



# ST. PATRICK CHURCH PARROQUIA SAN PATRICIO

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After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47



Al tercer día lo encontraron en el templo, sentado en medio de los doctores, escuchándolos y haciéndoles preguntas. Todos los que lo oían se admiraban de su inteligencia y de sus respuestas. - Lc 2, 45-47

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**Saturday, Jan 1, 2022—MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, 8:30am**  
(not a holy day of obligation this year)

**Saturday, Jan 1, 2022—EPIPHANY, 4:30pm**  
Drawing for Saint Patrick Guild Winner

**Sunday, Jan 2, 2022—EPIPHANY**  
7:30am, 10am, 12:15pm-Spanish, 2:30pm-Latin  
Coffee-Donuts after Masses

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### MASS TIMES

8:30am, Tuesday-Friday, First Sat.  
8:30am, 6pm-Sp, First Friday  
4:30pm, Saturday  
7:30am, 10:00am, Sunday  
Spanish-12:15pm, Sunday  
Latin-2:30pm, Sunday

### HOLY DAYS

Consult bulletin or website

### CONFESSIONS

8:00-8:15am, Friday  
3:00-4:00pm, Saturday  
OR By appointment: **319-337-2856**

# What's Happening

## Sat, Dec 18—Sun, Jan 2, West Hallway Stroll Through "Little Bethlehem"



All are invited to stroll down the west corridor of our church building to visit a miniature Bethlehem! There you can marvel at the beautiful craftsmanship of several Nativity sets from around the world. Depending on the country of origin, some sets are exquisitely detailed while others may be more simple. They are "on loan" from a parishioner for our enjoyment through Epiphany! Please view the display to appreciate the sets and reflect...  
"O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

### Job Opening: BUSINESS MANAGER

Job Description posted on kiosk/website.

St. Patrick Church-Iowa City is seeking a full-time Business Manager to organize and manage church operations. The full-time position (30-40 hours/week) is challenging, but rewarding. As a business office manager, you will perform a variety of administrative and supervisory duties to ensure high levels of organizational effectiveness and that office operations run smoothly. Hiring will be contingent upon passing a background check and completion of VIRTUS training. Please email a resume/cover letter to [frjoseph@stpatsic.com](mailto:frjoseph@stpatsic.com),

ATTENTION: Business Manager Search Committee.

**Deadline to apply is January 10, 2022.**

### "THROUGH THE DECADES"—2022 Gala

Regina's biggest fundraiser will be held **virtually on Sat, Feb 5th, 2022! Early Bird Tickets are on sale NOW! Save \$25 per ticket through Jan 5, 2022.**

visit <http://reginagala.com>. Virtual event catered by St. Burch Tavern-delivered by Chomp. Host a watch party at your home for up to 20 guests! Prizes for best "Watch Party dress theme"-assign a decade to your watch party, or let your guests go rogue! Open to anyone, anywhere! Questions? Contact Trish Kohl, Special Events Coordinator at [trish.kohl@regina.org](mailto:trish.kohl@regina.org)

We appreciate the continued support and hope this year's "Catholic themed baskets" will be an opportunity for ALL the Parishes in our area to come together to support Regina Catholic Education Center. Use the Sign-up Genius below for items to be included in the Baskets for boy's and girl's Baptismal, First Communion, Confirmation, and adult/child Catholic devotionals/reading items.

**BASKETS:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4BABAC2EA3FA7-sacraments>

**AMAZON LINK:** [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NNVVCSYFB6DV?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1NNVVCSYFB6DV?ref=wl_share)

# What's Happening

## ST. PATRICK GUILD Tickets

**You could win \$150!!**

Purchase a ticket for just \$25! Drawings held the first weekend of each month, beginning Jan 1, 2022 at 4:30 Mass. Winner to be contacted by phone and name posted in bulletin, Flocknote, and [www.stpatsic.com/150](http://www.stpatsic.com/150).

**A St. Patrick Guild Ticket** makes a GREAT Gift for any age AND for any occasion: Christmas, Birthday, Graduation, Anniversary, Thank You, etc. All tickets remain in the drawing for a whole year, so ticket holder has **12** chances to win! Ticket holders need not be present to win, so gifting across the country is possible. Tickets may be purchased with Cash, Check (payable to St. Patrick Church with SPG in memo line), OR WeShare (go to [stpatsic.com](http://stpatsic.com), then show the office your email receipt to receive the ticket).



