



DECEMBER 19, 2021

# CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

EDINA, MN

4TH  
SUNDAY

*of Advent*



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### MASS SCHEDULE

*Daily Mass in Chapel*  
Monday~ Friday 8:00am

*Saturday ~ in Church*  
5:00 pm

*Sunday ~ in Church*  
10:00am & 5:00pm

### Confessions

Sat: 4:00pm~4:45pm

Sun: 9:15am~9:45am

### Office Hours

Mon~Thur:

8:30am~4:00pm

Friday: 8:30am~Noon

**OFFICE CLOSED**  
**DECEMBER 24th &**  
**DECEMBER 31st**



4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY *of Advent*

"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." - Lk 1:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.



I found this article from Lpi to be inspiring and I hope you do too.

### MARY, JESUS EXPERT

In the 1970s, if someone wanted to increase their tennis prowess, they would watch Chris Evert Lloyd's moves on the court. For the millions of little girls with the iconic 'Dorothy Hamill' pixie and dreams of being an Olympic skater, it was all about finding every opportunity to see Dorothy Hamill perform the Hamill Camel. If you were looking to improve your pitching, you'd study Tom Seaver, Steve Carlton, or Jim Palmer. What drew people to them? They were experts. They had reached a goal most could only dream of achieving, so if you wanted to get there as well, it made sense to turn to role models of success. So, it stands to reason if we long to uncover the path, learn the wisdom, and acquire the disposition of heart required to follow Jesus, we have but to look to one expert — Mary, his mother. By contemplating her principal virtues, actions, and devotion, we can reach unparalleled heights of faith.

There is no courage without fear. True courage is persevering with the task before you in the face of your trepidation. Mary, filled with grace, faced with many circumstances we may consider fearful — having to tell your betrothed about your pregnancy, escaping from a king determined to slay your newborn son, and being present at the foot of the Cross. Yet, her faith was unwavering. Mary teaches us courage in the trials of life. Where do you need Mary to guide you to be heroic?

Mary had just received the most incredible news of her life, really in the history of the world, yet she didn't sit around in shock or contemplating the privilege of being chosen as the Mother of God, nor did she head to the town well to spread her good news. Mary, upon hearing her kins woman Elizabeth is with child, goes in haste to assist her. Compassion, the care and concern for another, the ability to recognize a need and respond without hesitation brings forth grace upon grace, as witnessed with Elizabeth's greeting when Mary entered the house. "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. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" Humble and pure of heart, Mary's love for others is present throughout scripture. We'll see Mary's compassion exhibited again at Cana when Mary comes to the aid of the bride and groom and unselfishly relinquishes her private life with Jesus, while imparting one of her greatest lessons, "Do whatever He tells you." Will you allow Mary to reveal where your assistance is needed and, more importantly, how to respond with haste?

One minute you are looking at cute dresses for Easter; the next, your daughter is nowhere to be seen. Luckily, this feeling of panic lasts only a few seconds for most of us when the child emerges from the clothing rack right next to us. But for Mary the horror of searching for her missing son lasted three days. Throughout those hours of travel and seeking for the child, Jesus, she put her hope in God. Although anxious, knowing with her whole heart, God is always in control and works all things for good, Mary surely experienced the peace that comes from trusting God. Perhaps, in her many prayers those three days, Mary called upon today's Psalm as a prayer, which in her situation would have a more profound meaning, "Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted, the son of man whom you yourself made strong." Jesus is always found when we seek him, especially in our prayers. In what current situations can you put your hope in God and trust like Mary? Mary's expertise showed in how she lived out better than anyone the words spoken in Luke's Gospel, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

Allison Gingras (for Lpi)

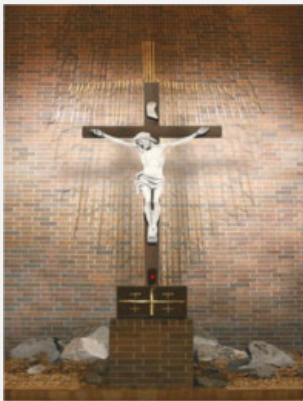
Peace,  
Fr. Kuss



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THOSE WHO ARE ILL**



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We want to thank Archbishop Hebda for presiding today and blessing the newly installed Crucifix.

Please join us for hospitality in the Celtic Center following the 10:00 a.m. Mass.



**MASS INTENTIONS**

TO SCHEDULE A MASS INTENTION, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 952-941-3164

**Sunday, December 19**

10:00 a.m. + Ed Suttle  
5:00p.m.. People of the Parish

**Monday, December 20**

8:00a.m. + Everett Trusclair

**Tuesday, December 21**

8:00a.m. + Mary Ryan

**Wednesday, December 22**

8:00a.m. + Vernon Burns

**Thursday, December 23**

8:00 a.m.. + Zita Kuss

**Friday, December 24**

4:00 p.m. + Wyatt Viegut  
4:00 p.m. (Mahon Center) People of the Parish  
8:00 p.m. + Mary, Nick and Jim Schneider

**Saturday, December 25**

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
5:00 p.m. + Carol Melichar

**Readings for the week of December 19, 2021**

**Sunday:** Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45  
**Monday:** Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38  
**Tuesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45  
**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8/Lk 1:46-56  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66  
**Friday: Morning:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79  
**Saturday: Vigil:** Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/ 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/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14



## Christmas & New Year's Mass Schedule

December 24th

\*4pm in the Church with Fr. Kuss  
(live-streamed & Children's Christmas Procession)

\*4pm in the Mahon Center with Fr. Fehn

\*8pm in the church

December 25th ~ 10am

December 31 ~ 5pm

January 1st ~ 10am

Social distancing Mass in the in the Mahon Center at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve



### Congratulations to

Matt Herring and Erin (Denton) Herring who were married on December 17th.

