



# St. Patrick Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Advent  
December 19, 2021



**WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK CHURCH! WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOU JOIN US FOR MASS TODAY! IF YOU ARE NEW TO OUR PARISH, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY SO WE CAN PROPERLY WELCOME YOU AND GET YOU REGISTERED WITH ST. PATRICK CHURCH.**

**Pastor:** Fr. Troy Schweiger

**Parochial Vicar:**

**Priest in Residence:** Fr. David Bourek

**Deacon:** Deacon Stephen Kuchar

**Principal:** Mrs. Kristine Placek

**Saturday Vigil:** 6:30 p.m.

**Sunday Mass:** 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 & 11:30 a.m.

**Weekday Mass:** 6:30 a.m. Mon-Fri .8:00 a.m.

Mon-Sat and 5:30 p.m. Thursday

**Holy Days:** Please check bulletin

**Confessions:** Saturday 4:00-5:00, 7:30-8:00 p.m.  
and by calling the rectory to schedule an appointment

**Baptisms:** Those expecting a baby should contact the rectory 1-4 months before the baby is born for baptismal instructions

**Weddings:** Engaged couples must contact a priest at least 4 months (preferably 6-8 months) before the tentative wedding date

**RCIA:** Classes are held on Mondays in Finigan Hall at 7 p.m.

**Religious Education Classes:** Grades K-8.  
Wednesdays 5:15-6:30 p.m. during school year

**New Parishioners:** Pick up a form at the rectory

**Altar Society:** First Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Finnigan Hall

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in Finigan Hall Kathy Kastl 402-435-2242

**Home & School:** Tonia Wasser 402-416-0069

**Knights of Columbus:** First Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Finigan Hall  
Grand Knight Jim Bunch 402-681-9344 or  
Kofc13576@gmail.com

**St. Vincent de Paul:** Second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at 6:00 p.m. in Finigan Hall

**FCSLA:** Second Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. , Youth Council after 11:30 Mass.

**God Teens:** Meet Wednesday nights 7:00 p.m., for more information call 402-466-2752

**Eucharistic Adoration Program:** Mary Doher, 402-499-8665



## From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. Troy Schweiger

December 19, 2021

J.M.J.

Shortly after Pope Francis was elected to be the Pope, he directed the highest ranking members of the Roman Curia (ie the Cardinals in charge of various departments) to take turns hearing daily confessions at the Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia, an ordinary Roman church outside the Vatican. All throughout the time Pope Francis has led us, he has emphasized the beauty and importance of confession. He has pointed out that:

*"God never ever tires of forgiving us! "Well, Father what is the problem?". Well, the problem is that we ourselves tire, we do not want to ask, we grow weary of asking for forgiveness. He never tires of forgiving, but at times we get tired of asking for forgiveness."*

Advent is a great season to allow the Holy Spirit to enkindle in our heart a desire for God's beautiful gift of mercy. Pope Francis beautifully reminds us that *Forgiveness is not the fruit of our own efforts but rather a gift, it is a gift of the Holy Spirit who fills us with the wellspring of mercy and of grace that flows unceasingly from the open heart of the Crucified and Risen Christ."*

Confession, therefore, is to encounter the love of Jesus with sincerity of heart and with the transparency of children, not refusing, but even welcoming the "grace of shame" that makes us perceive God's forgiveness. But so often this is difficult for many. Why? It is not easy to truly face one's sins, to say as did St. Paul "good does not dwell in me, that is, in my flesh." But in taking up the challenge we ultimately find freedom. To say with humility, "I am a sinner", opens a place in our heart for God to say "I forgive you" and pour out the soothing ointment of mercy. What better way can we prepare to welcome Christ than to prepare a home for him that is beautiful, the home of our soul freed from sin and darkness. This week we have extra confession times scheduled: Sunday 4-5 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.; Monday 6-7 p.m.; Tuesday 5-6 p.m.; Wednesday 6-7 p.m.; Thursday 6:30-7:30 p.m.; Friday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Have a great week! Fr. Schweiger

### YOUR GIFTS TO THE LORD DECEMBER 12, 2021

**Adult Offering: \$ 16,222.27**

**Loose Offering: \$ 1,220.81**

**Total: \$ 17,443.08**

**Weekly collection needed to meet expenses \$10,500**

**Monthly Mortgage \$31,500**

**Advent Prayer Study:** this will be the last St. Patrick Advent Prayer Study to be held this season. It will be on this Sunday Dec. 19 in the social hall at 2 p.m. The program will last about an hour – Fr. Ricardo is an AMAZING speaker, we will be using his talks. I hope you plan on joining us. This is a family friendly speaker, please ask a friend to join you.

