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Make arrangements with Deacon Frank at least six months in advance.

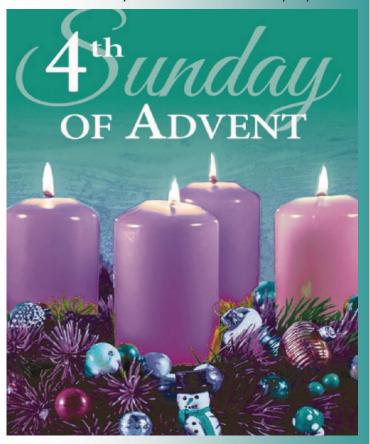
Sat. 5:15 pm & Sunday 7:00, 8:45 & 10:30 am Eucharistic Adoration—Fridays 8:30 am—Noon

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Our Mission Statement

The St. Patrick's Parish Family through the power of the Holy Spirit seeks to provide for the Catholics of Onalaska and surrounding area:

An environment of worship and prayer in which the parish community is nourished by God's word and the sacramental life of the Church, and an opportunity to share our faith through education, fellowship and service programs; to continually grow in our relations with God and one another; and to share our Christian experience with all God's people.



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk

1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk

1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29

[2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-

25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk

2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18

or 1:1-5, 9-14

Next Sunday: 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

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

Tuesday: St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Thursday: St. John of Kanty, Priest

Friday: Christmas Eve

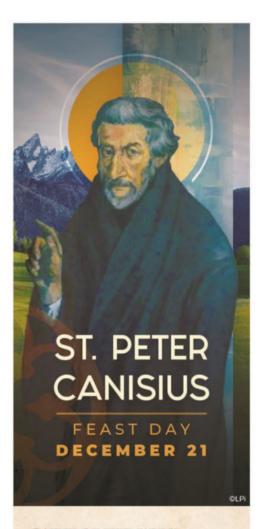
Saturday: The Nativity of the Lord

Next Sunday: The Holy Family

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Inspiration for the week

Did you ever find yourself wishing that God would just step in and fix all that is wrong with the world? After all, how much longer can all of this go on? There is so much inequity in life. Our world's political, economic, and environmental systems do not always serve the best interests of people. We read stories about injustice, disregard for human life, greed, heartache, and people being hurt and deprived every day. People are still starving and there is often little regard for human life. This is not the way God intended it to be. Realizing that we have caused most of these problems ourselves, we look to God for an answer and a way out of the difficulties we have created. Taking responsibility for our actions is not something that comes easily. What we fail to see is that God has already sent the answer in the person of Jesus Christ. God did fix our problem! Mary had to set her needs aside in order for the Son of Justice to come into the world. We need to do the same. It is only by believing in, listening to, and acting upon what God has spoken that true peace will ever come to be, and God's fix be made known.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Born in Holland, St. Peter Canisius (May 8, 1521 – December 21, 1597) was a preacher, teacher, and writer throughout his whole life. At the age of 19, he received a master's degree from the university at Cologne. Soon afterwards, St. Peter met Peter Faber, the first disciple of Ignatius of Loyola, who influenced him so much that he eventually joined the Society of Jesus.

St. Peter Canisius founded colleges and seminaries, served as a missionary, cared for the sick or imprisoned, and wrote close to eight volumes of letters — many about St. Cyril of Alexandria and St. Leo the Great.

A man blessed with many talents, St. Peter Canisius is a wonderful example of a man who developed his talents to further God's work here on earth. From the Desk of Msgr. Steve "The Infant in my womb leapt for Joy." The Visitation is a holy mystery. How does a child in the womb know of the presence of Christ? Ponder that for just a moment. The presence of Christ is so great that even in the womb, St. John as well as Elizabeth recognizes the awesomeness of his presence. Thus, it is this presence, which is the greatest power in the world, for it is the power of salvation, the power of mercy, the power of God's great love. It is this power that will humbly be born in a stable for all to see. As we enter these final days of Advent let us not lose heart but take the time to recognize the presence of Christ within our midst, so that we too may leap for joy. During the year of St. Joseph, our Holy Father Pope Francis blessed two Icons of St Joseph for the Knights of Columbus. These Icons are meant to visit the parishes throughout the United States. The Icon will be visiting our parish until January 8. This Icon is on display by the statue of the Immaculate Conception near the entrance way. Tonight, Dec. 19, beginning at 7 pm, we will have our annual Advent penance service. Several priests will be in attendance for this beautiful sacrament to open our hearts to the presence of Christ. If you cannot make it on tonight, tomorrow, all day Monday Dec 20th, we will be hearing confessions at the Cathedral of St. Joseph. Four priests will be on duty from the hours of 9 am to 5 pm. Happy Advent. God Bless, Msgr. Steve and (woof) George **Guardian Angel Scholarship Tuition Fund** Light up a child's life by filling up the Angel Tree! Angels are \$10 Education has always been one of the main missions of the Church. Throughout the centuries our schools have reached out to our young to educate the mind, heart and soul. The Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund has been set up to help our school families who cannot afford tuition at St. Patrick's. Each Angel that is placed on the tree helps families in our Catholic School. Please return the bottom portion of this page, along with your

