



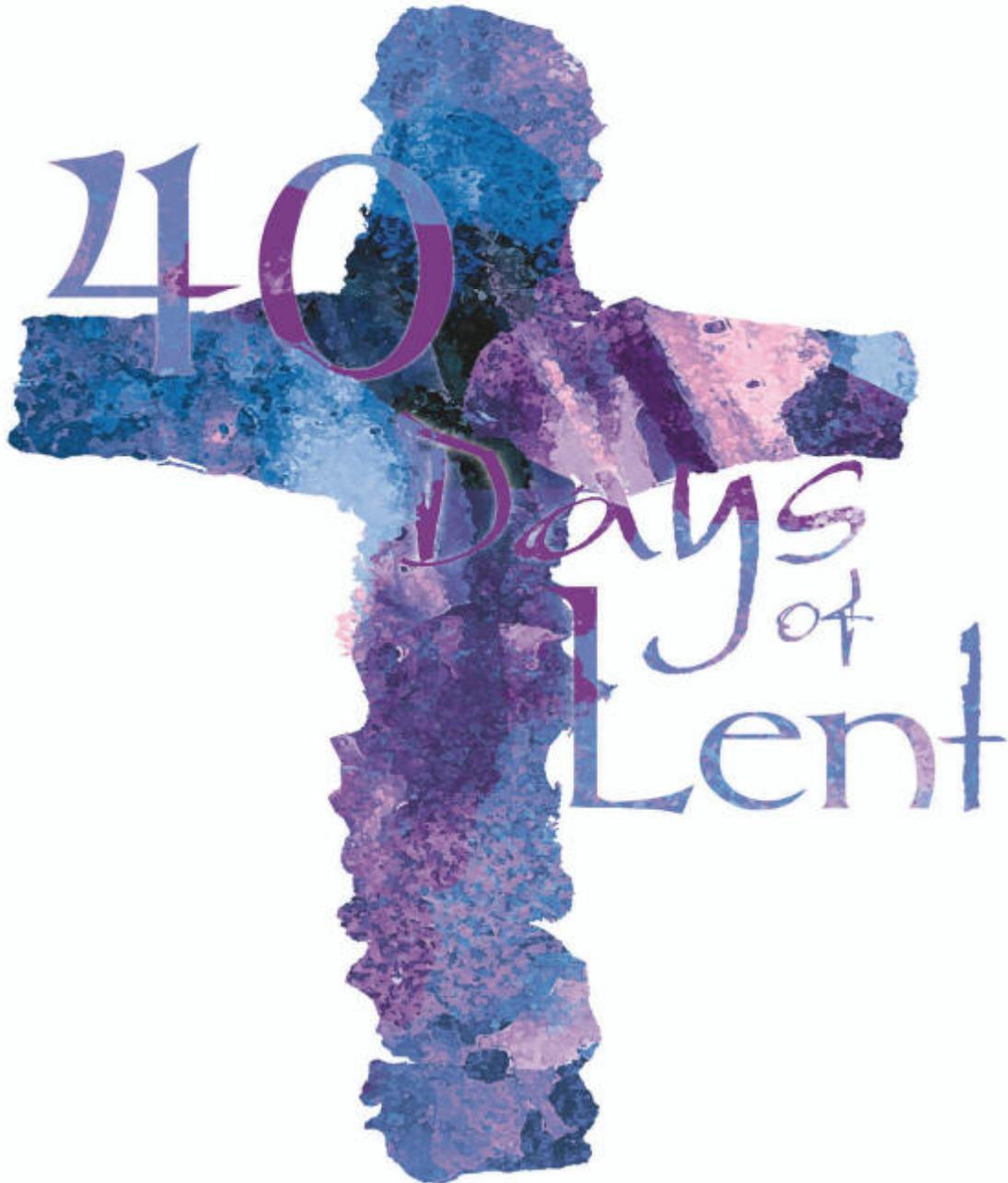
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Sunday, February 21, 2021

The First Sunday of Lent

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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

February 7, 2021

Identified	\$16,065.50
Unidentified	\$832.00
Building Fund	\$2,221.00
Other	\$558.00
TOTAL	\$19,676.50

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Stewardship

is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God's gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

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.