**The Knights of Columbus** will be displaying a Christmas tree in the narthex. Please bring an ornament to help decorate the tree.

**Normal church cleaning is on Saturday mornings** after the 8 a.m. Mass. This year Christmas falls on Saturday, December 25. With that in mind, **cleaning for that week will be moved to Thursday, December 23 after the 8 a.m. Mass.** The bulletin will list the names of the next in line to clean, however it would be nice to have extra hands so we can make our spiritual home beautiful for the coming of Our Savior Jesus Christ. Please prayerfully consider helping out.

**The Legion of Mary would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas** and remind us to remember those who reside in care facilities, nursing homes and are homebound with phone calls, cards, visits, etc. this Holy Season.

**There will be No TMIY (That Man is You)** on 12/23 or 12/30. Sessions will resume on 1/6/2022.

**Please join the Knights with supporting our Gifting Tree.** All donations go to the Women's Care Center. On the Christmas tree amongst the ornaments you will find tags with wishes on them. Take a tag, purchase a wish and return to the box placed next to the food donation barrel located in the vestibule before January 1. Do not wrap. Thanks for your support of our Knights continuing Pro-Life efforts for mothers.

**2021 Contributions** Just a friendly reminder that if you would like your donation to be counted for 2021, please be sure to drop it in the collection basket or get it to the rectory **by Sunday, December 26.** Also, if you would like to pay against your pledge, please turn it in by Sunday, December 26. Thank you!

**St. Patrick's Day Festival will be held Saturday, March 12, 2022.** As always, the raffle is a big part of the success of the festival. We are in need of about 10 items to complete the raffle ticket. Prizes and donations valued at \$50 and up will be greatly appreciated. Raffle tickets need to be ready to be printed by the 2nd week in January. If you would like to donate an item or money, please contact or text Terry Ryan at 402-326-6871 or email [Trranch1@hotmail.com](mailto:Trranch1@hotmail.com) Thank you! (corrected phone number)

**Thank you to Benjamin and Faye** for helping decorate the parish library for Christmas! You did a wonderful job hanging the ornaments.

**The Knights of Columbus would like thank all** those who participated in our last month's Food for Families drive by drop off. Over 530 lbs. of food was raised. Since the start of our physical year in June, with the Walk to End Hunger and with continued monthly donations our parishioners have donated over 4500 lbs. of food to the CSS food pantry. Again we thank you for your continued support to those in need! Food can be dropped off in the barrel in the narthex at the back of the church anytime.

**ST. PATRICK PRAYER LINE: TO HAVE US PRAY FOR YOU OR TO PRAY WITH US, CALL PAULA RYAN AT 402-440-6451.**

**Be sure to update your address with the rectory to receive your year end statements on time.**

## Weekly Events Calendar

Mon., Dec. 20	6:30 a.m. Mass Mon - Fri 8:00 a.m. Mass Mon - Fri
Tues., Dec. 21	9:30 a.m. Pray the Rosary at Planned Parenthood 10:00 a.m. Mass at Right to Life Center next to Women's Center Last day of school for St. Patrick students 7:00 p.m. St. Patrick School Christmas program
Wed., Dec. 22	4:30-5:45 p.m. Wednesday at the Well No CCD class
Thur., Dec. 23	The rectory will be closed There will be no That Man Is You meeting 8:30 a.m. Church cleaning The rectory will be closed 5:30 p.m. Mass 6:15 p.m. Lectio Divina after Mass
Fri., Dec. 24	The rectory will be closed
Sat., Dec. 25	Merry Christmas, our Savior is born!
Sun., Dec. 26	Final day to turn in your 2021 contributions

### The Epiphany Blessing of our homes is Sunday, January 2.

There will be a table set up in the narthex with the prayer and blessed chalk to take home. Please return the chalk the when you are finished.

The officers of the Altar Society would like to thank everyone who contributed baked items and other goodies for the bake sale Dec. 4-5, and for those that helped with the event. Also, a thank you to those that came and bought items and those that gave donations to the fund raiser. We are happy to report that the event brought in \$1,314.75 which will greatly help the Altar Society in providing candles, hosts and other items needed for the sanctuary and the celebration of the Mass.

