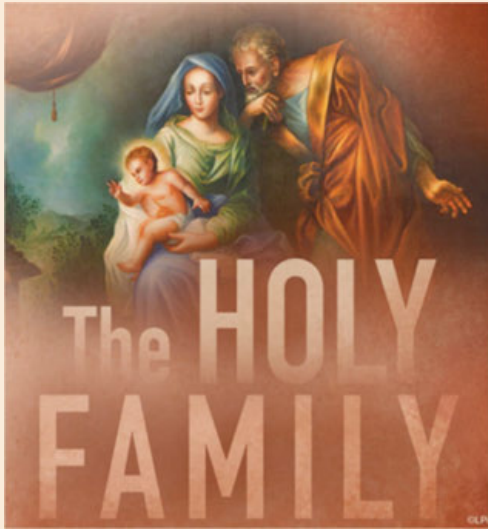




DECEMBER 26, 2021

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

EDINA, MN



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 31st



THE HOLY FAMILY

He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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What a beautiful reflection offered by Lpi this week...

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

Families can be very difficult things to negotiate. This is true not only of our families of origin, the current family of which we are a part, the family of our Church, our society, and our global family as well. Everything human can be found in family stories. Those stories speak of wonderful life-giving successes as well as painful spirit-robbing abuses. Our greatest joys and our greatest wounds are usually connected with the experience of family. Our needs, experiences, and unresolved baggage often color what we bring to our familiar relationships. They contribute to our level of defensiveness, how guarded and protected we become, and what prejudices we believe.

In order to break the cycle of dysfunction we have to remember that it is not only by human effort that we negotiate the difficult and challenging events of our lives. There is a Divine Effort at work as well. For sure, the human effort can create quite a mess and easily destroy lives. This is true of any family with which we are associated. Today's Feast of the Holy Family serves to help us understand that there is a Divine Story being told as well. It is a story of perseverance in the face of hardship, determination in the face of despair, healing when we see nothing but wounds, and light where there is darkness.

Do we believe that God is always working, guiding, restoring, and leading? Unless we do, we will never be free from the imperfections and wounds that bind us and never be able to understand what it really means to forgive. Pope Francis tells us that the "light which comes from the Holy Family encourages us to offer human warmth to other families." While this is most certainly true, we can only really begin to do this when we realize that we are still works in progress, not anchored to the wounds and sins of our past, and still a leading star in God's continually unfolding story of love. The Holy Family persevered and radiated warmth because they knew they were not alone. We can too.



Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year. As I reflect on the past couple of weeks, I am inspired by the witness that all of you have been to our wider community. Your response to the Giving Tree and to the gifts for the Ronald McDonald House recipients has been overwhelming. Thank you for your generosity to our brothers and sisters.

What a beautiful celebration of Christmas. You were integral in making this year's celebration in praise of our Lord Jesus Christ so joyful. To the choir, bell choir, liturgical environment preparers, liturgical ministers, hospitality hosts, and for your generous stewardship in support of the Church St. Patrick—I am ever grateful to be surrounded by such faithful members of a great parish.

Know that you are all in my prayers as we begin a New Year.

*Fr. Kuss
Pastor*



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THOSE WHO ARE ILL**



Mary Bailey, Nancy Borchers, Virginia Burke, Brian Caron, Johnny Davis, Monica Dextater, Claire Falker, Bryan Fuss, Charlie Galligan, Melina Garcia, Chuck Gorman, Sheila Hanley, Anne Herman, Audrey Hunt, Pat Jenkins, Steve Jenson, David Johnston, Susan Kampmeyer, Mary Lee, Jim Lamson, Nancy Lynch, Lori Margolis, Ginny Mulcahy, Kathleen Beutell McLaughlin, Riley Nobrega, Peter Rode, Julia Ruelle, Caroline Scott, Hugh Sherry, Mollie Sherry, Jenna Tursi, Molly Tursi, Brad Welsh, Roger Zedlik



Looking for the perfect getaway? Let God meet you at a beautiful retreat location in Lake Elmo, MN. Join us for a **Men's Silent Retreat** at the Demontreville Jesuit Retreat House **January 20 - January 23**. The retreat begins Thursday evening and ends Sunday evening. Free will donations are accepted.



For more information, call Bob Cardinal at (651) 398-1457 or check out the website: demontrevilleretreat.com

Other retreat days are also available.

Baptism

Congratulations to
Andy and Kelly Vander Woude
on the baptism of their daughter

Ivy Vander Woude
on Sunday, December 26th.

We welcome you to the family of St. Patrick!

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Sunday, December 26

10:00 a.m. + Robert Hobbins

5:00p.m.. People of the Parish

Monday, December 27

8:00a.m. + Michael Tita

Tuesday, December 28

8:00a.m. + Mary Ryan

Wednesday, December 29

8:00a.m. + Dan and Sheila Tita

Thursday, December 30

8:00 a.m.. + Michael Keating

Friday, December 31

5:00 p.m. + Dan Forby Sr.

