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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.



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." - Jn 2:1-3

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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.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 by noon on Monday. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. Please contact the parish office with questions.

** Notary services available upon request.

January 16, 2022 ✠ Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr. Brian Fier, Pastor

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

New Year's Greetings! How are your New Year resolutions going? January presents the opportunity for everyone --- individuals, families, churches, businesses, governments, etc. --- to make a commitment to work on improving our lives. And if we are truly honest, then we admit to many possibilities. Often, we get overwhelmed by the length of our list and give up trying. I've always been a firm believer in the "KISS"

principle; that is, "Keep It Simple S_____." In case you are searching for some solid resolutions, allow me to suggest two:



In case you are searching for some

Personal Responsibility and Communication.

Yes, I find that everyone, even churches, struggles with both areas. Consider a current example here at St. Patrick's.

If you walk down the hallway from the church foyer to Shamrock Hall, you may or may not be surprised to see that the pictures of our recent pastors have been taken down. In their place will be a "Welcome to St. Patrick's" display. Do you know how this change came about? If not, then it shows our continuing struggle with both communication and personal responsibility. Here is the story ---

When I began my service to the Church of St. Patrick back in 2018 you may recall that the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis was finalizing its clergy abuse settlement. Every parish was affected by this terrible breach of trust, including St. Patrick's. We were asked to creatively approach the issue of helping people heal from these horrendous sins.

When I brought the challenge to our parish leaders and staff, we came up with several creative responses --- offering a "Prayer for Healing" at our Masses, inviting interested parties to attend sessions (both private and public) with me where they could share their concerns, creating our "Healing Wall" (located in the hallway to Shamrock Hall), and much more.

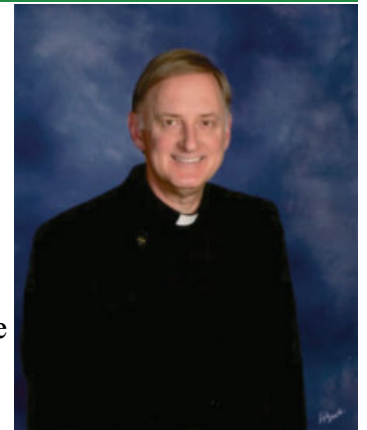
In presenting this challenge I shared a troubling situation; namely, how some parish families had come to me and shared their personal stories of clergy abuse. In fact, they told me how difficult it was to walk by these pictures knowing that some of this abuse took place during these pastors' leadership here at St. Patrick's. Both our leaders and staff were shocked and saddened by this revelation. They began to discuss how we should respond. When they suggested that we immediately take down these pictures, I reminded them that many parishioners have wonderful memories of the service of these priests; therefore, they needed to carefully consider how to replace this controversial display.

Over the past three years, our Parish Pastoral Council and parish staff have struggled with how to proceed. Currently our Administration Commission is considering a "Parish History Timeline." In the meantime, our staff will be putting up a "Welcome to St. Patrick's" display. Thus, the pictures have come down and been placed in our archives. We still need to decide what will be done with them. We are open to your input.

This example highlights our need to improve our communication efforts and personal responsibility. Good ministry continues here at St. Patrick's. How is every parish family involved and aware of this worthwhile work?

New Year's peace,

Fr. Brian



Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

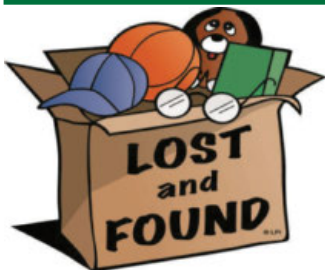
Attention Parishioners Who Enjoy Drama: Faith Formation is putting together performance pieces for the Living Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 4th and Friday, March 18th. (Ash Wednesday is on March 2nd). We will have a soup supper beginning at 5:00 pm and the Living Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm in the church. We need children, youth and adults to interact in the different parts and adults or youth to be the narrators. We would love to have a wide range of ages participate in this ancient form of devotion. Are you in the drama club at school? Have you acted in community theater? Have a devotion for the stations of the cross? Looking for an engaging opportunity to interact with your child or grandchild in a faith based event? Then contact Teresa Neuman to obtain a script and decide on which date and part you would be interested in. My email is tneuman@churchofstpatrik.com or call my office at 651-621-1565.

Save The Date: Faith Formation in association with the Franciscans of our parish is hosting a pre-Lenten Retreat on Sunday, February 27th at 12:00PM in the church. We will have a viewing of the movie/documentary of "The Sultan and the Saint". This movie depicts the true story of when the Sultan al-Kamil met with St. Francis of Assisi to engage in a faith exchange to try to bring peace to the region that had been overwhelmed by the crusades. We will be serving beverages and pre-wrapped snacks in Shamrock Hall before the viewing. The movie is about an hour long and there will be interfaith discussion after the viewing. Interested in learning more details or helping with this event? Please contact Teresa Neuman.

Synod Ambassador Team Information: The ambassador team has identified 4 major themes from the small group meetings that took place last fall they are: Building relationships, evangelization, socialization and small groups. Please watch for further information about these themes during the Lenten season.

Thank you to the 5th grade learners and their families members who helped with the ministries at the 5 pm Mass on January 8th:

Joey Gruenke
Brielle Heinsch
Sophia Immel
Jake Market
Phoebe Rahm
Annaleigh Schwab
Audrey Tix.
Not pictured:
J.J. Spier.



