

MASS TIMES Monday—Friday 8:15 am Saturday: 5:00 pm Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 5:00 pm

LIVESTREAMED Saturday: 5:00 pm

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." - Lk 1:41-42

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This Week's READINGS	DEC Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38	21	Song of Song 14 Luke 1:39-45		DEC 22	1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

DECEMBER 19, 2021

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BAPTISM

Baptism preparation classes are required for first time parents. To discuss scheduling a baptism, call (402)938-4900.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Homebound visits can be arranged. Call (402) 289-4289

MATRIMONY

Preparations need to begin at least six months prior to the wedding date. For information call (402)938-4900.



RECONCILIATION

Confessions are Saturdays from 3:30-4:30pm or by appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

To arrange an anointing call (402) 289-4289.

PRAYER CHAIN

To request prayers by phone (402)289-4289 or by email prayerchain@stpatselkhorn.org

LOW-GLUTEN HOSTS

Low-gluten hosts are available in the sacristy . Before taking your seat for Mass, go to the sacristy and let the priest know that you need a Low-Gluten host.



"And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." - Lk 1:43-45



Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 Luke 1:57-66



Isaiah 9:1-6 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14

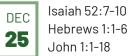
MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 20th								
8:15 AM † J. Ernest Daigle								
	r.b. Family							
Tuesday, Deco	Tuesday, December 21st							
8:15 AM	† Mark P. Johnson							
	r.b. Family & Friend	S						
Wednesday, D	ecember 22nd							
8:15 AM	† Tony & Milton Sind	delar						
	r.b. Joan & Bernie M	1cCullough						
11:00 AM	- Priest's Intention (Ridgewood)						
Thursday, Dec	cember 23rd	-						
8:15 AM	† Frank Fanta							
	r.b. Marianne Troub	а						
3:00 PM	-Priest's Intention (Lakeside)						
Friday, Decen	nber 24th							
8:15 AM	† Thomas Fortune	r.b. Stacy Arndt						
4:00 PM	† Lane Graves	r.b. Family						
4:05 PM	SI Latham Family	r.b. Dreher Family						
6:30 PM	† Bill Vacek	r.b. Jena McFadden						
Saturday, Dec	ember 25th–Chris	tmas Day						
Midnight	† Margaret Jean Tra	app r.b. Erin Keller						
8:00 AM	† J. Ernest Daigle &	Jerry Francis						
	r.b. Family							
9:30 AM	† Marlene Yaksich	r.b. ToJena McFadden						
11:00 AM	•	r.b. Bertinetti Family						
5:00 PM	People of the Parish							
Sunday, Dece	mber 26th—The Ho	ly Family of Jesus,						
Mary, & Joseph								
8:00 AM † Frank Fanta								
r.b. Alice Ekstein								
9:30 AM	5							
r.b. Jeff & Angie Jones Family								
11:00 AM † LaVane Heimann								
r.b. Kenneth Heimann								
5:00 PM People of the Parish								

** If you would like a Mass Intention for a (†) deceased loved one or a Special Intention (SI) for a living family member or friend, contact Kathy in the Parish Office at (402) 938-4900.

Bulletin Submission Deadline:

Submit information for the upcoming Sunday bulletin by 4:00pm on Monday to: **bulletininfo@stpatselkhorn.org**. Submissions are subject to edits, review, and approval.





Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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04 NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS _

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19 | 4th SUN. OF ADVENT

K of C Donut Sunday after morning Masses 3:30pm Advent for Couples Media Center 6:30 pm Evening Vespers Family Room 7:00pm Men's Basketball Gym

MONDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:00 –1:00pm ReconciliationChurch6:30pm Faith Formation Cmte. Mtg.Rm 2447:00pm Knights of Columbus Mtg.Parish Center7:30pm AA Mtg.Media Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 21

9:00 –10:00am Reconciliation 10:30am Tai Chi 6:30pm Al Anon 7:30pm Holy Hour for Vocations

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22

6:00am Bible Study 9:00am SoulCore 5:00 –6:30pm Reconciliation Family Room Parish Center Church

Parish Center

Church

Rm 236

Church

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Parish Offices Close at Noon

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24 Parish Offices Closed 4:00pm†, 4:05pm (Gym), 6:30pm, Midnight† Masses

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25 | THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Masses

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26 | HOLY FAMILY

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm Masses 6:30 pm Evening Vespers Church

*ADORATION

There will be no Adoration scheduled over Christmas Week except for the Holy Hour for Vocations on 12/21. Daily Adoration will resume on January 3rd, 12:15-1:15pm in the sanctuary.





CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Friday, December 24th Christmas Eve: 4:00pm[†], 4:05pm (Gym), 6:30pm, Midnight[†]



Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day: 8:00am, 9:30am†, 11:00am, 5:00pm*

†The Dec. 24th 4pm Mass in the church, Midnight Mass, and Dec. 26th 9:30am Mass will be livestreamed over Christmas Weekend.

*The 5pm Mass meets Christmas Day obligation, but not the Sunday obligation unless you've already attended a Christmas Mass.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please note the parish office will close at noon on Thurs., Dec. 30th, 2021 and will be closed on Fri., Dec. 31st, 2021 for the New Year Eve holiday.

END-OF-THE-YEAR GIVING

As the end of each year approaches, we reflect upon the many blessings God has bestowed on us. This is the season we give thanks to God for all He has done for us this past year. It is also a good time to begin considering how we might give back some of our wealth or assets to Him with a special year-end gift. Gifting is a great way to thank God for these blessings. We hope that you will consider St. Patrick's as a beneficiary.

Support your church by going online to give. Visit https;// www.stpatselkhorn.org/donate.html to be directed to WeShare for your weekly Sunday Offerings and Christmas Collection. Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

ST. PAT'S JOB OPENINGS

St. Patrick's Parish and School have immediate job openings. Please visit www.stpatselkhorn.org for more information.

Advancement Director (Full Time with Benefits) Please send resumes to vpayton@stpatselkhorn.org

Engagement and Events Director (Full time with Benefits) Please send resumes to vpayton@stpatselkhorn.org

SAFE ENVIRONMENT

For questions, contact Safe Environment Coordinator Lisa Seidl at (402) 598-1801 or email Iseidl@stpatselkhorn.org

UPCOMING TRAINING DATES

Become an advocate for our youth. Be their eyes, ears, and voice! Any individual who is in a position that has contact with minors is asked to become a trained ambassador. The next training dates are:

• Sat., Jan. 15th at 8-10am in Boland Hall

• Mon., Feb. 7th at 6-8pm in Boland Hall Register at: omaha.cmgconnect.org

MOVED RECENTLY?

Please notify our office by calling (402)289-4289 or go online at https://www.stpatselkhorn.org/ update-your-information.html to update your information.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Have you been attending St. Patrick's but haven't registered? Did you just move to the area and would like to register?

Individuals and families just need to attend one of our New Parishioner Orientation sessions. The next Orientations will be on Sun., Jan. 9th, 2022 at 9:30am and Mon., Jan. 10th at 6:30pm in Boland Hall. For questions please contact the parish office at (402) 289-4289.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Pre-register for the Baptism preparation class required for all first-time parents. Contact the parish office for 2022 class dates. To discuss scheduling a baptism, call (402)938-4900 at least two weeks in advance.

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities Every Saturday 3:30-4:45pm

Monday 12/20 from Noon - 1:00pm Tuesday 12/21 from 9:00 - 10:00am Wednesday 12/22 from 5:00 - 6:30pm

Confession is

a Place of Victory

**Childcare Avaliable

Anytime by appointment (402) 289-4289

Are the Holidays Difficult?

For many people, the winter holidays are a time of joy, celebration, and connection with loved ones. There is an expectation – from society, the media and those around us – of constant cheer around the holidays. For many people, though, that's not their reality. The holidays can also be a very difficult and emotionally charged time, for many, many reasons.

The holidays portray an ideal of what family and happiness are supposed to look like. Many of us feel like we don't belong – be it with our families we grew up with, or the traditional customs and norms that are touted during this time of year. Stress and anxiety can also come from being with family members who you'd rather not be with, complicated or traumatic experiences, feeling pressure to buy gifts and related financial worries, feeling overwhelmed by social situations, or reminders of memories of loved ones who have passed away. The holidays can also intensify feelings of loneliness. Struggles with depression and anxiety can be magnified during the holidays. If you struggle with seasonal depression, the holidays can be particularly challenging.