Saturday, January 1

10:00 a.m. People of the Parish

5:00 p.m. Jim Lamson



Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/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, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Monday: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8/Mt 2:13-18

Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40

Friday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18

Saturday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-2





SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, January 15 - 6:00 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Pizza and Bingo! Mahon Center



Families and children welcome to join in for a fun evening of food and bingo. Live music with Paul Peterson.

New members welcome!

Register on our website



Dear Valued Blood Program Leader,
As you reflect on this year and the challenges faced, we hope you take pride in your indispensable role as a Blood Program Leader in your community. Together, we gave the gift of lifesaving blood to those in need, ensuring they have more moments filled with joy, love, and hope with all those who care for them. Each day we are filled with gratitude for the lives saved due to leaders like you. Especially this month, as we celebrate the 200th birthday of our founder, Clara Barton, on December 25, 2021, we thank you for continuing to sustain her legacy of service, innovation, and hope.

We are so grateful for your partnership in preparing for a need that never ends and we wish you and yours a happy, healthy New Year.

Sincerely,
American Red Cross



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 AT SUNDAY MASS

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

- December 26th
- January 2nd
- January 9th

Children, Preschool – 5th 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 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.

This Week at Confirmation:

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

In celebration of the birth of our Savior we are having yet another week off from Confirmation preparation. We will be returning to our normal schedule on January 5th, 2022. We will be starting off the new year with another Prayer Workshop because there is no better way to start off the year than with prayer!

Ben Tlougan

8th—Young Adult FF



Kindergarten – 7th Grade – We have 55 families with 82 children in our program who have been coming to classes on Wednesday evenings since September 15th and we would like to share with you all that has been taught to our children. The main lessons for the children are done online in their homes and then they come to class on Wednesday evenings to reinforce the main teachings. They then get to learn more about the physical and tangible aspects of our beautiful Catholic Faith. Below is a list of what they have learned in our Wednesday evening classes:

- Memorized these two prayers: Hail Mary and Doxology
- Learned the difference between a cross and a crucifix
- Given a Rosary as a gift and learned to pray the Rosary in our wonderful Chapel
- Taught about a Tabernacle and a Sanctuary Lamp and why they are important
- Learned the difference between a Church and a Chapel
- Learned the gestures of the Sign of the Cross, genuflecting, bowing, the three little crosses at Mass
- Taught the history and importance of All Hallows Eve, All Saints Day, All Souls Day
- Children participated in the Box of Joy Christmas Giving Ministry – donating gifts to Haiti & Guatemala
- Taught about the prayers of: Adoration, Petition, Intercession, Thanksgiving
- Learned about our Liturgical Calendar, Liturgical Colors, and the Church's three-year readings cycle
- Studied about why we have a preparation season called Advent and gifted an Advent Calendar
- Taught about the true meaning of Christmas
- Discovered what are the first and Original Gifts of Christmas: Gold, Frankincense, and Myrrh

CGS - We have little 3- and 4-year-old children discovering God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, Mary and Joseph in our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program every Thursday in our new Atrium.

RCIA - We have two adults and three older children who are in our Rite of Christian Initiation program preparing for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 16th, 2022.

CLOTW – We are in a trial period for this offering of preschool – 3rd grade children to participate in our Children's Liturgy of the Word program during our Sunday morning 10:00 AM Mass. This offering is on the Sundays of both our Advent and Christmas Seasons.

We will continue to minister to our children weekly through the first week of May 2022.

Have a wonderful and joyous Christmas Season!

Cinthia Biros



Episcopal Ordination of Joseph Williams

January 25, 2022,
Cathedral of St. Paul

archspm.org/newbishop



Time to be determined

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Friday, January 7 – Sunday, January 9
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OFFERTORY TO DATE VS BUDGET

Actual YTD July 1, 2021—December 15, 2021

Offertory	Budget	Variance
\$448,649	\$441,913	\$6,736

Actual Weekly ending December 12, 2021

Offertory	Budget	Variance
\$43,797	\$47,650	(\$3,853)

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For information call: Fr. Kuss-(952) 767-0940,
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

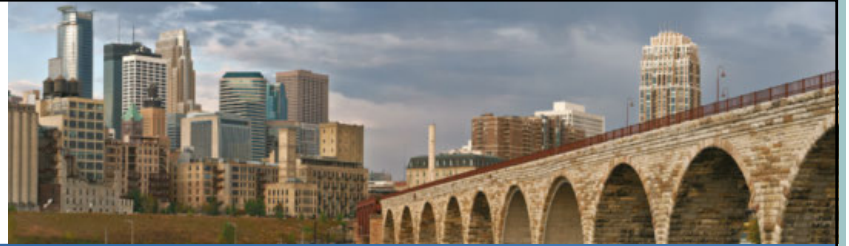
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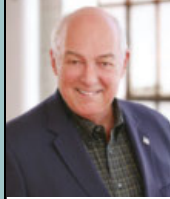
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