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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

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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.

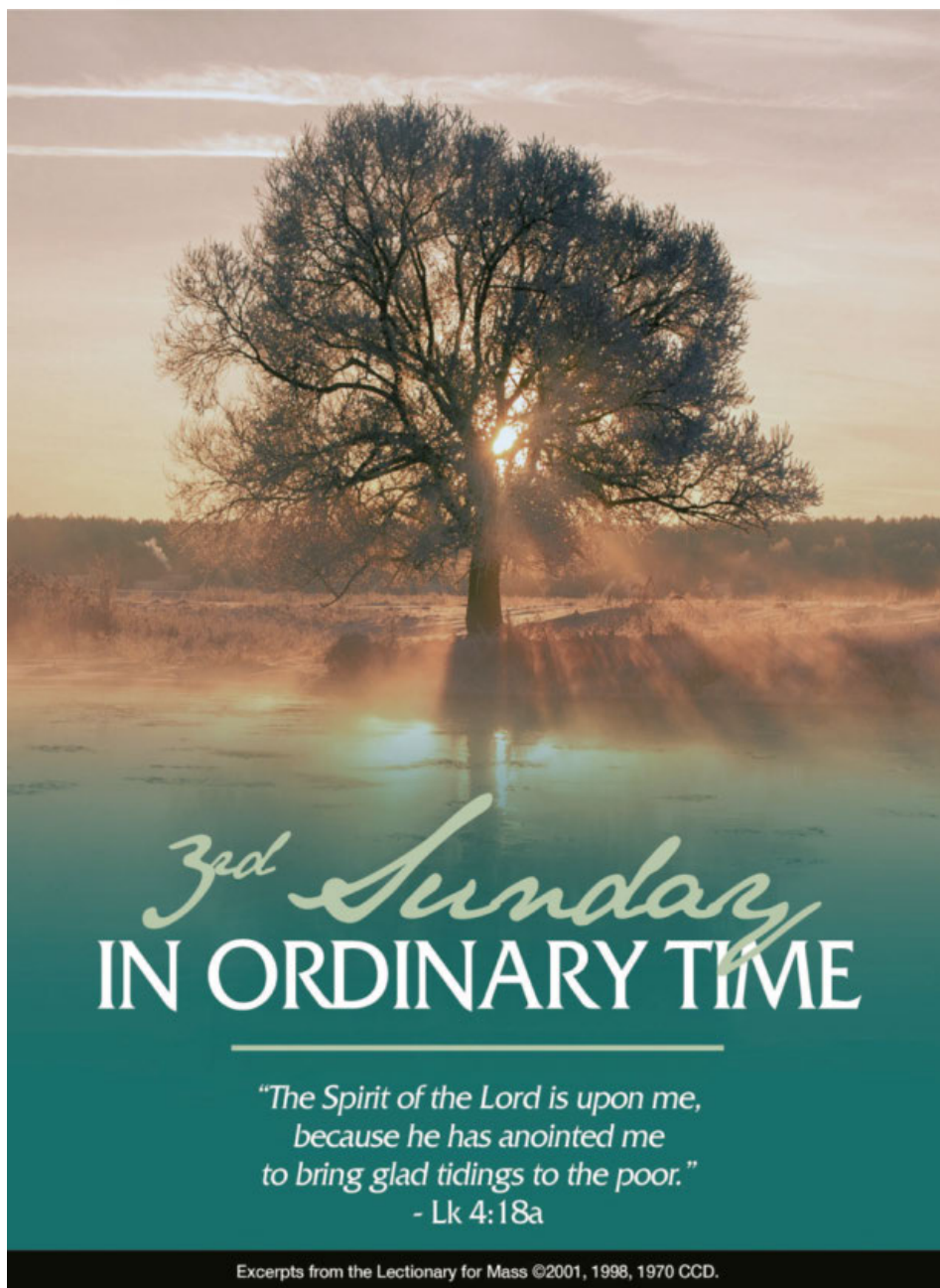
Office Hours

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.



3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

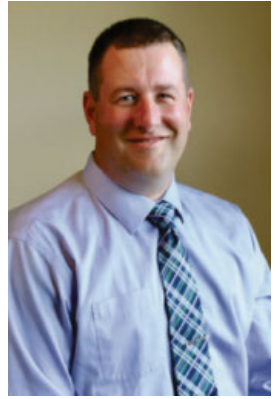
*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring glad tidings to the poor."
- Lk 4:18a*

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January 23, 2022 ☩ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Bryan Collins, Parish Administrator

The new year is upon us, and for many this is a time of reflection and resolve to make improvements in our lives. If you are anything like me, when I hear it is 2022, I feel a bit older. I remember as a younger me thinking in the year 2000, I would be in my 20s and everything would make sense. I would have life all figured out. Perhaps this is why it is said, youth is often wasted on the young. Now it is 2022, and I may be a bit older and a bit wiser, but every day I understand there is much to learn.



