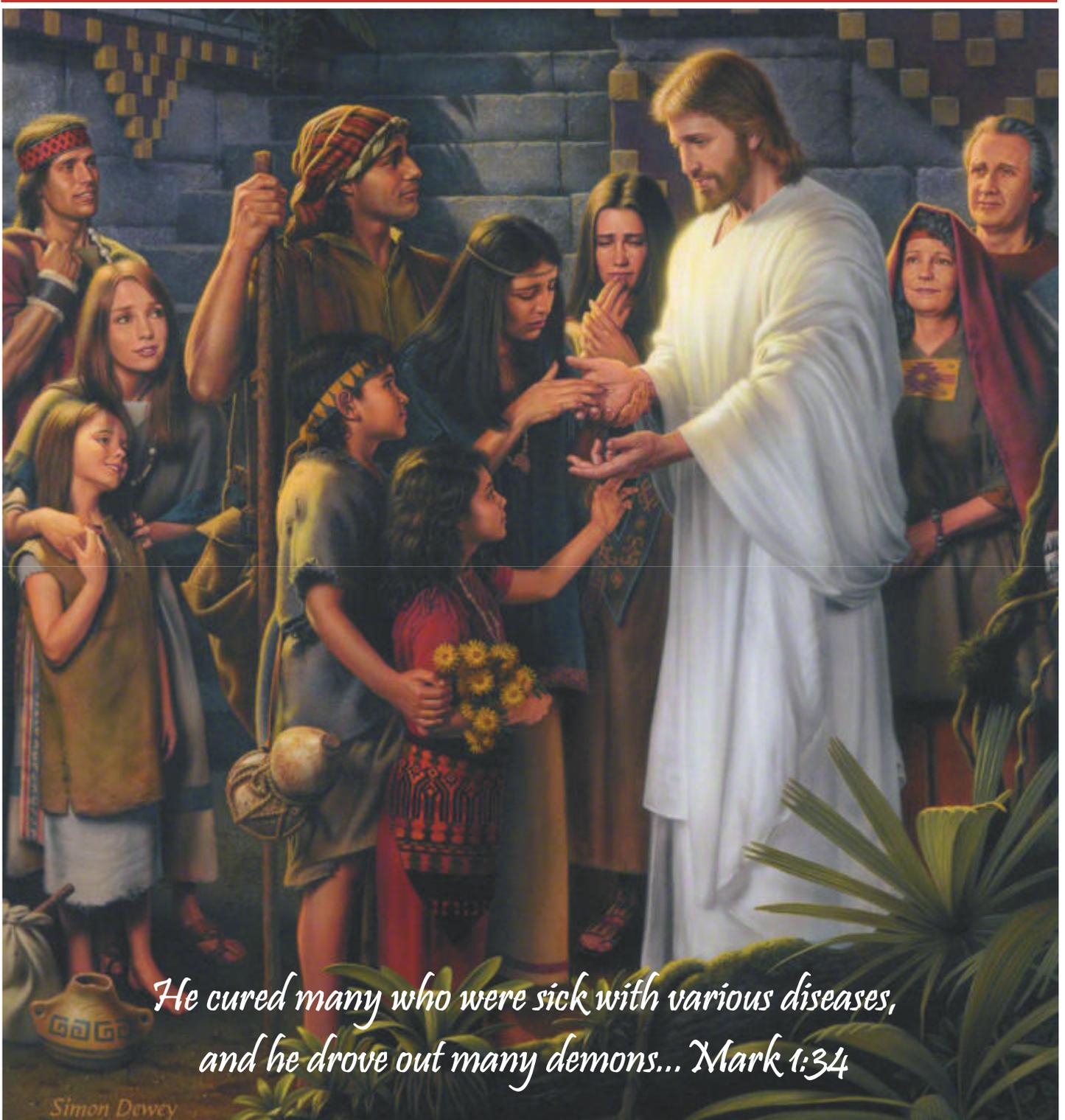




ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday, February 7, 2021
The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Volume 47, Number 9

The Shamrock



*He cured many who were sick with various diseases,
and he drove out many demons... Mark 1:34*

Simon Dewey

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Mass Times and Devotions

Weekends

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays

Tuesday: 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8:00 a.m.