Do you or someone you know need someone to walk alongside them this holiday season? Contact one of our Parish Pastoral Care Ministers who are ready to meet you right in the middle of whatever you are dealing with. Contact Jim Greufe jgreufe@stpatselkhorn.org or Mandy Busch mbusch@stpatselkhorn.org at (402) 289-4289



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As we enter into the fourth week of Advent, we are given our Blessed Mother and St. Joseph to reflect upon. Though our Blessed Mother was perfect, and St. Joseph was a deeply virtuous man, they were both still fully human and would have walked through Mary's pregnancy and Jesus' birth with every human emotion and experience. St. Joseph was faced with an extraordinary mystery as he discovered his wife was pregnant. He knew her to be a woman of exceptional virtue and holiness and had to reconcile that with her surprising pregnancy. Even after the angel appeared to him in a dream he would have had questions arise in his mind as he faced this situation. Our Blessed Mother was also invited by God to face her pregnancy in faith. Her response was perfect, "Let it be done to me according to your word." She could not explain nor understand what was happening but, nonetheless, she knew deep in her soul that God was in charge leading all to His glory.

Both Mary and Joseph are wonderful models of faith and obedience. They were obedient to the will of God despite the fact that the will of God drew them into an incredible and unfathomable mystery. They were first-hand witnesses to the salvation of the world and to the greatest act ever known. And they both embraced this mystery and accepted it in faith. Reflect, today, upon your own invitations from God to embrace the mysteries of life. God's ways are often more than we can comprehend and figure out. Mary and Joseph give us the witness of how we are to handle every mystery God invites us to participate in. Say "Yes" to the will of God just as this holy couple did.

Dearest Mother Mary and Saint Joseph, pray for me that I may have the faith you both lived. When questions arise in my heart, help me to respond generously to God as you did. May I trust in all that God has spoken in imitation of each one of you. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

The Witness of Mary & Joseph

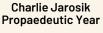
VOCARE MINISTRY

"It is by God's will that we have been sanctified." How is God calling you to grow in holiness? If He may be inviting you to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life?

Contact the Vocare Ministry for more information: Call Parish Office at (402) 289-4289 or email vocare@stpatselkhorn.org.



Please pray for:





"A good vocation is simply a firm and constant will to serve God in the way and places **Almighty God has** called you."

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- St. Francis de Sales

Young Adult Winter Every Sunday beginning January 2nd, 2022

The Search from 12:00-1:30pm in Boland Hall Why is life this way? Why are we here? Why do we exist? Why are we filled with longing? Do you find yourself asking these questions? Join us for this award-winning video-based series that's turning heads as it explores fundamental questions and mysteries like these. This new young adult series promises spiritual benefit and growth.

Vespers from 6:30-7:15pm in the Church

Fr. Stack will offer a half hour of Eucharistic Adoration concluding with Benediction and Vespers. All adults: young, old and in between are welcome to attend!

That Sunday Thing from 7:30-9:00pm

Round out your Sunday with other young adults as we gather at local restaurants to grow in community and fellowship. Meet in the Church immediately following Vespers.

Young Adult Ministry is for all young people in the parish who are in college, working, single or married.

ST. PATRICK'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Candle Name: The Angel's Candle Candle Symbolizes: Peace Reminds Us: Of the message of the angels "Peace on Earth, Good Will Towards Men" Scripture: Luke 2:13-20

Read the Scripture passage aloud from your Bible and then pray this Prayer as you light the fourth purple candle on your wreath.

Jesus, you are constantly coming to your people, even when we fail to see you. In each and every moment that we are blessed to recognize you here and now, give us the courage to leap with joy at your coming. Amen



We'll Save a Place at the Table for You

Are you looking for a way to grow in faith? Are you seeking a deeper personal relationship with Jesus? Join us for Alpha! The next 11-week series begins on Thursday, January 6th. Each week, you'll enjoy a meal, engaging video talk about an aspect of faith, and great conversation. No charge, no homework, no pressure. Register today at <u>alpha.stpatselkhorn.org</u>. All are welcome!

Email alpha@stpatselkhorn.org with questions or for more information!

Sacrificial Offerings



Our Sunday Goal and Collections are a total of Sunday Envelopes and Online WeShare Offerings via ACH and Credit Card.