**May God bless you with the Luck o'the Irish!**

### Thank You! Thank You!



The church looks beautiful! Many thanks to Kerry and Aleda Feuerbach for their help with the poinsettias and supervision of decorating. We appreciate your Time & Talents!

Many thanks to those who donated monies for poinsettias. We appreciate your stewardship of Treasure to beautify our church. Donors can take their "Cardinal" ornament from the narthex display in January, if they wish. Due to early bulletin press deadlines, a complete listing of flower memorials will be printed in the Jan 9th bulletin.

### H-e-l-p! MANY Elves NEEDED!

**Sunday, Jan 9**

We need MANY hands to take down/pack decorations from the Main Church, narthex, social hall. **Assist after any Mass! Trees will be taken down immediately after 12:15pm Mass.** Thanks for your stewardship of Time & Talent! Please contact [Cheryl@stpatsic.com](mailto:Cheryl@stpatsic.com) or 319-337-2856, for more information/to sign up.



### Director of Development

**Newman Catholic Student Center—Iowa City, IA**

For a full job description visit [www.iowacatholic.org](http://www.iowacatholic.org). Please submit a cover letter and resume no later than **January 10, 2022** to: Ronda Lipsius, 104 E. Jefferson St., Iowa City, IA 52245 or [ronda@newman-ic.org](mailto:ronda@newman-ic.org)

**The Parish Office will be CLOSED  
Dec 27-Dec 31, 2021.**

# Youth Information

## Youth/Families!

Follow us on Instagram (@stpatricksyouth)

Keep Up-to-date with activities & information:

[www.wearerooted.net](http://www.wearerooted.net)

## Winter Book Club for JH/HS Youth (and Parents), Sunday, Jan 16th



Meetings will be on Zoom,  
the 3rd Sunday of the month, 5-6 pm.

Beginning in January thru March we'll once again have a monthly Winter Book Club on Zoom, reading Catholic YA/teen fiction, open to both JH/HS youth and their parents.

(Last year we had 8 students and 5 parents reading the books and it was a lot of fun!) To see this year's book list and meeting dates, go to the youth group website: [www.wearerooted.net/bookclub](http://www.wearerooted.net/bookclub).

Email [sofia@stpatsic.com](mailto:sofia@stpatsic.com) (or use the Connect page on the youth group website) to sign up for the book club so you can receive the Zoom links. You will need to order your own books and have time to read at least part of the first one by Jan. 16th, so don't wait too long to sign up!



## KC's "Free Throw Contest— Jan 9, 2022

Attention ALL 9-14 year olds! You're invited to participate in the Free Throw Contest on Sunday, Jan 9th in the St. Patrick Gym. Please keep watch for more details. Winners in

each age group advance to the District level. Must show proof of age as of January 1st and have written parental consent to participate.

Contact Ed Panther, [hwkengr@gmail.com](mailto:hwkengr@gmail.com), 319-331-0683.



## KIDS' KORNER

### Sharing the Gospel:

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.

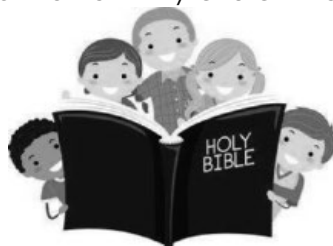
### Prayer:

Dear God, help me to feel at home in my church like Jesus did.

### Something to Draw:

Draw a picture of yourself learning about God with your teacher.

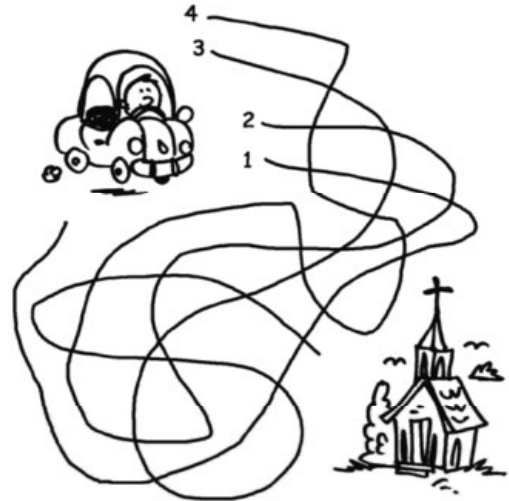
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# Kid's Korner

## PUZZLE

Find the way that leads to church!