Adoration

Wednesday and Thursday: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rosary

Saturday: 3:15 p.m. Prayed in Church before Mass.

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Sacraments

Baptism

Call to register parents and godparents for the required seminar and to schedule date and time. For more information, visit www.stpatrickbr.org/Baptism

Reconciliation

Saturday: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. and by appointment.

Marriage

Couples should contact the parish office at least six months prior to their desired wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the parish office.

Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office prior to scheduling with the funeral home.

Call the parish office to place individuals on the prayer list in the bulletin or the parish prayer line. Names will remain listed in the bulletin for approximately 2-3 months unless otherwise notified.

Stewardship of Finance

January 24, 2021

Identified	\$9,707.30
Unidentified	\$724.00
Building Fund	\$1,549.00
Other	\$932.00
TOTAL	\$12,912.30

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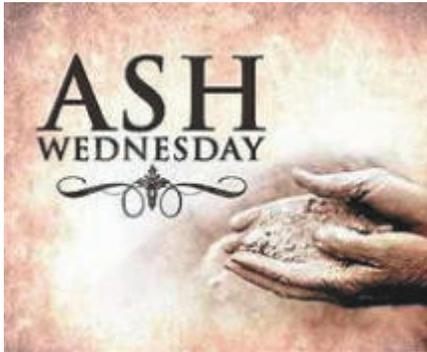
The Mission of St. Patrick Church

Conscious of God's presence, the family of St. Patrick Parish
strives to create a community of oneness in God's love.

Called, we follow Jesus,

Empowered by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves to living Christ's Message:
Love of God, shown forth in love of neighbor.

Looking Ahead To Ash Wednesday and Lent



Ash Wednesday Services

8:00 a.m. Mass

with Distribution of Ashes

12 noon Service (No Mass)

with Distribution of Ashes

6:30 p.m. Mass

with Distribution of Ashes



Way of the Cross

5:00 p.m.

Every Friday in Lent



Eucharistic Adoration

8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wednesdays and Thursdays

Note: There will be no Adoration on Ash Wednesday.



Sunday, February 28, 2021

Donations of fresh blood are more important now than ever.

Please consider becoming a donor.

"Lent With 20th Century Saints"

Pick up your pocket size book of daily reflections with saints of modern times.

What Is Your Life's Purpose?

by Pamela Folse

In 2002, Christian mega-church pastor Rick Warren wrote a book that quickly climbed to the number one spot on the New York Times bestseller list. *The Purpose Driven Life* still appeals to those who feel as though they're just going through the motions of life without understanding what it all means and what they are to do. Those appear to be common concerns since he sold well over 13 million copies.

For centuries, people have been trying to figure out their purpose. What are our lives all about? What is our real life's work? If we were to hang a sign outside our door describing to others our purpose in five words or less, what would it say?

Job is wrestling with that question this week. We hear him in his misery. He can't sleep. We all experience that misery every once in a while. Each of his days passes swiftly, yet end with no offer of hope. He feels as though he will never experience happiness again. We've likely all felt that way in these COVID times. We leave Job in his struggle and read from St. Paul's letter to the Corinthians. Paul seems to know his purpose because he grew into the role. Before his conversion, he persecuted Christians. After his conversion, he seems certain that he is to preach in order to convert others to Christianity. He says, "To the weak I became weak to win over the weak. I have become all things to all, to save at least some. All this I do for the sake of the gospel, so that I too may have a share in it." Paul seems intent on doing the work to fulfill his purpose.

In the Gospel, Jesus went to see Simon's mother-in-law. We can all understand how she feels. Jesus is preaching and healing the sick. She would have otherwise been out among the crowds, but she's sick. Jesus went over to her, held her hand and helped her up. Just like any other woman of hospitality, she began to wait on and care for her company.

Jesus spent the entire day fulfilling his purpose as he understood it. He healed the sick, exorcised demons and preached to the crowds. The next day, after spending some time in prayer, he told his followers, "Let us go to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose I have come." So he went on his way and continued his work.

There are many who live like Job. They seem to bear incredible amounts of suffering, much more than their share. Our hearts are moved for them as we, like they, try to grapple with the purpose of their suffering and the overall meaning of their life.

Paul rose out of his suffering with determination. He knew what he was called to do and he was going to do it no matter what.

