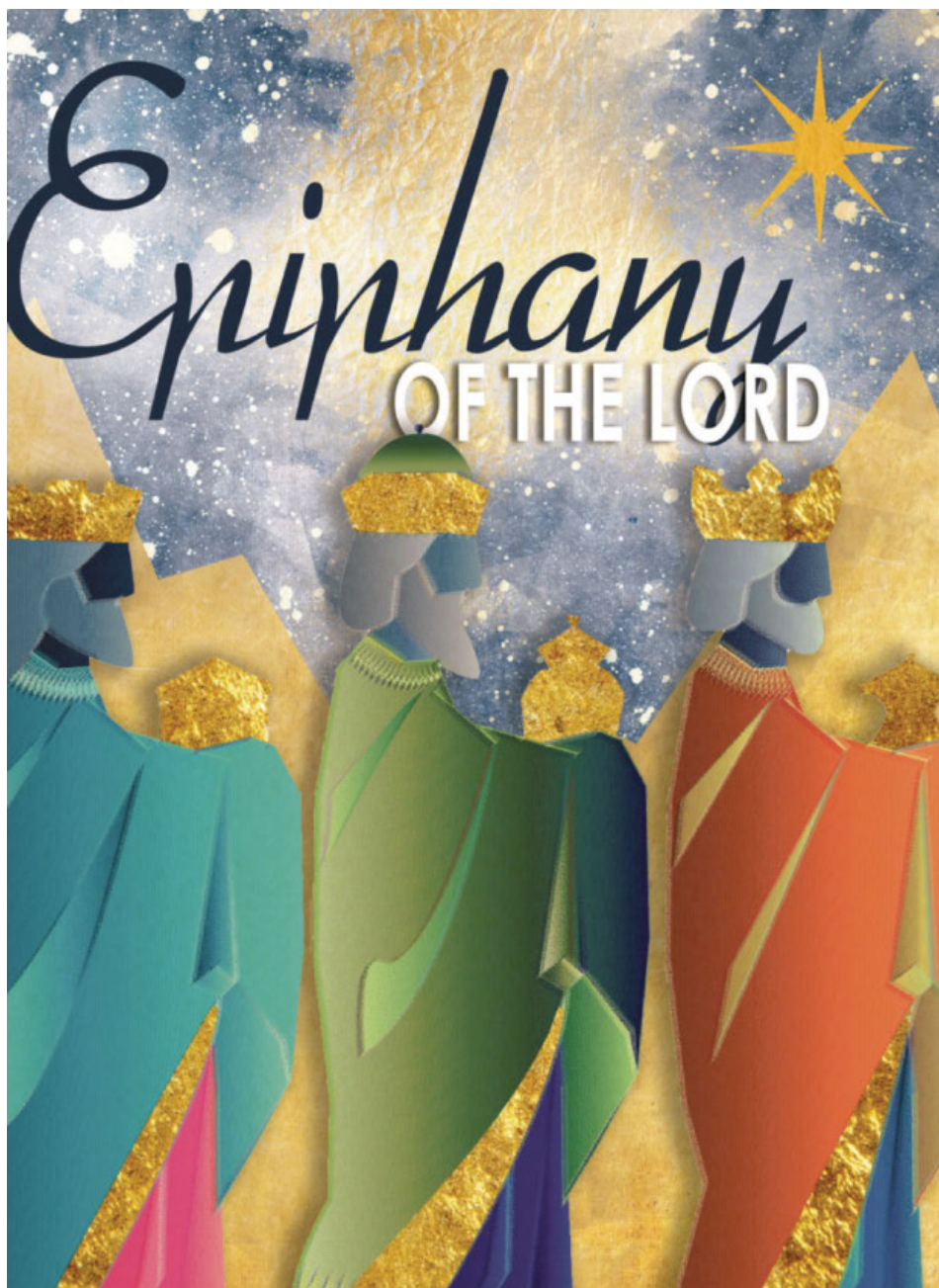




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Mission Statement

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.



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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.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE NEW YEAR

JESUS CHRIST SUPER HERO

As we begin the New Year, I cannot help but think of how are we all preparing ourselves to face another year of this pandemic? Usually, people make resolutions to change a habit or gain a new one during the upcoming year. Losing weight, exercising on a regular basis, getting more organized, and spending more time with family are often on our check lists to do in the New Year. I wonder if we ever think that building a stronger relationship with the Trinity should be put on our check list for the upcoming year?



This pondering led me to a thought. At a recent gathering of my family, all the young people (those present under the age of 30) were mentioning how they loved the new Spiderman movie.