Sunday Offering Update Deposited as of Dec. 5, 2021

YTD* Sunday Offering	\$ 1,039,203
YTD* Sunday Goal	\$ <u>952,650</u>
Difference	\$ 86,553

Capital Campaign & Loan Update as of Dec. 5, 2021

YTD* Capital Campaign Income	\$ -
YTD* Capital Campaign Goal	\$ -
Difference	\$ -
YTD* CC Interest Paid	\$ -
YTD* CC Principal Paid	\$ -

*Year-to-Date (YTD) is for our fiscal year, which runs July 1 through June 30.

THANK YOU for your continued support!

CHALICE PROGRAM SIGN UP

Has your family signed up for the Chalice Program yet? The purpose of the Chalice Program is to encourage families to pray and promote vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life. The consecrated Chalice is a tangible reminder of this special intention for the Church.

Your family will display the Chalice in a place of honor and pray for an increase and perseverance of vocations the week it is in your home.

To participate, sign up at: <u>https://signup.com/go/xywtYmx</u>





The Women of St. Patrick's would like to thank everyone who attended WOSP's Breakfast in Bethlehem! The day was filled with pictures with Santa, waffles, crafts, carols, and more! A big thank you to all of our volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you!

We also want to thank the St. Patrick's parishioners who anonymously donated the YUM sign from Alpha-Lit and the beverages for this event.



Be sure to stop in the back of the Narthex to grab the 2021 Parish Christmas Ornament which commemorates the Year of St. Joseph!

2021 Parish

Ornament

Pope Francis announced a "Year of St. Joseph" on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, in honor of the 150th anniversary of Pope Pius IX's proclamation in 1870 of St. Joseph as "Patron of the Universal Church" (Quemadmodum Deus). The "Year of St. Joseph" began on December 8, 2020, and concluded on December 8, 2021, according to the Decree authorized by the Pope. The Decree states that Pope Francis established a "Year of St. Joseph" so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will."

Five First Saturday Devotion SAT., JAN. 1 | 3:00 PM | ST. ROBERT'S

Join at St. Robert Bellarmine Church for the 2022 Five First Saturday Devotion Public Square Rosary Crusade Jan.1, Feb. 5, March 5, April 2 and May 7. For more

In addition, thank you for the in-kind donations

from Rachel J. Events for the couch and Santa hat and Prairie Construction Co. for helping with the electrical needs for The Waffleman. Lastly, thank you to the Marian Show Choir for sharing their time and talents.









Lectionary Bible Study THURSDAYS | 9AM | BOLAND HALL

Lectionary-based scripture study led by Michael Willis. Classes will resume on Thursday, January 6th. The study investigates the context of the scripture readings for the following Sunday and helps prepare for Sunday Mass.

SoulCore WED., DEC. 22 | AFTER DAILY MASS

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Join in the Parish Center. Stay for coffee and conversation afterwards! Bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes. For questions, contact Christina at pilatescoremore@gmail.com. This will be | info, call Robin at (402) 616-5620. the last class of 2021.

2021 Christmas Flower Offerings

(as of December 14th, 2021)

In Memory of...

Deceased Members of the Gutgsell & Adler Families & Jim Adler by Pat Adler Deceased Members of the Anderson Family by Gary & Wendy Anderson Bianca Ballweg by Joe Ballweg Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Benzel Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Phil Bilek Jason McIntyre & Mr. & Mrs. Ed Biwer by Eddie Biwer Deceased Members of the Braun Family by Joseph Braun John & Virginia Dewey, John Broadhead, VE & Caroline Broadhead, & Marge Dewey by Susan Broadhead Vergel Cyza & Gina Cyza by Carol Cyza Sharon Daily by William Daily Deceased Family Members by Rose Marie Doyle Deceased Members of the Kowskie & Eidem Families by Milt & Kathy Eidem Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Fogarty Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Gawley Rose Pilakowski by Carol Gdowski Brian T. Gilboy, Jane E. Gilboy, Jack Gilboy, & Tom Toten by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Gilboy Deceased Family of the Harry Good Family by JoAnn Good Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Hastings Deceased Family Members of Mr. & Mrs. Karl Hug Deceased Members of the Jacobs Family by Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Jacobs Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Jaworski Mr. & Mrs. Frank Sedlacek, Mr. & Mrs. Alfred Jensen, Jessica Haith, Breden Jensen, & Matilda Keelisk by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Jensen Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Jim Kelter Deceased Members of the Kruger and Kelley Families by Mark & Patrice Kruger Deceased Family Members by Frances Krupski Richard Kwapniowski, Mr. & Mrs. Fritz Paasch by Mr. Scott Kwapniowski Deceased Members of the Hargens & Lentz Families, & Marlyn Kelly by Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Lentz Ellie Lutjemeier by Mr. & Mrs. Steve Lutjemeier James Kettering by Diane Macaitis Deceased Family Members by Dr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Mahoney Shawn Martin & Erica Martin by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Martin Ernest Mascarello, John & Mary Mascarello by Mr. & Mrs. John Mascarello