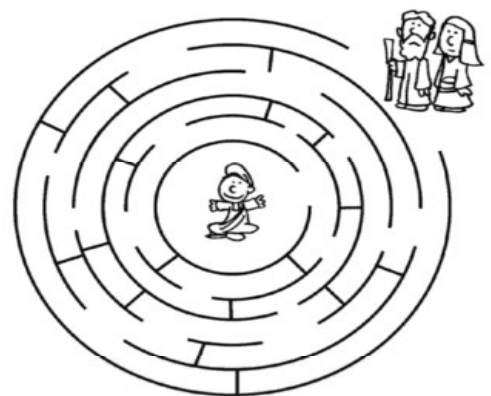


## MISSION

I will always let my parents know where I am, so they won't worry.

## PUZZLE

Help Mary and Joseph find Jesus.



## MISSION

Help visitors to your church feel welcomed. As a family or as a class, make cards for visitors, asking them to come back.

### Rosary/Rosario

Tuesday-Friday, 8:10am.

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena / Novena a Nuestra Señora del Perpetuo Socorro

Tuesdays after 8:30am Mass.

### Adoration/Adoración—Chapel

7 days per week, 6am-Midnight

### Adoration/Adoración—Main Church

Thursdays, 6:30-7pm and 1st Fridays, 9am—Jan 7

### First Saturday Mass

First Saturday of each month at 8:30am—Jan 1

### Welcome Newcomers to St. Patrick's!/ Bienvenido A San Patricio!

You can fill out the registration form online using our website. ¡Bienvenido a San Patricio! Puede registrarse llenando la forma en la pág. web <https://stpatsic.com/>

### Baptism for children younger than 7 years old/

Parents must be registered and active members of the parish. Parents are required to attend one instructional session, ideally before the child is born.

Contact Angel Hernandez/parish office for more information. English-2nd Thurs @ 7:15pm

**Bautismo para niños menores de 7 años de edad es spanol First Thursday, 7:15pm.** Los padres deben ser miembros activos de la parroquia y asistir a la plática bautismal. Para más información, favor comunicarse con:

**Angel Hernandez,** [angeloveblink@gmail.com](mailto:angeloveblink@gmail.com)

### Baptism and other Sacraments of Initiation for those older than 7 y/o, including adults.

Contact the office regarding the RCIA program.

**Bautismo u otros Sacramentos de Iniciación para los niños mayores de 7 años y también los adultos.**

Favor comunicarse con en la oficina.

### Sacrament of Marriage/Sacramento del Matrimonio

Please contact the parish 1 year prior to your marriage. Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para mayor información.

### We ask for your patience as we implement changes for current health guidelines!

- + **EVERYONE over age 2 URGED to wear masks!**
- + **NO Signup OR pre-registration required to attend Mass.**
- + *Social distance between households.*
- + *Hand Sanitize upon entering and prior to/after receiving communion.*
- + *Communion may be received on the tongue.*
- + *Adoration Chapel open for Prayer 6a-Midnight, 7 days per week; swipe card needed for 9p-12am.*
- + *Middle 2 sections remain roped for social distance, side sections are open.*
- + *Meetings/classes in person/outside—no time limit, schedule with Cheryl, 337-2856.*

### Lectors and Holy Ministers of Communion NEEDED

Please share your stewardship of Time and Talent as a Lector and/or Holy Minister of Communion! Contact Cheryl, 337-2856, [cheryl@stpatsic.com](mailto:cheryl@stpatsic.com) for training.

### Ushers/Greeters Requested!

If you'd like to welcome guests to Mass, contact Pam Gantz (319-430-6697) to volunteer.

### Knights of Columbus Council #14481:

Contact Nick Martini, Grand Knight by email/text/call: [nfmartini@hotmail.com](mailto:nfmartini@hotmail.com) or 319-541-0921, **meet Jan 3.**

### Social Action Commission

**Jan 9, 10:45am-12pm, Parlor.** We welcome those who wish to be active in social justice issues. If you have ?'s, contact Dan Livorsi, [danlivorsi@yahoo.com](mailto:danlivorsi@yahoo.com)

### Young Adult Catholics (Y.A.C.)

**1st/3rd Mondays @ 7:30pm Zaga-lower level.** Young adults age 18-39 are invited to gather and discuss faith issues. Contact [icyoungadultholics@gmail.com](mailto:icyoungadultholics@gmail.com)

### St. Anne's Helpers

We resume meeting on Tuesday, Jan 4 after Mass. contact Cleanne, 319-337-4057.