When I was younger, I was always looking ahead to what I needed to achieve, or the next big step in my life. As I have grown older and wiser, an important lesson was learned, take time to count your blessings. It is easy for us to look at a situation or time in our life and see the negative. Perhaps it is how we are wired as people, but we often times miss looking on the bright side of life. If I stop and think about it, God has blessed me in many ways and I have much to be thankful for in my life. It is important to reflect and find ways to be better. It is also important to reflect and appreciate all our blessings from God. My hope for us all in the new year is that we can find the ways God has blessed us and give thanks.

A few updates as we move through January. Our Christmas collection was slightly higher than last year. The recent Christmas collection was \$22,734.00. Thank you for your generosity! Towards the end of January an all parish mailing will be sent to all families. In this mailing you will find:

- * Your 2021 giving statement,
- * A semi-annual statement of operations,
- * A 3-year giving history of your Sunday offertory.

We hope this information will be valuable to you as you plan your giving. Your generosity makes the many great ministries of the Church of St. Patrick possible; please prayerfully consider your support of the parish during the upcoming year.



Pope Francis has named Father Joseph Williams, a priest of the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, as Auxiliary Bishop of Saint Paul and Minneapolis. Bishop-elect Williams is currently the pastor of the Church of Saint Stephen and the Church of the Holy Rosary, both in Minneapolis. Father Williams also serves as Vicar for Latino Ministry for the Archdiocese. His episcopal ordination is scheduled for January 25, 2022, at the Cathedral of Saint Paul. The ordination will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese of Saint Paul and Minneapolis' Facebook page.

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? Contact Teresa Neuman to obtain a script and decide on which date and part you would be interested in: 651-621-1565 or neuman@churchofstpatrick.com.

The St Patrick's Grandparent Ministry is ready to begin monthly meetings in 2022! New and seasoned grandparents are invited. The next St. Patrick Grandparent Ministry meeting will be on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from Noon to 1:30 in the Family Room. Bring your own lunch as we discuss ways to pray for and with our grandchildren, including adoration suggestions. Bring any prayers you find especially helpful. All are welcome!

February Essential Needs Collection: During the month of February, we will again be collecting hotel sized (trial sized) toiletries for Higher Ground—formerly Dorothy Day. In addition, they would appreciate toothpaste, deodorant, socks, hats and mittens. We will have baskets in the lower level entrance and the Gathering Space to collect your donations. Thank you for your generosity—The Social Justice Commission.

The Parish Life Commission: This commission seeks to communicate with each committee, club or ministry and work together to enrich the life of the parish through fun activities. This includes the festival committee, Men's Club, Circle of Friends, 55+, Cursillo and Third Order Franciscans. The Parish Life Commission also seeks to dream about what could happen in Parish Life at the Church of St Patrick's. How can we work together to enhance our Parish activities? One event that we have enjoyed in the past is Family Fun Night which has been held in April. We would like to hold this event again in spring after Easter. We need someone to chair the event. If you are interested in Family Fun Night, assisting with other events at our parish or have ideas of other events, come to the Parish Life Commission meeting on January 25th at 7pm. We need a representative from each of the committees or clubs mentioned above and we need members from throughout the parish. Jane Marie Rief, Chairperson.

January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainly of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away. ©LPi

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Since July 1, 2021: 543 out of 964 registered households have contributed.
96 Family Envelopes & 46 Electronic deposits for January 16, 2022

Weekly envelope collection:	\$6,180	Weekly operation cost:	\$17,116
Electronic giving:	\$2,022	Weekly operations shortfall:	-\$8,568
Plate giving:	\$320	Weekly needed for loan principal:	\$3,660
Youth collection:	\$26	Total weekly shortfall:	-\$12,228
Total for the week:	\$8,548		

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

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>.

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Upcoming at St. Pat's

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

St. Thomas Aquinas | January 28

One of the most famous members of the Dominican Order, St. Thomas Aquinas (1225 – 1274) is well known by many for his theological work, “The Summa Theologiae.” Born in Italy, his mother wanted him to become a Benedictine and had high hopes that he would eventually become abbot of Monte Cassino, where he spent much of his youth. To change his vocation, she had him kidnapped by his brothers on his way to Paris at the age of 19. He spent two years in their captivity. Despite this, nothing could shake him from his vocation to become a Dominican priest and he was eventually released. Once free, he went to Paris and then to Cologne, where he finished his studies with Albert the Great.

His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony, and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural human knowledge, encompasses his writings. The Summa Theologiae, his last and, unfortunately, uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

The patron saint of teachers, theologians and students, St. Thomas Aquinas died in 1274. His life and the impact he had on the whole Church, however, remains alive today. ©LPi

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| • Fruit Juice | • Canned Vegetables |
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Mass Intentions

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
Wednesday (1/26) Sts. Timothy and Titus
8:00AM Scripture/Communion
Friday (1/28) St. Thomas Aquinas
8:00AM Scripture/Communion
Saturday (1/29)
5:00PM † Millie Schones
Sunday (1/30) 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00AM † Michael Anderberg
10:30AM † Daniel Kennedy
0 - Living † - Deceased
Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM

Scripture/Communion Services:

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

Readings:

for the week of January 23

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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
Monday:	2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18
Wednesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41
Next Sunday:	Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/ 1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/ Lk 4:21-30



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. 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
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5. Parish Life	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

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God — giving it true spirit and life. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi

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