Jesus preached, healed and called others to service. He never wanted recognition and didn't even want people to speak about him. He was so much unlike modern-day preachers, whose fancy jets take them from one place to the next as they look for opportunities to speak into a microphone and gain notoriety.

We are all people with a purpose of our very own. What are our lives all about? What is our real life's work? Are we working at being—not the person that others want us to be—but the unique person God wants us to be?

Those questions can be difficult to answer on our own, but even Jesus spent time in prayer seeking direction, looking for answers to his own questions. There is no better Source to consult when seeking the purpose of our lives.

In the Great Commission, Jesus said, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." There are many opportunities for ministries, service and work in these few words. What shall we do?



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Starting Feb. 19 and Every Friday During Lent
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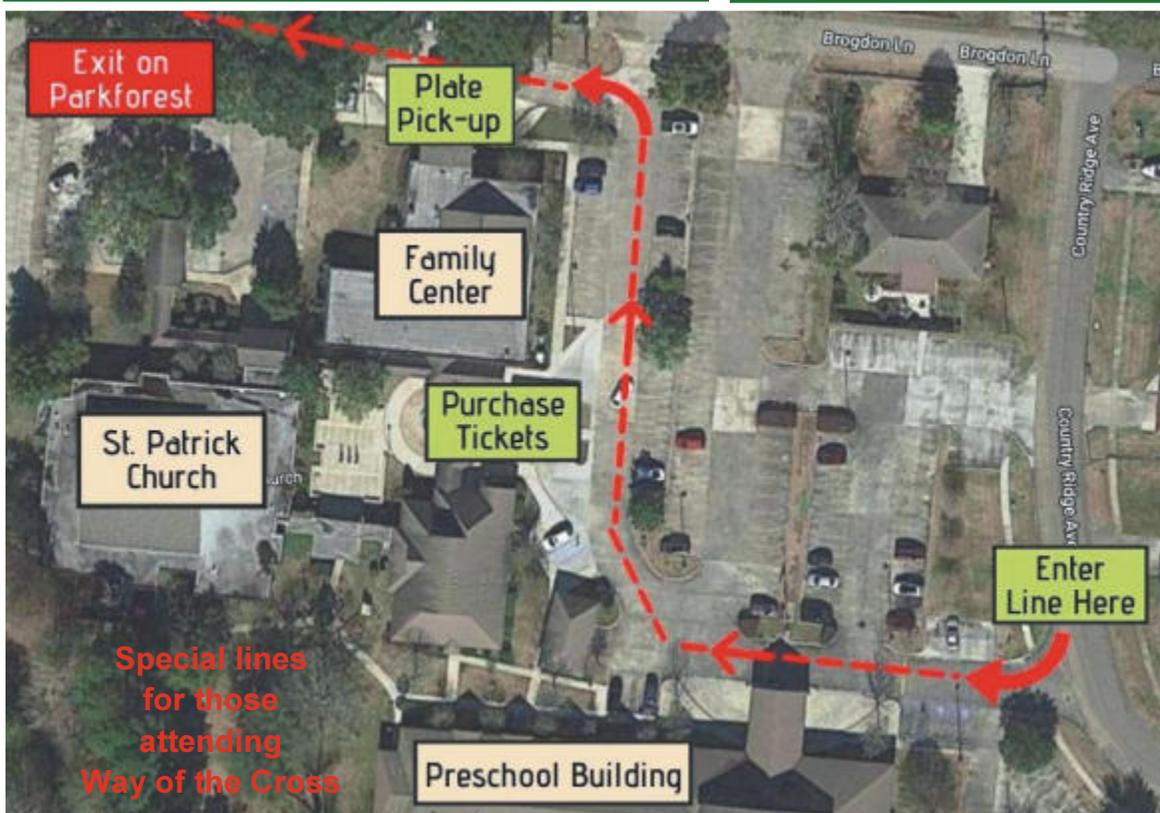
Fried Catfish
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\$10 per plate



The KC is following all COVID protocols for food preparation and service.

Council members will be directing traffic and bringing dinners to your car.

Anyone is welcome to come and help make this a safe and enjoyable Lenten Season.



We regret that there can be no inside dining this year.

Take-out orders only and no walk-ups to avoid lines.