Deceased Family Members by Mercedes Mathews Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Bradley McArdle Deceased Family Members by Kelly & Mary Jo McElhose Deceased Members of the McGill Family

by Rochelle & Brian McGill

Ray & Catherine Kanoff, Bill Meyer, Shelly & Tony Sindela, Joe & Minnie Vertin, Roy & Ethel Bindrun

by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Meyer Tony Mitchell, Dale and Helen Junghaene by Nancy Mitchell Tom Fortune, Vicki Fortune, Kevin Fortune & John & Marion Moritz by Dave & Kathy Moritz Deceased Family Members of Mr. & Mrs. Steve Morrissey Ralph and Leanna Layman by Mark & Lisa Niedzwiecki Deceased Family Members by Carol O'Gara Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. James O'Grady Deceased Members of the Perchal & Lambrecht Families & John Housley Jr. by Deacon Dan & Paula Perchal Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Peterson Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Randazzo Jr. Edwin Rasmussen by Mike Rasmussen John Fleming, Scott & Rose Ann Sallenbach, Thomas Cahill, and John Wrobleski by Jon & Jessi Sallenbach

and John Wrobleski by Jon & Jessi Sallenbach Deceased Family Members of Mary Schnuettgen Deceased Members of the Stalp Family

by Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Stalp Bernice & Leonard Stracke, Marcie & Lou Stava by Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Stava

Richard Fritz & Gordon Stotz by Mr. & Mrs. Todd Stotz George & Madonna Thomsen by Mr. & Mrs. Steven Thomsen Frances Tomka & Maureen Kraemer

by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Tomka Elly Weekly & Stanley & Mildred Stodola

by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Weekly Deceased Family Members of John & Sue Whorlow Joseph Cimino, Beverly Flenker, & Robert L. Wilmes

by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilmes Deceased Family Members by Matt & Staci Witkowski Richard Yeshnowski, Herb & Melania Echtermeyer, Janet Gutkind, Jerry & Margaret Landon by Andrea Yeshnowski Deceased Members of Zielinski, Watters, Bonacci Families by Mr. & Mrs. James Zielinski

Deceased Family Members by Mr. & Mrs. Lance Zimmerman

In Honor of...

Elmer Lentz & Sandy Jamber by Mr. & Mrs. Freddie Lentz Mary Ann Kettering by Diane Macaitis Susan Cummins by Carolyn Rhoades Marion Cimino by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Wilmes

10 YOUTH

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wed., January 5th - Family Faith Formation Resumes: Week 1: Action/CGS/Middle School Formation

Wed., January 12- Family Faith Formation Week 2: Encounter/CGS/Middle School Formation Wed., January 19- Family Faith Formation Week 3: Learned/CGS/Middle School Formation







The Jewish people of Jesus' time bore heavy burdens but had an everyday hope for a savior. They trusted that God would deliver his people, but, just like the present time, some continued to trust in God and others had simply lost hope. So when Elizabeth becomes pregnant in her old age and Mary is told an angel that she would be having a special baby, hopeful people such as these women begin to take notice of how God is working in their lives on behalf of all.

If you lived in Elizabeth's neighborhood and suddenly you saw she was pregnant after not being able to have children for most of her life, do yout hink you would notice?

Who would go over to congratulate Elizabeth and ask her questions?

What questions would you have for her?

However, there's more in this Gospel story today! We are told that the baby inside of Elizabeth, the future John the Baptist who we have heard so much about these past two Sundays, leapt for joy when he heard Mary's voice greeting his mom. Elizabeth is empowered by the Holy Spirit at that moment not only to tell Mary that her son has recognized hers as the future savior but also to praise Mary for her trust in God.