EQUIPPING THE FAMILY, SAFEGUARDING THE CHILDREN

Safe Haven Sunday

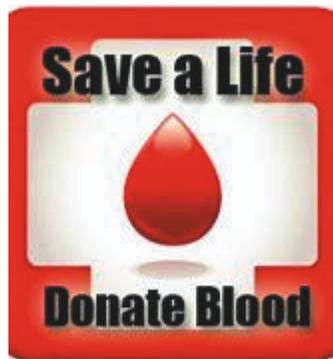


The family home is to be a safe haven. But the inappropriate use of technology in the home deprives it of this role, and is the greatest threat to the sanctity of marriages and families today. Pornography and other online threats are often one click away, and parents can feel overwhelmed with not knowing how to best protect their children in our fast-paced digital world.

Next weekend, February 27 and 28, St. Patrick Church is taking a bold step to help families by celebrating Safe Haven Sunday. This awareness day will provide access to practical resources that any caring adult can use to protect themselves and our young people from online risks. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.

What does a parent say to a child that has been exposed to **pornography**?

This book helps you to respond. Pick up your free book after all Masses Feb. 27 and 28.



Sunday, February 28, 2021

8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

St. Patrick Catholic Church

and Our Lady of the Lake Blood Donor Center.

Donors are asked to wear a face mask. Donors will receive a long-sleeve tee with the slogan "Be strong and courageous for I am with you." Joshua 1:9



The St. John Paul II Foundation,
in collaboration with the Diocese of Baton Rouge and
the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System,
invite all healthcare professionals to the second
Converging Roads medical ethics conference
on **Saturday, March 6, 2021** from 9:15 am – 5:15 pm
offered exclusive online.

The conference theme is **Human Dignity at the End of Life**,
and continuing education credits for
healthcare professionals will be offered.

Topics include:

End of Life Decision Making, Assisted Suicide and
Euthanasia, Accompanying the Sick and Dying
with Sacramental and Spiritual Care, and more!

For more information, please visit convergingroads.com
or email erin@forlifeandfamily.org.

Lent is a Season of Joy and Liberation

by Pamela Folse

Two Saturdays before Mardi Gras, I went to New Orleans to see the Mardi Gras house floats. What a way to carry on the carnival spirit in these times of social isolation! The houses of St. Charles Avenue were particularly festive, but those houses are always lovely to see. The most beautiful sight of the day, in my humble opinion, was a little girl walking down the sidewalk with whom I assume was her mom, only a few paces behind. The little girl was not at all concerned about the houses or the people along the way. She was joyfully placing painted rocks in obvious places. I have no doubt that those little messages of gladness were all gone in a matter of minutes.

We were never taught to consider Lent a time of joy. After all, what joy can there be in fasting, spending extra time in prayer and spending so much time considering all the wrong we have done? As Lent began, we received ashes, although in a new way this year, and were reminded that we came from and will return to mere dust. Nothing we do in this life can change that, no matter how hard we try.

In the Gospel reading this week, Jesus goes into the desert, where he is tempted. If we spend time honestly going into the desert of our own hearts and minds, we will find wild beasts that call our attention away from angels who live there, too, loving and guiding us to make the right choices and do the right things. In the quiet of the desert, we come to trust in God's mercy and realize that we can do nothing on our own. When we realize that, we are liberated for the task of learning to live according to God's plan for us.

Lent is a time for pushing, stretching and challenging ourselves to make deliberate choices to follow Christ by serving others. In his letter to the Philippians, Paul writes, "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus..."

There will be two groups of people sitting in St. Patrick Church at the Easter vigil—those awaiting baptism and those waiting to renew their baptismal promises with transforming conviction. Let us go into the desert with Jesus to find the joy and liberation that we profess when the Light shines at Easter. Let us hold near our hearts the words of St. Paul and the picture of that little girl serving others by joyfully sharing her painted rocks.



St. Patrick Fun Day

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Speaker, Games, Activities, Box Lunch

Limited to First 50 Registrants

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Every Friday of Lent following
5 p.m. Way of the Cross
Drive Through and Pick Up A Plate



MENU
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; no walk-ups to avoid lines.



Special lines for those attending Way of the Cross

Way of the Cross Outdoors



Everyone is invited to consider using the outdoor depictions of the Way of the Cross for your Lenten devotions. Located behind the church, the Way of the Cross is available for your prayer time. There are benches for seating in the area.

Come alone, come as a family, come as you are to pray the Stations of the Cross outdoors here at St. Patrick.

Masks Are Still Required

None of us is very excited about having to wear a mask. After all, we've been at this for almost a year. That's true. We get it.

However, a mask is a very effective way to prevent the spread of Covid-19 and is required not only here at St. Patrick, but in all churches in our diocese.

Please be respectful to others and wear your mask properly and at all times when you come to Mass.



