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Mission Statement: "Sacred Heart of Jesus—St. Patrick Parish, as one family, proclaim and live our Catholic Faith through Liturgy, Sacrament, and Ministry. As a united parish, we seek to love and serve God and our neighbor."

DECEMBER 20, 2020—FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Liturgy Schedule
Fall/Winter
(Reduced due to the pandemic)

St. Patrick Church
At Oxford & Fulton Streets 

Sunday Masses (Nov.-Apr.)

Sunday: 8:00 AM
10:30 AM

Sacred Heart of Jesus Church
At Division & N. Dewey Streets

Adoration:

Monday: 8:30 AM-6:00 PM

Confessions:

Wednesday: 5:15-5:45 PM
Saturday: 9:00-10:30 AM

Weekday Mass (Nov.-Apr.)

Wednesday: 6:00 PM

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4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son,
and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

Issue 45

CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Readings for the week of
December 20, 2020**

Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Rom 16:25-27
Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Sg 2:8-14
Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21
Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28
(Ps) 1 Sm 2:1, 4-7, 8abcd
Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24
Ps 25:4bc-5ab, 8-10, 14
Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Lk 1:67-79

Xmas Eve: Is 62:1-5
Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25
Mt 1:1-25

Friday: Is 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Heb 1:1-6
Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6-8b, 16bc, 17
Mt 10:17-22

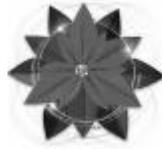
Sunday: Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3
Ps 105:1-6, 8-9
Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19
Lk 2:22-40

Bulletin Info Deadline:

Kindly submit items for inclusion at least 10 days, inserts 5 days, prior to bulletin date.

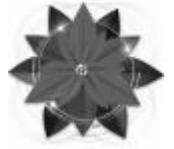
Baptism Preparation

Parents who will be having a child baptized are required to attend one Baptism class. Attending class during pregnancy is ideal. During the pandemic, appointments will be made on an individual basis. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a meeting.



Mass Times for Christmas Eve and Day:

Christmas Eve: 6:00 PM at Sacred Heart Church
Christmas Day: 8:00 AM at St. Patrick Church



Check the Parish website, www.shspec.org/mass-times, for the most accurate information and to sign up to attend.

Sign-up is required to attend Christmas Mass. A waiting list will be kept should the spots fill up.

All COVID-related protocols will be followed the same as they are on Sundays:

—Ushers will seat those who come to Mass, beginning 30 minutes beforehand

—Distancing will be observed

—Masks are required to be worn throughout Mass

—Maximum 25% capacity is allowed

Come enjoy instrumental Christmas music played 20 minutes before Mass!



PARISH OFFICES CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

December 24 & 25

Parish Support

Fund	December 8 & 13
Envelopes	\$7,093.00
Plate	\$129.00
Other Funds	\$2,640.00
Total:	\$9,862.00



Parish GOAL: \$67,675.00

Received: \$35,530.00

Under Goal: \$32,145.00

SCRIP Update: Weeks of Dec. 14

Weekly Sales	\$4,185.00
Number of Orders	13
Returned to Parish	\$156.00

Fiscal YTD (7/1/20-6/30/21)

Sales	\$70,945.00
Number of Orders	238
Returned to Parish	\$2,812.00

Thank you for your generous support!

PRAYER CHAIN:

If someone is seriously ill or facing surgery & prayers are needed or wanted, call Dee at 715-835-8347, or Mary at 715-514-4541.



COME AND PRAY WITH JESUS

in EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

at Sacred Heart Church



on Mondays

8:30AM - 6:00PM

Please use side door from parking lot.

READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READING 1: 2 SM 7:1-5, 8B-12, 14A, 16

When King David was settled in his palace,
and the LORD had given him rest from his enemies on every side,
he said to Nathan the prophet,
“Here I am living in a house of cedar,
while the ark of God dwells in a tent!”
Nathan answered the king,
“Go, do whatever you have in mind,
for the LORD is with you.”
But that night the LORD spoke to Nathan and said:
“Go, tell my servant David, ‘Thus says the LORD:
Should you build me a house to dwell in?’”
“It was I who took you from the pasture
and from the care of the flock
to be commander of my people Israel.
I have been with you wherever you went,
and I have destroyed all your enemies before you.
And I will make you famous like the great ones of the earth.
I will fix a place for my people Israel;
I will plant them so that they may dwell in their place
without further disturbance.
Neither shall the wicked continue to afflict them as they did of old,
since the time I first appointed judges over my people Israel.
I will give you rest from all your enemies.
The LORD also reveals to you
that he will establish a house for you.
And when your time comes and you rest with your ancestors,
I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins,
and I will make his kingdom firm.
I will be a father to him,
and he shall be a son to me.
Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me;
your throne shall stand firm forever.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

The promises of the LORD I will sing forever;
through all generations my mouth shall proclaim your faithfulness.
For you have said, “My kindness is established forever”;
in heaven you have confirmed your faithfulness.

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
I have sworn to David my servant:
Forever will I confirm your posterity
and establish your throne for all generations.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

“He shall say of me, ‘You are my father,
my God, the Rock, my savior.’
Forever I will maintain my kindness toward him,
and my covenant with him stands firm.”

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

READING 2: ROM 16:25-27

Brothers and sisters:
To him who can strengthen you,
according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ,
according to the revelation of the mystery kept secret for long ages
but now manifested through the prophetic writings and,
according to the command of the eternal God,
made known to all nations to bring about the obedience of faith,
to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ
be glory forever and ever.
Amen.