Everyone had seen it the weekend it came out and it has already had ticket sales over 253 million dollars. Now, as a mother of young man, I know he is never happy with me when I cannot keep track of the different characters between the Marvel and DC universe. (If you are unsure what those universes are ask someone who is younger) These fictional super heroes display a vast array of special powers that help save not only our planet but the universe on a regular basis. I am wondering if we as a society are willing to stay up late to get into the last movie show available, buy merchandise associated with these super heroes and generally argue about which of these fictional characters has the best super power? Would we be willing to put our time and energy and money into building a relationship with the best Super Hero of all? In case you are all wondering that would be Jesus Christ-how much our parish and our community in general would be a better place to live and work and have our families move forward together.

The dictionary defines a “Super Hero” as a benevolent fictional character with superhuman powers, such as Superman. Jesus Christ is definitely benevolent but he is so much more.

He did not have a cool outfit with special gadgets to help him, instead he wore the clothes of a typical Jewish man during his time on earth. He spent his time curing the sick, encouraging the poor, helping people repent and turn back to God, his father. Jesus never judged people to be evil, let alone, fight them to save the world like the fictional super heroes. Instead, he met people where they were at in life, he encouraged, he never shamed, he listened and most importantly taught how to live a just life and have justice happen in our world. He imparted truth that the world of his time and the people in charge did not want to hear. So they made sure he was crucified on a cross. Many in our world today do not believe in the same way and do not want to hear the message He imparted. Jesus was willing to lay down his life for us and had the power to resurrect and break the chains of sin. We have the promise of having an everlasting life. That is a super hero with a super power I can get behind.

So, in this coming New Year, I would suggest that we all make a resolution to build a deeper relationship with the best Super Hero of all, Jesus Christ. Take the time to have a conversation with him each and every day. Tell him your fears, give him thanks, ask him to help guide you in everything you must accomplish during your busy day. Engage in activity you know our special Super Hero would appreciate like coming to Mass, helping with charity and justice activities, reaching out to forgive someone who has hurt you, not judging but trying to understand the other person’s point of view.

Then the next time you are talking with your kids or grandchildren and the topic of who is the best super hero comes up in conversation, you can reach outside of the Marvel and DC universe to state clearly “The best super hero is Jesus Christ, let me share why.” My prayer is that all the parishioners at St. Patrick’s have a blessed New Year filled with having the satisfaction of sharing our gifts, talents and treasure in a place that understands that if you follow the best super hero in all the universe, he can create peace in our hearts and minds. **NO CAPE, NO COOL OUTFIT, NO SPECIAL GADGETS AND YET STILL THE BEST SUPER HERO OF THEM ALL-JESUS CHRIST.**



2022 Calendars

There are 2022 calendars in the Gathering Space. We would like to thank Jaime and Jessica Roberts, parishioners and owners of Roberts Funeral Home, for donating these.

Attention Parishioners: Faith Formation is seeking engaged individuals who are looking to begin their own small group study on topics that interest them and their peers. We have bible study formats, Understanding Catholicism, Epic-a journey through the history of the church, and many more topics. If you are interested in exploring how to set up a small group study in your home, office or by meeting at the church, please contact Teresa at 651-621-1565 or by email at neuman@churchofstpatrik.com.

DO YOU LOVE DRAMA? This coming Lenten season, Faith Formation is recruiting individuals to act out the Stations of the Cross on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the Lenten season at 6:30 pm the after soup suppers. The dates are March 4th and March 18th. This is what we call the “Living Stations of the Cross.” Costumes are minimal but dramatic impact is needed. We will need a narrator for each date. Is your family dramatic, do you have friends who would like to be involved in this project? Rehearsals will begin in January. Contact Teresa for more information or to volunteer. All ages are welcome.

The St Patrick’s Grandparent Ministry is ready to begin monthly meetings in 2022! New and seasoned grandparents are invited to join us on Thursday, January 13, at 12 noon in the Family Room. We will begin with prayer followed by a pizza lunch and a discussion on next steps for the Grandparent Ministry. Please RSVP to the office at 651-455-6624 by January 12 so we can order enough pizza! We are looking forward to reconnecting and setting our agenda for the new year.

The learners and catechists of faith formation interacted in an Advent outreach project called the “Happy Giver Bags.” They created 39 birthday bags for children and teens from preschool – 10th grade. They donated money for a birthday gift for their age level and created birthday bags that contained cake mix, frosting, candles, birthday cards and prizes so that families who struggle with supplying a birthday gift for their child could receive one. We donated them to Open Doors in Eagan. The learners and catechists of faith formation also donated diapers. St. Patrick’s donated 65 bags of diapers to Neighbors Inc. The team that helped prepare these items for donation are: Kathy Bredy and Pattie and Paige Nikodym.