### God's Helping Hands

We meet in-person April-December the first Thursday of the month at 9am in the Social Hall. ?'s, contact Michele Olesen, [michelelolesen@gmail.com](mailto:michelelolesen@gmail.com).

### Evangelization & Stewardship Commission

All are welcome to join us as we develop ways to evangelize, welcome new members and connect with our parish community via ongoing communication. Contact Katherine, [kweiner99@gmail.com](mailto:kweiner99@gmail.com)

### Bulletin Deadline / Fecha límite para el boletín

**PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE FOR UPCOMING EARLY BULLETIN SUBMISSION DATES!** Submit articles in writing/email to [Cheryl@stpatsic.com](mailto:Cheryl@stpatsic.com).

## An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the  
Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,  
come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You  
were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

# Information

## Everyday Stewardship: Recognize God in Ordinary Moments

### “All in the Family”

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the Christ Child intimidating — who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful — perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS  
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### Coming Back to Church

**Question:** I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

**Answer:** If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back.

This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers.

**Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.** ©LPi

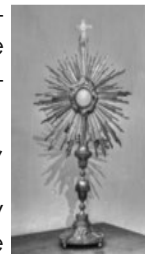
# Information

## St. Patrick Adoration Chapel

Chapel Hours: 6am–12am, Midnight

Anyone may pray in the Adoration Chapel during these hours. A swipe card will be required to enter the building from 9pm–12am Midnight, 7 days per week.

**We need adorers!** To sign up for an hour, go to [icstp.weadorehim.com](http://icstp.weadorehim.com), use the activation code: **ADORE**. There are many open hours remaining to be filled. Once you commit to an hour(s) or indicate you will substitute, you will be emailed instructions with your special login at [icstp.weadorehim.com](http://icstp.weadorehim.com) where you can easily request a substitute, update your information, and choose your notification preference (text message, phone call, or email). For more info/?'s, contact the **Chapel Coordinator Joann Page**, (319) 855-2709, [joann.page@mchsi.com](mailto:joann.page@mchsi.com).



### St. Patrick's SELF-CARE COACH

Were you/loved one recently sent home from the hospital? Are you feeling overwhelmed? A nurse from *Healthy Habits* can help you learn how to carry out and cope with care you need to do at home.

**Contact Julie Stanik RN, 410-802-4717.**

*¿Fue usted o un ser querido recientemente enviado a casa despues de una estancia en el hospital? ¿Se siente abrumado? Una enfermera del ministerio Hábitos Saludables, puede ayudarle a aprender cómo llevar a cabo y sobrellevar el tratamiento/cuidado que necesita en casa. Póngase en contacto con Julie Stanik RN, 410-802-4717.*

The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study invites you to a **Visitors' Day on**



**Monday, Jan. 10 at 7pm on**

**Zoom.** This study is for men and women who wish to deepen their faith through an increased knowledge of the inspired Word of God which can transform your heart and mind. Weekly meetings began in October, but we are welcoming new members to the 13 remaining lessons. Please prayerfully consider joining us as we study Creation and Covenants from the Book of Genesis. For more information, please visit our website at [www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org](http://www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org) or call or Dan Teets at 319-337-4314 or email [CornerstoneAveMaria@gmail.com](mailto:CornerstoneAveMaria@gmail.com)

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# OBSERVANCES, MASS INTENTIONS, READINGS

## For the Week of Dec 26, 2021-Jan 2, 2022

+ Contact the office (337-2856) to schedule a Mass Intention. + Watch Mass on YouTube at [www.stpatsic.com](http://www.stpatsic.com)  
+ Go to [usccb.org](http://usccb.org) for the daily readings online.