GOSPEL: LK 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth,
to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph,
of the house of David,
and the virgin’s name was Mary.
And coming to her, he said,
“Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you.”
But she was greatly troubled at what was said
and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.
Then the angel said to her,
“Do not be afraid, Mary,
for you have found favor with God.

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“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.”
But Mary said to the angel, “How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?”



And the angel said to her in reply, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”
Mary said, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”
Then the angel departed from her.

CANDLES. If you would like to remember someone by having a candle lit, you can do so at \$5 for one 7-day candle. There are candles available at both churches. Call the Parish Office.



SH: Virgin Mary: (1) † Verona Loechler
(1) †
St. Joseph: (1) † James Mach(1)
SP: Virgin Mary: (1) † Vinnie Lee (1)

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 20

8:00 AM SP: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

10:30 AM SP: † Jean Bechel

Wednesday, December 23 *St. John of Kanty, Priest*

5:15-5:45 PM SH: *Opportunity for Confession*

6:00 PM SH: † Michael McGrouary

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Thursday, December 24

6:00 PM SH: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

Friday, December 25

8:00 AM SP: † Gene Pieterick

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Sunday, December 27

8:00 AM SP: † Joan Minerath

10:30 AM SP: People of Sacred Heart-St. Patrick

Sunday Communion Instructions:

- *An Usher will excuse you from your pew. Please wait to stand or move toward the center aisle until the Usher signals to you.
- *The line will be single-file, and the Usher will release some pews on one side, then some pews from on the other side, and in that way alternate sides. Please follow the Usher's directions. **Please maintain 6 feet of distance between households while in line.**
- *Those sitting in the side pew sections will be ushered through the center section to join the Communion line.
- *At the front of the line will be a sign with instructions for dealing with your mask in order to receive communion, as well as a bottle of hand sanitizer:
 - First remove your mask
 - Then sanitize your hands
 - Go to STAND on the farthest available X in front of the pew on your side of the church.
 - Households of 2 people may stand together on an X. Larger households should divide so there are no more than 2 people on an X. Remember to leave adequate room between Xs.
 - Receive Communion
 - Replace your mask while still at the X.
 - Return to your pew (more hand sanitizer is available in the front corners)
- *If you will not be receiving Communion today, please still come forward in line. When you get to the front of the line, move past the Xs to the side aisle to return to your pew.
- *At the X (for those receiving Communion), Father will move from communicant to communicant. He will be wearing a mask and will sanitize between communicants if he believes any contact was made.
- *You are encouraged to receive Communion on the hand, but you will not be refused Communion if you desire to receive on the tongue.



We realize this will take time, and we appreciate your patience. We are not in a rush, so please don't feel that you have to be, either.

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.

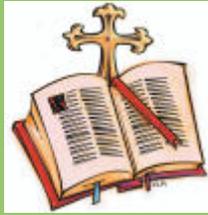
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

LECTIO DIVINA

Pray with the Word of God through a meditation known as 'Lectio Divina.' Weekly meetings will occur in the Sacred Heart Church building at 6:00pm on Mondays (following Eucharistic Adoration).



Due to the nature of Lectio Divina, there is no sense of a series, no sign-up, no commitment. So, come once, come weekly, come as the Spirit inspires you to deepen your faith in His Word and support one another.

Common COVID-19 protocols will be followed.



Please keep these deceased & their families in your prayers:

+ Betty McInnis + Thomas Reidinger +

EUCCHARISTIC ADORERS NEEDED: Come spend an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration every week! Prayer partners are needed for Adoration on Mondays during several time slots between 8:30am & 6pm. To sign-up as an adorer or to be on the substitute list, contact Ann at 715-505-4756.



COMMUNITY TABLE UPDATE: In March 2020, TCT transitioned to provide only to-go style meals. Patrons walk up to the front door and the On-Site Coordinator hands them a to-go meal. Volunteers will continue to not have any form of contact with the patrons. Additional sanitization measures are also in place to assist in keeping volunteers and patrons safe. Masks are required, and temperatures are taken upon arrival.

The most up-to-date info will be on their Facebook page: Facebook.com/TCTEauClaire



Volunteer Questions? Contact Hannah Guralski - Volunteer & Marketing Coordinator at 715-835-4977 ext. 7 or email, volunteer@thecommunitytable.org

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Do you wish to remember a loved one or to honor someone special during the Christmas Season? Complete & return this form in an envelope with your donation.



In Memory of _____

To Honor _____

Donated by _____

List will be published in Dec. 27 bulletin.



Religious give thanks. "Thank you' hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us," says a Catholic sister regarding the financial assistance her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled thanks for your donation to last week's special collection!

The church will NOT be open for quiet prayer or confessions on Saturday, December 26.

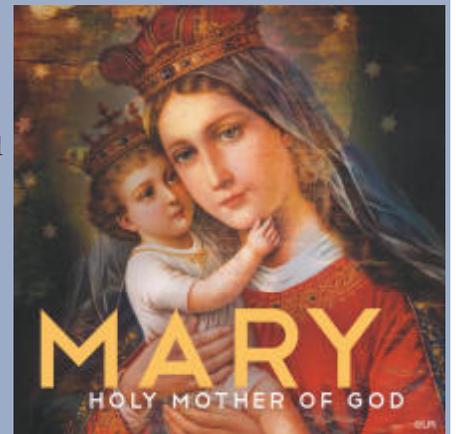
Solemnity of MARY, the HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Friday, January 1, 2021

10:00AM Mass

St. Patrick Church

Due to the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed.



Advent

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or, at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? How, exactly, are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? This Advent study offers an opportunity to experience the joy of the true meaning of Christmas.

Find this series of four, 20-minute videos and other Advent content using the search feature on Formed.

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