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 19, Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00 am Firmin and Mary Pogatshnik

8:45 am Ken Pearson

10:30 am Kelly Schuster

Monday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday, December 21, St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church

8:00 am Gerald Olson

Wednesday, December 22, Late Advent Weekday

8:00 am Living and Deceased Members of the Dennis Brandt Family

Thursday, December 23, Saint John of Kanty, Priest

8:00 am Ed Sullivan

Friday, December 24, Advent Weekday/ Christmas Eve

8:00 am Marie Underhill

4:00 pm (Church) Jacob Jandrt

4:00 pm (School) Deceased Members of the Bena Family

8:00 pm Thomas Luehne

Saturday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

9:00 am Margaret Foellmi NO EVENING MASS

Sunday, December 26, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 am Dee and Ozzie Osweiler

8:45 am Tom, Kathy and Ryan Noelke

10:30 am Nathan Wright

THIS WEEK AT OUR PARISH

Calendar of Events

12/19	6:00 pm 6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel Parish Penance Service
12/20	6:00 pm	Advent Evening Of Prayer
	6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal
12/21		
12/22	8:30 am	Marian Mantle Prayer
	9:00 am	Quilting Group
	1:00 pm	Sunday Scripture Study Group
12/23	9:15 am	The Art of Living Study Group
	7:00 pm	Knights Of Columbus
12/24	Parish Office Closed	
	8:30 am	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel
12/25	Merry Christmas / Holy Day of Obligation	
12/26	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration in Chapel

Stewardship

At the time of the bulletin publication, the current weeks stewardship figures were not available.

December 5, 2021

Adult Env\$17138.21	Vigil Lights	. 79.45
Offertory 729.35	Education Center	235.00
Online Giving 8434.50	Parish Projects	147.00
Christmas Flowers. 685.00	Imm Conception	111.00
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Thinking of doing online giving? Now is the time! For every first gift from a new recurring donor that is added between November 1 and December 31, 2021, WeShare will match that first gift, up to \$50, with a maximum match of \$1,000 per organization. Go to our website, www.stpatsonalaska.com and click on the light orange tab to get started. It is a safe, convenient way to do your weekly giving. If you have questions, email or call Corrinne at the parish office.

Simplify your giving

Did you know that all of your envelope giving is processed and recorded on the day it is received? If you are turning in several weeks' donations at one time, there's no need to write multiple checks or to use each weekly envelope. You can write it in one lump sum and it will save you checks and save us time!

Christmas & New Year Mass Times

Friday, December 24 8:00 am Weekday Mass

(No Adoration)

4:00 pm in Church with Choir (Prelude music at 3:30 pm) 4:00 pm in the School Gym

8:00 pm

Saturday, December 25 9:00 am Mass

(No 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday, December 26 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31 5:30 pm

Saturday, January 1 9:00 am Mass

(No 5:15 pm Mass)

Sunday, January 2 Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

**Home Blessing Packets will be available

during Epiphany Masses.**

Online Mass Opportunities

The 4:30 pm Mass on Christmas Eve will be live streamed on our parish website.

The La Crosse Diocese Christmas Masses (in which some of our parish family participated in) can be viewed on WXOW/Channel 19 at 9:30 am, on December 25, 26, January 2, and 9.

Scrip for all your holiday shopping

Scrip is a simple way to make some extra money for the church and make your holiday gift buying simple. We have scrip available for many restaurants and retail stores! If you have questions, email Joan, secretary@stpatsonalaska.com or call 783-5535.

Mystic Monk Coffee

Mystic Monk Coffee will be available for purchase in the Rossiter Gathering Space after all weekend Masses. Along with the variety of coffees (whole bean,

ground, decaf and more), there are shots (K-cups) and loose leaf teas available. You may also place your order online at www.stpatsonalaska.com at any time.



Holiday Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteer ministers and servers during our Christmas and New Year's Masses. Sign up sheets are in the Sacristy or contact Steve Nott at liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com.