**Mass rosary leaders:** we would like for you to start using the wireless microphone when leading the rosary before the Saturday evening and Sunday Masses so everyone can hear you. Please stop in the sacristy before Mass to pick up the microphone and return it after Mass for the next person. The priests will be happy to show you how it works.

### School News

St. Patrick's Home and School Association is asking for donations for our school teachers' Christmas bonus. We will be having a second collection after each Mass on December 18 and 19. Every year we honor our school's hardworking, dedicated teachers and their outstanding support staff with a bonus during this holiday season. St. Patrick School is very blessed to have such a wonderful group of teachers. Every teacher is an asset to our school and the parents and students are blessed to be a part of this. Any donation is greatly appreciated. All are welcome to come to St. Patrick's annual Christmas program on December 21 at 7:00 p.m.

**Thank you to all who use Amazon Smile** when shopping on Amazon! St. Patrick School benefits every time you do! If you would like to contribute just **start your Amazon shopping at smile.amazon.com**. It's simple, just sign up at Amazon Smile by going to smile.amazon.com, choose your charity by using the

drop down under "Supporting" and then shop. A donation will automatically be made to your charity for every eligible item you buy and, best of all, there is no cost to you. St. Patrick is listed as "St Patrick Catholic Church of Lincoln."

### Other Opportunities

**Our Lady of Good Counsel Retreat House:** start your New Year by attending a retreat. Go to [goodcounselretreat.org](http://goodcounselretreat.org). to check out their upcoming retreats.

### Library Corner

Have you wondered at times what momentous events such as the birth of Christ were really like? We have the account from the *Bible* itself, but sometimes we may find ourselves wishing for more details. There have been many attempts to fill in those details by many writer/scholars, and one such book is on our parish library shelf. It is titled *The Day Christ Was Born* by Jim Bishop. In this fairly short book, Bishop ventures to reconstruct the Bible story, but he does not tamper with the facts. He merely "sets them off in a reconstructed context," according to the book's introduction. The added elements are the product of the author's research, and the result is a very readable account of the birth of Jesus told like a story, giving the reader a worthy picture of that marvelous event...good reading for Christmas. (Bishop's reimagining of the Christmas story has the approval of an Imprimatur and Nihil Obstat.) The book sits on a shelf with other Christmas books, Christmas DVDs, and CDs. Check them out. It's Christmas time!

P.S. There is another copy of this book, but it is there in a heftier volume along with Bishop's other account, *The Day Christ Died*.

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Thanks to Wilma Melendez (See Luke 2:1-16) 12-24-2010

**THIS IS LIKE TOTALLY THE COOLEST THING THAT HAS EVEN HAPPENED IN THIS STABLE!**

**Adoration Program** Below are the open time slots for St. Patrick's Eucharistic Adoration Program:

Sun: 1AM, 2AM, 3AM

Mon: 1AM, 7AM, 11AM, 11PM

Tues: Midnight, 1AM, 2AM, 3AM

Wed: 11PM

Thurs: 2AM, 3AM, 7AM, 1 PM

Fri: 11 PM, Midnight, 1AM, 2AM, 4AM

Sat: 1AM, 2AM, 5 AM, 5PM, 7PM, 8PM, 11PM

If you are interested in spending one hour a week with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, please contact Mary Doher at [medoher@hotmail.com](mailto:medoher@hotmail.com); Text or call 402-499-8665.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**Monday, December 20, 2021**

6:30 a.m. +Richard Kempton  
8:00 a.m. +Jim Pfister

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021**

6:30 a.m. +Jim Stietenroth  
8:00 a.m. +Darrell Zimmerman

**Wednesday, December 22, 2021**

6:30 a.m. Vanessa Rogers  
8:00 a.m. +Marvin Malleck

**Thursday, December 23, 2021**

6:30 a.m. Victims of Abuse  
8:00 a.m. Joe Huber  
5:30 p.m. +Stephen Lollmann

**Friday, December 24, 2021**

5:00 p.m. +Tom McBride  
12:00 a.m. Paul and Helen Benes and Family

**Saturday, December 25, 2021**

8:00 a.m. Geroldine Boelter Family L&D  
9:30 a.m. +John, Dolores, Susan and Pat Heckman  
11:00 a.m. People of St. Patrick

**Sunday, December 26, 2021**

7:00 a.m. +George Fritton  
8:30 a.m. People of St. Patrick  
10:00 a.m. Paul and Helen Benes Families  
11:30 a.m. Rerucha Family L&D

**Families responsible for church cleaning** are listed below.

At least one member from each family should be present to assist after the 8:00 a.m. Saturday Mass; about 8:30 a.m. If someone from each family comes, it should take no more than one hour. Thank you!