We appreciate your cooperation.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

SUN 2/7	Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/ Mk 1:29-39
MON 2/8	Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56
TUE 2/9	Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13
WED 2/10	Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23
THR 2/11	Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30
FRI 2/12	Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37
SAT 2/13	Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10
SUN 2/14	Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7, 2021

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Thursday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day; Valentine's Day

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Have you ever wondered what life would be like if you could see the future and know how things turn out? While it's intriguing to ponder what life would be like if we possessed this knowledge, actually knowing could easily rob us of the thrill, adventure, and soul-searching graces of our journey. Like Job, life does not always leave us on a happy note. Life experience can bring us face-to-face with our mortality and leave us with a profound sense of helplessness. We do not see the wholeness and fulfillment that will one day come and cannot grasp the certainty that a resolution to our plight will come our way. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet. Living a life of faith means realizing that we are not here to figure out life on our own. In order to drink deeply of what life presents us, we have to wrestle in the depths of our souls, agonize and search, possibly reach the lowest point of desperation, and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. It is no wonder that those who are touched by God's healing power want to then serve others and show them the deeper waters that can be explored. Knowing too much can rob us of joyful surprises.

MEMORIAL GIFTS TO YOUR CHURCH

Please consider remembering St. Patrick Church with a planned gift in your last will and testament. You might also encourage your family to ask friends and family to make a donation to St. Patrick in lieu of flowers at the time of your death.

A memorial gift to St. Patrick Church is a wonderful way to acknowledge the lives of those who considered this parish their beloved spiritual home.

Call the parish office for more information.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 6, 2021

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Margaret Ray, George Tanoos, Eddie and Thelma Moreau, Edmae Belaire, Wallace Young and Armando Arellano

Sunday, February 7, 2021

7:30 a.m.: Van Le, Mary Guarino, deceased members of the Andricain, DeVelasco, Goldaras and Santoyo families, Dang Pham, intention of Joe Davis and intention of Tommy Drodody.

9:30 a.m.: For the people of St. Patrick

11:30 a.m.: Harold White, Terry Edwards, Glenn Gaudet, Dale Gaudet, Randall Sonnier, Margaret Whittington and Daniel Sughero

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Communion Service

Wednesday, February 10, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Communion Service

Thursday, February 11, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Communion Service

Friday, February 12, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Communion Service

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

S. Medica, A. Pichon, Jr., J. Root, K. Johnson,
A. Roy, G. Mackey, L. Polite, L. Barbarin,
B. Coghlan, J. Wray, M. Tichota, C. Prendergast,
M.B. Langlois, S. Rikhoff, M. Varner, T. Joiner,
T. Smith, Sr., C. Mokry, R. Geissler, G. Auzenne,
V. Mayeux, P. Romano, T. Shiver, J. Sughero, R. Luksa

SANCTUARY LIGHT

(February 6 through February 19, 2021)

In honor of the Folsie family littles:
Korbyn, Carter, David III, Savannah and _____

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to
Kenny and Sandy Hernandez on the death of
his mother, Carrie Hernandez,
and to Pat Prevot on the death of her brother,
E. J. Moreau, Jr.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

Distribution of Ashes on Ash Wednesday

As the season of Lent fast approaches, our thoughts turn to Ash Wednesday and Lent. As you may know, Ash Wednesday, February 17, is NOT a holy day of mass obligation, even prior to the virus when we observed Sunday and holy day obligations. Ash Wednesday is a day observed by many Catholics and non-Catholics, particularly with the distribution of ashes. These ashes are a visible reminder of our desire to turn our hearts to the Lord.

We will be offering two Masses on Ash Wednesday here at St. Patrick, at 8 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., both with distribution of ashes. We will also have a noon service with distribution of ashes, but no Mass. We are doing our best to avoid having large crowds and long services, particularly at noon when the faithful have to return to work.

The distribution of ashes will be different this year due to COVID protocols. The phrase "turn from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" will be said only once over the entire gathered assembly and not repeated for each person. All will remain masked as during the distribution of Holy Communion, and those who wish to receive ashes will approach the ministers as is normally done at Communion. However, instead of applying ashes to the person's forehead, a very small amount will be sprinkled over the person's head.

Let's remember that ashes are not mandatory, but are a traditional exterior sign of our interior conversion. This conversion is the focus of the Lenten journey and our ongoing journey of faith.



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