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Since July 1, 2021: 523 out of 964 registered households have contributed.
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Weekly envelope collection:	\$19,280	Weekly operation cost:	\$17,116
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Plate giving:	\$1,551	Weekly needed for loan principal:	\$3,660
Youth collection:	\$1	Total weekly surplus:	\$6,154
Total for the week:	\$26,930		

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

Because of holiday bulletin deadlines, updated contributions will be in next week's bulletin.

As we move through the Christmas season, COVID precautions are still in place. Steps are being taken at each Mass to keep those who visit St. Patrick's safe while attending Mass. The health and safety of our parishioners, visitors and staff remains a top priority. For those attending Mass and events at the parish, masks are strongly recommended. Please continue to social distance. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Patrick's a safe place to worship.

Music for Weekend Liturgies

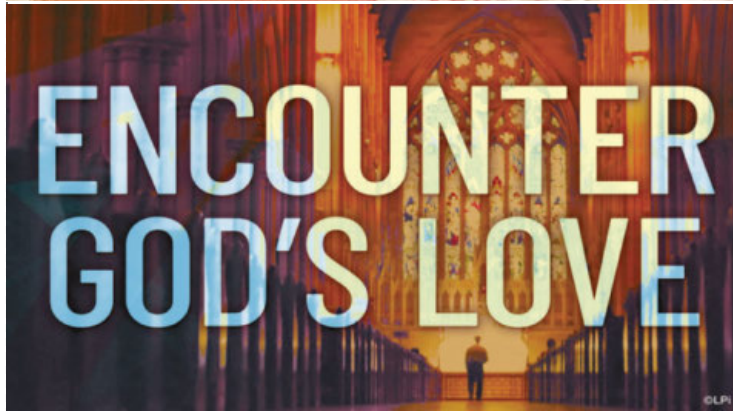
We now have a limited number of Gather hymnals available in the gathering space for people to use during weekend Mass. This is in addition to the seasonal supplement that will continue to be available in the gathering space and in the church for Mass. We are offering hymnals in the gathering space as a response to people who have requested the use of hymnals in the church again. Up until this time we have not done so because the sanitation regimen in the church would damage the hymnals. Leaving them on a shelf in the gathering space is a good solution, so long as people return the hymnals to the bookshelf at the conclusion of Mass. The supplement does contain some music not in the hymnal, so it would be advisable to continue picking up a supplement on your way into church. Please note that in addition to hymns, the supplement includes the Mass acclamations (page 4), and the refrains of the responsorial psalms listed by celebration (page 6).

EPIPHANY



Upcoming at St. Pat's

Saturday	January 1
9:00AM	Mass, Church
5:00PM	Mass, Church
Sunday	January 2
8:00AM	Hosanna Singers at Mass
Thursday	January 6
12:30PM	Ugly Quilts, Rooms 46-49
Sunday	January 9
9:00AM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
11:00AM	RCIA, Office
7:00PM	Men's Club, Family Room
Monday	January 10
7:00PM	Hand Bells, Church
Tuesday	January 11
7:00PM	Franciscans, Family Room
Wednesday	January 12
4:30PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
6:30PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
Thursday	January 13
12:00PM	Grandparent Ministry, Family Room
12:30PM	Ugly Quilts, Rooms 46-49



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- Paper Bags
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- Tomato Products
- Granola Bars
- Canned Vegetables

Mass Intentions

Saturday (1/1)	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
9:00AM	† Don Kammerer
5:00PM	† Cletus Franta
Sunday (1/2)	Epiphany of the Lord
8:00AM	† Gus and Dennis Briguet
10:30AM	† Joe Beaubien
Tuesday (1/4)	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
6:30PM	† John Schones
Wednesday (1/5)	St. John Neumann
8:00AM	† Robert Ott
Thursday (1/6)	St. André Bessette
8:00AM	0 Dorothy Dufault
Friday (1/7)	St. Raymond of Peñafort
8:00AM	† Elmer Born
Saturday (1/8)	
5:00PM	† Roger Sauerer
Sunday (1/9)	Baptism of the Lord
8:00AM	† Louis & Alvene Briguet
10:30AM	† Jo Dall

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

Scripture/Communion Services:

Timber Hills, Wednesdays at 10AM
Woodlyn Heights, 1st and 3rd at 10:30AM

Readings:


<i>for the week of January 2</i>	<small>©Liturgical Publications</small>
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday:	1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Please Remember in Prayer:

Carol Brundieck
Parishioners of St. Patrick's

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


Thank you to Andy and Carrie Shatek for their generous donation of the window replacement in the Gathering Space. The previous window had a broken seal and condensation between the window panes. Thank you for your generosity!


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