**Thursday, December 23, 2021**

1. Dan and Nora Lenz
2. Juan and Antasia Leon
3. Chris and Micaela Lewis
4. Todd and Donna Lichtenfeld
5. Mike and Tabitha Lill
6. Nicholas and Vikki Lind
7. Dan and Connie Lindenstien
8. Jill Lingard
9. Pam Livingston
10. Ruth Loberg

**Saturday, January 1, 2022**

1. John and Elizabeth Lodes
2. Della Loeffler
3. Mike Long
4. Donald and Sharon Loury
5. Patricia Luna
6. Sandra Lutz
7. Ericka Machacek
8. Ryan and Miranda Mackling
9. Guadalupe and Gloria Malagon
10. Michael and Michaela Mallery

The NAVEX hotline is an anonymous hotline to assist persons in making reports of misconduct in the Diocese of Lincoln. The hotline is not a substitute or alternative to calling law enforcement; it is intended to offer the maximum alternative to ensure any wrong in the Church is uncovered and reported. Nebraska law requires all suspicions of child abuse or neglect to be reported to law enforcement or DHHS.

NAVEX 1-844-527-0596

Child Abuse Hotline: 1-800-652-1999

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator 402-613-2488

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator 402-314-2899

## Acolyte/Lector/Server/Usher Schedule

<b>25-Dec</b>		<b>26-Dec</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	See the schedule	<b>Acolyte</b>	Erv Wemhoff
<b>Lector</b>	below	<b>Lector</b>	Mike Long
<b>Server</b>		<b>Server</b>	Nevada Schweitzer
<b>Server</b>		<b>Server</b>	
<b>Usher</b>		<b>Usher</b>	Jim Wilkerson
<b>Usher</b>		<b>Usher</b>	Dan Tvrdy
<b>26-Dec</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>26-Dec</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b>	Gary Taylor	<b>Acolyte</b>	Mike Hosek
<b>Lector</b>	Aaron Delahoyde	<b>Lector</b>	Nico Tarquinio
<b>Server</b>	Dominic Delahoyde	<b>Sever</b>	Eli Siebert
<b>Server</b>	Logan Barnard	<b>Server</b>	Harrison Philson
<b>Usher</b>	P J Ceglia	<b>Usher</b>	Richard Hosek
<b>Usher</b>	Jeff Blaser	<b>Usher</b>	Derek Tjepkes
<b>26-Dec</b>	<b>11:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Communion Calls</b>	
<b>Acolyte</b>	Chris Montgomery	<b>Scheduled At This Time</b>	
<b>Lector</b>	Jeff Boettcher	<u>After 8:30 a.m. Mass</u>	
<b>Server</b>	Xander Wasser Runge	Pyx 1:	
<b>Server</b>	Jayan Hraban	Pyx 2:	
<b>Usher</b>	Ted Kastl	<u>After 10:00 a.m. Mass</u>	
<b>Usher</b>	Teddy Kastl	Pyx 3 :	

**Please watch your email and the bulletin for the current Ministry schedule.**

<b>25-Dec 8:00 a.m.</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Acolyte</b> Don Buresh	Tom Trumble
<b>Lector</b> Ken Dolezal	Jerry Thraen
<b>Server</b> Christopher Havlovic	Ryan Thraen
<b>Server</b> Daniel Havlovic	Yahir Perez Gonzales
<b>Usher</b> Jim Wilkerson	Stan Larchick
<b>Usher</b> Dan Tvrdy	

**11:00 a.m.**

**Acolyte**  
**Lector**  
**Server** Ephraim Price  
**Server** Hunter Hansen  
**Usher**

**Masstimes.org** is a great place to find Mass times when you are out of town over the holidays or on vacation. Enter the city and state that you are visiting and the site will list the churches and Mass times in the area. It gives phone number, address and web address of the area church with the Mass and confession times. Don't miss Mass. God gives us a week, give him an hour.

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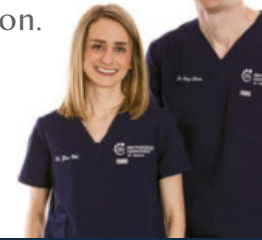
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