### **Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention: *Catechists***

Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

### **January Prayer Intention: *For true human fraternity***

We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

### **+ December 26: The Holy Family**

7:30am, *Alvina Irving*

10:00am, *Rosemary Lyons*

12:15pm, *The Parish*

2:30pm, *Michael Rowland*

**Readings:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

### **+ December 27: St. John, Apostle & Evangelist**

**No Morning Mass**

**Readings:** 1 Jn 1:1-4, Jn 20: 1a, 2-8

### **+ December 28: The Holy Innocents**

8:30am, *Roger Mulvihill*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 1:5-2:2, Mt 2:13-18

### **+ December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord**

8:30am, *Dan Bransford*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Lk 2:22-35

### **+ December 30: Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord**

8:30am, *Marilyn Jermain*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:12-17, Lk 2:36-40

### **+ December 31: Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of Our Lord**

8:30am, *Donna Mae Stumpf*

**Readings:** 1 Jn 2:18-21/Jn 1:1-18

### **+ January 1: The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord; Solemnity of Mary, Mary, Mother of God (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year); New Year's Day; World Day of Peace**

8:30am, *Elizabeth J. Clarahan*

**Readings:** Nm 6:22-27, Gal 4:4-7, Lk 2:16-21

### **+ January 1: Epiphany**

4:30pm, *For the Parish*

### **+ January 2: Epiphany**

7:30am, *James M. Organ*

10:00am, *Thomas Toner*

12:15pm, *Luz Maria Dominguez*

2:30pm, *For Vocations*

**Readings:** Is 60:1-6, Eph 3:9-3a, 5-6, Mt 2:1-12

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**Communion to the Homebound:** If you/a loved one is unable to attend Mass for health or mobility issues/pandemic concerns and wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the office to arrange an appointment, 319-337-2856.

**Available in the Narthex—Take One Home Today! 2022 Calendar. Jubilee Materials:** Guide Book, Prayer card, Plenary Indulgence pamphlet. **Assorted Devotion Materials** (Eng/Sp) for Youth/Adults. **JH/HS Youth Group information.**

**Weekly Bulletins:** Sunday, Jan 2, 2022 was submitted on Wed, Dec 22. Regular Tuesday Submission resumes Jan 4, 2022 for Sunday, Jan 9, 2022. [Cheryl@stpatsic.com](mailto:Cheryl@stpatsic.com) Thanks for your cooperation and patience!

# Stewardship

## REMINDER: End of Year Giving

Please be sure that end-of-year donations are **postmarked/submitted to the office by Dec 31**, in order to be eligible for the 2021 tax year. **We very much appreciate your stewardship of Treasure.**

Contact [Angela@stpatsic.com](mailto:Angela@stpatsic.com) with questions or concerns. Please be sure we have your correct email address on file so the giving statement can be emailed to you in January. For those without email, yours will be mailed to you—please be sure we have your correct address on file.

## Garments to Go 2.0 at Mercy Hospital

This patient initiative is a project of the Mercy Iowa City Spiritual Care Department in order to meet the basic clothing needs of patients who are unable to leave the hospital without the proper attire. **NEW sweatpants, crew neck sweatshirts and long-sleeve t-shirts (sizes Medium-2XL)** are needed for referred patients when they are discharged and have inadequate clothing to wear. You can drop off the NEW items at the front Information Desk (inside 500 ED. Market street entrance). Donations are greatly appreciated by patients whose clothing was cut off in the Emergency Unit when they came to the hospital.

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# Stewardship

## Time, Talent and Treas\$ure

You're encouraged to submit the weekly offering by mail: 4330 St. Patrick's Dr, Iowa City, IA 52240, OR on our website: [www.stpatsic.com](http://www.stpatsic.com) click on WeShare tab, OR

sign-up for ACH by contacting Angela in the office, (319) 337-2856, OR use your envelope and place in the offertory column (near baptism font) at Mass.

<b>2021-2022</b> ADA Assessment.....	\$95,227.00
Amount Pledged.....	\$87,598.00
Amount Paid.....	\$68,721.00

Any collection OVER the assessed amount is returned to the parish. Thanks for your support!

**In November 2021 St. Patrick Church had:**

**A total income of: \$ 105,154.36**

**A total expense of: \$ 98,812.61**

**For a net ordinary income of: \$ 6,341.75**

**Thank you for your gifts of Time-Talent-Treas\$ure!**

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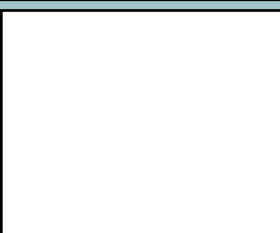
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