Please check the lost and found box located by the lower level stairway. Items leftover will be donated or disposed of in the next 2 weeks. Thank you!!

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Since July 1, 2021: 536 out of 964 registered households have contributed.
83 Family Envelopes & 140 Electronic deposits for January 9, 2022

Weekly envelope collection:	\$9,401	Weekly operation cost:	\$17,116
Electronic giving:	\$14,693	Weekly operations surplus:	\$7,507
Plate giving:	\$507	Weekly needed for loan principal:	\$3,660
Youth collection:	\$22	Total weekly surplus:	\$3,847
Total for the week:	\$24,623		

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

Thank you to the Bigelbach family for their generous memorial donation in memory of Paul and Carolyn Bigelbach.

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.** Masks will be required for students, catechists and visitors during all faith formation sessions. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping St. Patrick's a safe place to worship. Testing is encouraged for those who feel the need, please visit the MN Department of Health website for testing locations (including the Inver Grove Heights Armory): <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/community.html>.

Worship Commission Updates

A big THANK YOU to the eleven volunteers who helped with Christmas take-down last Sunday. Many hands made light work!

The Worship Commission is looking for new members to shape the liturgical life of the parish in conjunction with the pastor and the Director of Liturgy and Music. Contact Kim Thompson if interested: kthompson@churchofstpatrick.com.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Upcoming at St. Pat's

Sunday	January 16
11:00AM	RCIA, Office
Tuesday	January 18
7:00PM	Finance Council
Wednesday	January 19
6:30PM	C1 Retreat, Church
Thursday	January 20
12:30PM	Ugly Quilts, Rms 46-49
Sunday	January 23
9:00AM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
11:00AM	RCIA, Office
Monday	January 24
7:00PM	Hand Bells, Church
Tuesday	January 25
7:00PM	Leadership Night, Emerald Hall
Wednesday	January 26
4:30PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
6:30PM	Faith Formation, Emerald Hall
Thursday	January 27
12:30PM	Ugly Quilts, Rms 46-49
Sunday	January 30
11:00AM	RCIA, Office
7:00PM	Cursillo, Family Room
Monday	January 31
7:00PM	Hand Bells, Church



FOOD SHELF NEEDS (Neighbors Inc.)

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

Mass Intentions

Saturday (1/15)
5:00PM † Tony & Jo Dall
Sunday (1/16) 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM † Virginia Tendle
10:30AM 0 Michelle Lopez
Tuesday (1/18)
6:30PM † Helen Burque
Wednesday (1/19)
8:00AM † Joan Bauer
Thursday (1/20) Sts. Fabian and Sebastian
8:00AM † Souls in Purgatory
Friday (1/21) St. Agnes
8:00AM † Robert Dufault
Saturday (1/22) St. Vincent
5:00PM † Christian Seidl
Sunday (1/23) 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM 0 Dottie & Jerry Causse
10:30AM † Phyllis Grundtner
0 - Living † - Deceased
Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM

Scripture/Communion Services:

Timber Hills, 1st, 3rd & 4th Wednesday at 10AM
 Woodlyn Heights, 1st and 3rd Thursday at 10:30AM

Readings:

<i>for the week of January 16</i>	<i>©Liturgical Publications</i>
Sunday:	Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9- 10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b- 11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12
Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5- 7/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/ Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Please Remember in Prayer:

Parishioners of St. Patrick's

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

SAVE THE DATE: PRE-LENTEN RETREAT ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH AT 12 NOON IN THE CHURCH. A VIEWING OF THE MOVIE "THE SULTAN AND THE SAINT"

It is the story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and their meeting during the height of the crusades where Christians and Muslims are in a bloody conflict to gain control of the Holy Lands. These two individuals agree to meet in peace. After the movie Fr. Brian will address the circumstances of this period in church history and we will have a discussion period. We are hoping for an Imam to join us for the discussion but because of COVID we do not know if that will happen at this time. We will have FREE Lenten Resources available as well. So come and gain knowledge of this important aspect of history and the Saint-Francis of Assisi who continues to have influence across the globe to this day. Invite your family and friends. Questions? Contact Teresa Neuman.

Pictured below: Fresco by Benozzo Gozzoli Entitled St. Francis of Assisi Trial by Fire before the Sultan





ST. PATRICK'S COUNCILS & COMMISSIONS MEETING SCHEDULES

If you want to attend a meeting or possibly join parish leadership, opportunities are listed below. Meetings are the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm. 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!

Liaisons for St. Patrick's Councils/Commissions

	<u>Parish Pastoral Council</u>	<u>Staff</u>
1. Finance		Fr. Brian Fier Bryan Collins
2. Pastoral Council	Tom Reamer	Fr. Brian Fier Peg Johnston
3. Worship	Justus Ogeto	Kim Thompson
4. Faith Formation	Tony Sporer	Teresa Neuman Lynette LaForte
5. Parish Life	Lea Kammerer Maureen Seidl	Sandy Christensen Lynette LaForte Denise Stoffel
6. Social Justice	Eva Hansen	Kim Thompson
7. Administration	Mary McCahey	Bryan Collins Dave Franzwa Denny Majetic Ed Rudquist

It Takes All Kinds

“If every flower wanted to be a rose,” wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, “spring would lose its loveliness.”

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good father, a good husband) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given different gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of “varieties of tongues” might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, “Do whatever he tells you,” her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers — do we wait on God’s instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God’s word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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