We wish you well as you begin your new life as husband and wife.



### Congratulations to

Andrew and Melissa Piazza on the baptism of June Olivia Piazza

and to

Hiroshi and Natalie Asato on the baptism of Emmett Jin Asato

on Sunday, December 19th.

We welcome you to the family of St. Patrick!

### CELEBRATING CHILDREN AT ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

- Relax, God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house.
- Sit toward the front or by the choir where it is easier for kids to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the backs of heads.
- Quietly explain the parts of the Mass & actions of the priest, altar servers, choir etc.
- Participate in the responses. Children learn liturgical behavior by copying you.
- If you have to leave Mass with your child, feel free to do so but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

#### TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that we are growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.





Children's Liturgy of the Word will be offered at our 10:00 AM Mass on these Sundays:

- December 19<sup>th</sup>
- December 26<sup>th</sup>
- January 2<sup>nd</sup>
- January 9<sup>th</sup>

Children, Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will begin Mass with their parents in the pews and after the opening prayers. Fr. Kuss will call the children to the front of the church for a blessing and the children will leave the nave with Cinthia Biros (FF Minister) and Michelle Biros. In the Celtic Center the children will hear a reading and the Gospel and then discuss those readings, say the Creed and finish with Prayers of the Faithful. The children will return to their pews as the altar is being prepared for Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The staff here at St. Patrick's wants to wish everyone peace as you make your final preparations for Christmas and we pray that your hearts are blessed with the presence of our Lord.

We are grateful for all of you and for those who did so much to help us prepare the Church for the celebration of the greatest gift from our Lord.



### **This Week at Confirmation:**

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent. This being the final week before Christmas we are taking the next two weeks off. We hope everyone has a great break and celebration of the birth of our Lord!

**MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

Ben Tlougan  
8th—Young Adult FF



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Friday, January 7 – Sunday, January 9  
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Join young adults from around the Twin Cities and beyond to connect in the relaxed atmosphere of Lutsen Mountains and Cascade Lodge. This 3-day winter getaway offers options to downhill ski, snowboard, cross country ski, snowshoe, or lounge at Cascade Lodge and Lutsen Mountains, on the North Shore of Lake Superior. Casual talks about our Catholic faith and the Theology of the Body will be inserted into our evenings and travel time in addition to Mass and Eucharistic Adoration for the group.

Visit the [Into the Deep website](http://Into the Deep website) for more info.

## 7 Staff Directory & Finances and Good to know

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M-TH 8:30-4:00, FRI 8:30-12N

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### PARISH STAFF PHONES:

**PASTOR** Fr. Allen Kuss - 952-767-0940

**DEACON** Bob Schnell - 612-987-7929

### BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR

Bill Schnobrich—952-767-0950

### DIRECTOR OF MUSIC/LITURGY:

Paul Peterson 952-767-0946

### FAITH FORMATION & YOUTH MINISTRY:

#### Grades Pre K-7:

Cinthia Biros 952-767-0948

#### Grades 8-12 & Young Adult:

Ben Tloutan 952-767-0956

#### Administrative Assistant:

Meg McManmon 952-767-0944

**Office Manager** - DeAnn Brandel 952-767-0945

**Maintenance Staff Supervisor**—Severo Garcia,

Anthony Fridlund 952-292-5626

#### Contract Accounting:

Cathy Shull - 952-767-0949

**To email staff: first letter of name plus last name**

@stpatrick-edina.org

### OFFERTORY TO DATE VS BUDGET

Actual YTD July 1, 2021—December 5, 2021

Offertory	Budget	Variance
\$404,852	\$394,236	\$10,616

Actual Weekly ending December 5, 2021

Offertory	Budget	Variance
\$32, 845	\$27,644	\$5,201

*UPDATED NUMBERS WILL BE LISTED NEXT WEEK*

## Sign up to Give On-Line

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or Bill Schnobrich (952) 767-0950



## SACRAMENTS

### BAPTISMS

To request the Sacrament of Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

### MATRIMONY

Call the Parish Office at least six months in advance.

### PASTORAL VISITATION

If anyone desires a personal visitation at home or at the hospital, call the Parish Office at 952-941-3164.

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! We are so glad you've decided to join us. To register call 952-941-3164 or visit our website.



We are looking for new choir members and musicians. We would also love to add to our Bell Choir. If you are interested or if you have any questions please contact Paul Peterson at 952-767-0946 OR [ppeterson@stpatrick-edina.org](mailto:ppeterson@stpatrick-edina.org)



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but do it with good humour,  
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your own soul  
and spoil the best cause.**

**ST. PETER  
CANISIUS**

FEAST DAY  
**DECEMBER 21**

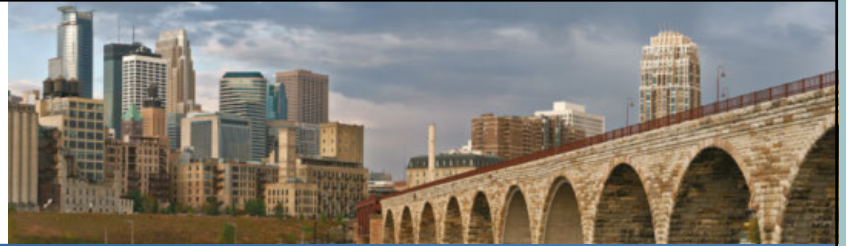
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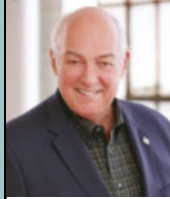
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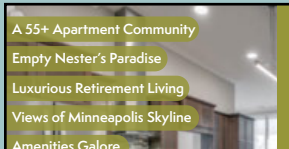


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