Leap for Joy

To cooperate in surrender to God's unfolding plan.





We have a Jesse Tree and ornaments. Every night of Advent we read the scripture, hang the ornament and reflect upon the history of our faith. We close each night in prayer.

The Pfeifer Family



The Olson Family

We pick a Friday or Saturday night where we put Christmas ornaments on the tree together as a family while listening to Christmas carols. Each year the kids get an ornament that reminds them of that year.

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YOUTH 11



TOY DRIVE - Thank you to all our families who donated toys during our toy drive last week. More than 1,000 toys were collected and delivered to Abide. This is such an amazing way for kids to help kids this Advent season. We appreciate your generosity!

HOLIDAY HOURS - The school office will be open from 9:00am-12:00pm on Monday, December 20th through Wednesday, December 22nd. The office will then be closed until Monday, January 3rd. Kidzone will not be open over the Christmas break (December 20th -January 3rd). Please plan accordingly.

REGISTRATION - Registration for the 2022-2023 St. Patrick's Catholic School year begins in early January with our current families and late January for new families. **Current families:** Be sure to watch email for instructions on how to re-enroll your children. **New families:** If you haven't already submitted an application, contact the school office. Those who have submitted applications will receive a phone call the end of January.

8TH GRADE ENTRANCE EXAMS - Eighth grade entrance exams at Omaha area Catholic High Schools will take place on Sat., Jan. 8th. Please check the school websites for info.

PRIZE DONATIONS NEEDED - We are in need of more prizes for the HALO store. We are grateful for all of your donations thus far, but our prizes are running a little slim. Thanks!



IF YOU AREN'T ALREADY, BE SURE TO FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA.

Facebook: St. Patrick's Catholic School-Elkhorn Twitter: @StPatsAngels #stpatsangelsfly Instagram: stpats_school_elkhorn

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"BLESSED ARE YOU WHO BELIEVED THAT WHAT WAS SPOKEN TO YOU BY THE LORD WOULD BE FULFILLED."

LUKE 1:45

SPY YOUTH GROUP

Questions? Contact Youth Minister Johnny Murray at: jmurray@stpatselkhorn.org



Middle School Community Night

Wednesday, December 22nd from 6:30-8pm in the Parish Center Join us in the Parish Center for an Advent party! Festivities include food, beverages, games and more.

Sign-up via https://tinyurl.com/SPYMSXMas21

High School Christmas Party

Thursday, December 30th from 7-9pm in the Parish Center Christmas isn't over! It's just started! Join us as we celebrate with cookies & karaoke. Bring a dozen cookies to exchange and share. Sign-up at https://tinyurl.com/SPYHSXMas21

12 COMMUNITY OUTREACH

HUMAN NEEDS COMMITTEE:

DECEMBER: Season of Giving

We Are the Body

Christ has no body but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which He looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands, with which He blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet. Yours are the eyes, you are His body. Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

- St. Teresa of Ávila

Thank You for serving, giving & spreading the true Joy of Christmas!

31 COPE families adopted

Provided volunteers and support for the COPE Christmas Give Away 38 Families adopted through the St. Nicholas Giving Tree Project 154 poinsettias delivered to home bound parish seniors Hundreds of Christmas cards mailed to home bound parish seniors Western Douglas County Food Bank food baskets delivered Over 1000 toys donated to the Abide Christmas Store 250 homeless men & women fed at the December Stephen Center meal 150 homeless men & women fed with the Least of My Brethren Baby items collected for Essential Pregnancy Services

"One Can Help" Weekly Food Donation Needs:

Food donations go to St. Vincent de Paul Society's Food Pantry at St. Bernard's. We ask that every family bring just one item with them to oburch each work. Drop off items in t

church each week. Drop off items in the SVDP chest in the back of St. Pat's church Narthex.

This week's needs are:

Haircare products, toothpaste, hand soap, dish soap, canned soup, canned chicken and tuna

Get Your Feet On the Street

Advent is a great time to serve and give back to the community. Below is a listing of the recurring service oppotunities that St. Patrick's has scheduled for this holiday season.