50th Anniversary Celebrants

If you and your spouse will be celebrating your 50th Wedding Anniversary during the year of 2022, please contact Joan at the parish office. You can either call the office or email Joan, at secretary@stpatsonalaska.com, with your names, address, phone number, and anniversary date. Please submit your information to the office by Tuesday, December 28.

March For Life 2022

If you are interested in attending the March for Life on January 19 to 23 and would like more information, talk to Andrew Brueggen, DRE Dir. Financial help is available.

Where's George

George (the dog) has been hidden in the bulletin for



the last seven weeks. Have you found him? Starting in the new year, George will be offering a reward for finding the lost dog. More information will be coming soon. Be on the lookout for George to make his weekly bulletin appearance.

The Diocesan Annual Appeal

We would like to make one final appeal for the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your sacrifice means so much to the "larger" Church but also to St. Patrick's. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to do so and the pledged amount can be paid over six months. Please consider making a pledge today and sharing your gifts and blessings with others. Your help and support will be very much appreciated by many. **THANK YOU!**

Diocesan Annual Appeal update as of 12/6: Received: \$101,972 70% of Goal

Under Goal: \$44,628

ADESSE XXXII

Our ADESSE calendar raffle sales drive is coming to an end. There is still time, however, to purchase and sell tickets. Tickets are available at the parish office anytime. Thanks for all your help and support on this very important fundraising event. There is still plenty of time to get your tickets in. The first drawing will be January 10, 2022.

LET'S MAKE ADESSE XXXII
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Penance Service

St. Patrick's Penance Service is scheduled for Sunday, December 19 at 7 pm until all Confessions are heard. Confessions will also be offered at St. Joseph's the Workman Cathedral, on Monday, December 20, from 9 am to 5 pm.

Advent Evenings of Prayer

Join in an evening of prayer and music from 6:00 to 6:30 pm, on Monday, December 20. Families are welcome.

Mobile Meals Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to create a "Team St. Patrick" to deliver meals to local area homes. Our team will be on delivery duty one week, every two months. It will take about an hour of your time. You can join as an individual or as a couple.

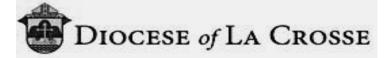
If you have questions or would like to join this very active and beneficial charity, please contact Steve Nott, Ministry Coordinator.



At Peace in the Lord
Our sympathy for the family of
Donna Thompson
of our parish who died recently.
May she rest in peace.

Communion to the Homebound

Are you ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion monthly or weekly? Do you have someone in the family who is struggling with a serious illness or has just been moved to a senior facility or a nursing home? Let us add you or your special someone to the people we pray for and visit. Please call or email Steve Nott at 608-783-5535 or liturgyplanner@stpatsonalaska.com.



GUIDELINES FOR REPORTING INSTANCES OF CHILD ABUSE

The Diocese of La Crosse, through its policies and procedures, seeks to provide a prompt, appropriate and compassionate response to reporters of sexual abuse of a child by any diocesan agent (bishop, priest, deacon, employee, religious, vendor or volunteer). Anyone wishing to make a report of an allegation of sexual abuse should send that report to Mrs. Teresa Brown, Complaint Intake Agent, at the Diocese of La Crosse, P.O. Box 4004, La Crosse, WI 54602-4004. Alternatively, you can contact Mrs. Brown at 608.791.0179 or intakeagent@diolc.org. The reporting form is available through the Diocese of La Crosse Office of Safe Environment or on the diocesan website at: diolc.org/safeenvironment/ reporting. Individuals are also encouraged to take their reports directly to civil authorities. Copies of the diocesan policy are available through your local Parish and on the diocesan website. If you have any questions about the Diocese of La Crosse and the implementation of the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, please contact Teresa Brown, Diocese of La Crosse, at 608.791.2679 or tbrown@diolc.org.

St. Patrick's 2022 Liturgical Calendars are available at the entrances.

Please help yourself to one.

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Parking Reminder

Please remember that we cannot use Better Hearing Center's parking lot if there is fresh snow that has not been plowed on the weekends. The lot must remain empty so that their snow removal can happen.



Registered Nurse Volunteer Needed

Hope Harbor in Winona is looking for a volunteer RN to review records and documentation once a month, and to occasionally consult with staff. Hope Harbor is a residential house that equips teen girls aged 12-17, and their families, with the skills they need to overcome destructive behavior patterns through a Christ-centered, biblically based approach. If you are interested, contact Steve Nott, Ministry Coordinator.



Wedding Banns

Haley Anderson and Nathan Lewis December 31, 2021

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