Boy Scouts Selling Mulch

It's MULCH TIME!!! Boy Scout Troop 203's Mulch Fundraiser is back offering Black, Red, and Dark Brown Mulch as well as Pine Straw. No hauling, no mess, as our scouts will deliver bags and bales to your home.

Spring orders can be placed now until March 11th — delivery is scheduled for Saturday, March 20th. FREE delivery in most EBR zip codes—see details online. Minimum order of 6 bags or 6 bales.

Funds raised support scouting events throughout the year. We have some great boys and we all appreciate your support! Order online at our website.

<https://www.boy scoutmulchbr.org/>

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

SUN 2/21	Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15
MON 2/22	1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19
TUE 2/23	Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 [18b]/Mt 6:7-15
WED 2/24	Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 [19b]/Lk 11:29-32
THR 2/25	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [3a]/Mt 7:7-12
FRI 2/26	Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 [3]/Mt 5:20-26
SAT 2/27	Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 [1b]/Mt 5:43-48
SUN 2/28	Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2021

Sunday:	1 st Sunday of Lent
Monday:	The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
Tuesday:	St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
Sunday:	2 nd Sunday of Lent

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Our Catechumen, Christian Carlin, who is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and his wife, Amanda Carlin, and Thomas Broadwell, our candidates, who are preparing to receive Eucharist and Confirmation at the same time.

HEARTFELT SYMPATHY AND PRAYERS

We extend heartfelt sympathy and prayers to the family of Dan Nola, to the family of Earl Weber, and to Judith Bourgeois on the death of her daughter, Michelle Ticota.
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord...

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 20, 2021

4:00 p.m.: Wilma T. Cronan, James Michael Cronan, Larry Joseph Cronan, Frank and Josie Levatino, Margaret Ray, Dallas Clark, Genevieve Klobucar, Mr. L. Debusschere, Rose Ann Callegari, Rogers Prevot, E. J. Moreau, Jr., Danius and Pearl Ardoin and James Manuel

Sunday, February 21, 2021

7:30 a.m.: For the People of St. Patrick

9:30 a.m.: Mai Tran, Susan Schillage, Margaret Hirezi, Wallace Young, Bailey Lauret and Dr. Steven Collins

11:30 a.m.: Lee Dupuis, Glenn Gaudet, Terry Edwards, Margaret Whittington, Gabriel Luksa, Gracie Hernandez and Jean Cangelosi

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

6:00 p.m.: Margaret Ray, Jean Cangelosi, Judy Thomason and the intention of Tommy Drodody

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Charlotte Musso, Oscar, Edith and Wayne Boudreaux, Margaret Hirezi and the intention of Joe Davis

Thursday, February 25, 2021

8:00 a.m.: John Beaugh, Margaret Chachati and La Le

Friday, February 26, 2021

8:00 a.m.: Van Le, Armide Chenevert and Bernadine Chenevert

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

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

SANCTUARY LIGHT

(February 20 through March 5, 2021) — Jean Cangelosi

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.

This First Sunday of Lent, is also the weekend that the church would normally celebrate with about 600 adults of our diocese who are seeking to become full members of the Catholic Church. We would celebrate a Rite of Sending at our parish and, later in the day, the catechumens and candidates would go on to the Rite of Election and Continuing Conversion at the cathedral. This year, due to Corona virus constraints, we won't have the Rite of Sending, but instead have the Rite of Election here.



Our RCIA team, under the direction of Mary Rogers, has been working with our unbaptized catechumen, Christian Carlin, and the baptized candidates, Amanda Carlin and Thomas Broadwell. On the basis of the testimony of the team and of their sponsors, the Church now judges their readiness and decides on their advancement toward the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. This step is called Election because the acceptance made by the Church is founded on the election by God, in whose name the Church acts. Christian will also enroll his name in the Book of the Elect as a pledge of his fidelity.

From the day of their election and admission to this final phase of their preparation, the catechumens will now be referred to as the "elect." After their election, the three will enter into a more intense period of spiritual preparation, just as we all do during Lent, to purify their hearts and minds with a deeper knowledge of Christ the Savior, as they search their own consciences and do penance.

In two weeks, our church will mark the Scrutinies, which are celebrated on the Third, Fourth, and Fifth Sundays of Lent. They will hear, ponder, and take to prayer the very rich Gospel texts of the Samaritan woman at the well, the man born blind and the raising of Lazarus as they scrutinize their minds and their hearts.

Please continue to pray for Christian, Amanda and Thomas. If you would like to send them cards of encouragement, please drop them off at the parish office and we will be sure that they receive them.

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