To sign-up visit: https://tinyurl.com/StPatsFeetontheStreet

Heart Ministry Center Food Pantry Volunteer

Each year, the Heart Ministry Center (2222 Biney Street) distributes 3.5 million pounds of food. Join us as we help to work the drive-thru food pantry and distribute pantries to those in need: Tuesday, December 21st from 9:30-1pm Wednesday, December 22nd from 9:30-1pm

Lunch for the Least of My Brethren

Join us *Sunday, December 26th from 11:30am - 2:00pm* as we provide lunch for 150 homeless men and women living on the streets in Council Bluffs. Food Donations Needed: hamburgers/hot dogs and buns, condiments, chips, cookies. Supplies Needed: Pop tents, tarps, sleeping bags. Volunteers are needed to serve food and distribute supplies. Older Youth (Grades 5 and up)/Adults Only.

Stephen Center Meal

Donate food items for our monthly meal feeling 150 homeless men, women and children at the Stephen Center on *Friday, January* 21st. Volunteers (of all ages) are also needed to help prep and serve the meal *from* 4-6pm that Friday.

Better Together Food Pantry

Join us on *Saturday, February 12th from 9:00am - 12:00pm* on the Abide Campus (3223 N. 45th Street) to help assemble and hand out food pantries, hot meals, and diapers. Families of all ages are invited to serve!

Homelessness Doesn't Take a Holiday Sunday, December 26th

Join us on Sunday, December 26th from 11:30am - 2:00pm as we provide lunch and hand out clothing and supplies to 150 homeless men and women living on the streets in Council Bluffs. We will serve lunch indoors at the Mohm's Place homeless shelter in Council Bluffs (1435 N 15th Street).

Food Donations Needed: Hamburgers/hot dogs and buns, condiments, chips, cookies Supplies Needed: 3-4 person tents, tarps, sleeping bags, rolling luggage Volunteers Needed: Serve food and hand out supplies. Young Adults (Grades 5 and up)/Adults Only Sign-up at: https://tinyurl.com/StPatsFeetontheStreet

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December 24-December 25: The Nativity of The Lord

	4:00PM (Church)	4:05PM (Gym)	6:30PM	11:30PM Caroling, 12:00AM Mass	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:00AM
Lector	Megan Frisbie - Lector Ray Filipowicz - Comm.	NOT FILLED - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.	Kay Doyle - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.	NOT FILLED - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.	J. Wageman - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.	NOT FILLED - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.	L. Niedzwiecki – Lector NOT FILLED – Comm.
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Deacon	Jim Ricketts	Joe Hartnett	Jay Wingler		Jim Ricketts	Jim Ricketts	Jay Wingler
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Priest	Fr. Fangman	Fr. Stack	Fr. Stack	Fr. Fangman	Fr. Stack	Fr. Stack	Fr. Fangman

December 25-December 26: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

	5:00 PM	8:00 AM	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	5:00 PM		
Lector NOT FILLED - Lector NOT FILLED - Comm.		Y. Hoffman - Lector A. Pfeifer - Comm.	Don Eikmeier - Lector Pat Egan - Comm.	Charley Olson - Lector B. Valenzuela - Comm.	Robert Kemp - Lector S. Connolly - Comm.		
NOT FILLED EMHC		Godfrey Friedt Curt Grundman Arlene Porzelt	Joey Fees Gina Fees Joseph Fees	Karen Filipowicz Jim Hackley Jr. Lisa Niedzwiecki Jan Oligmueller	Jody Hotovy Lesley Nocita Jason Nocita NOT FILLED		
Home- bound	Mickey Ludden - Brookestone Mike Ludden - Brookestone Joleen Weekly - Brookestone Sharon Derra - Heritage Pointe						
Server NOT FILLED		Connor Cumerford Keaton Lenz Hannah Mcwilliams J. McWilliams (sub req)	Gary Amezcua Hailey Kill Jack Kinney T. Morgan <mark>(sub req)</mark>	Tommy Lampert Mark Niedzwiecki Jr. Will Schieber Sophie Schieber	Michaela Coons Gabriella Nocita Preston Nocita Luke Rasmussen		
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Deacon NOT FILLED		Deacon Jay Wingler	Deacon Jay Wingler	Deacon Joe Hartnett	NOT FILLED		
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Priest	Fr. Fangman	Fr. Fangman	Fr. Fangman	Fr. Stack	Fr. Stack		

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