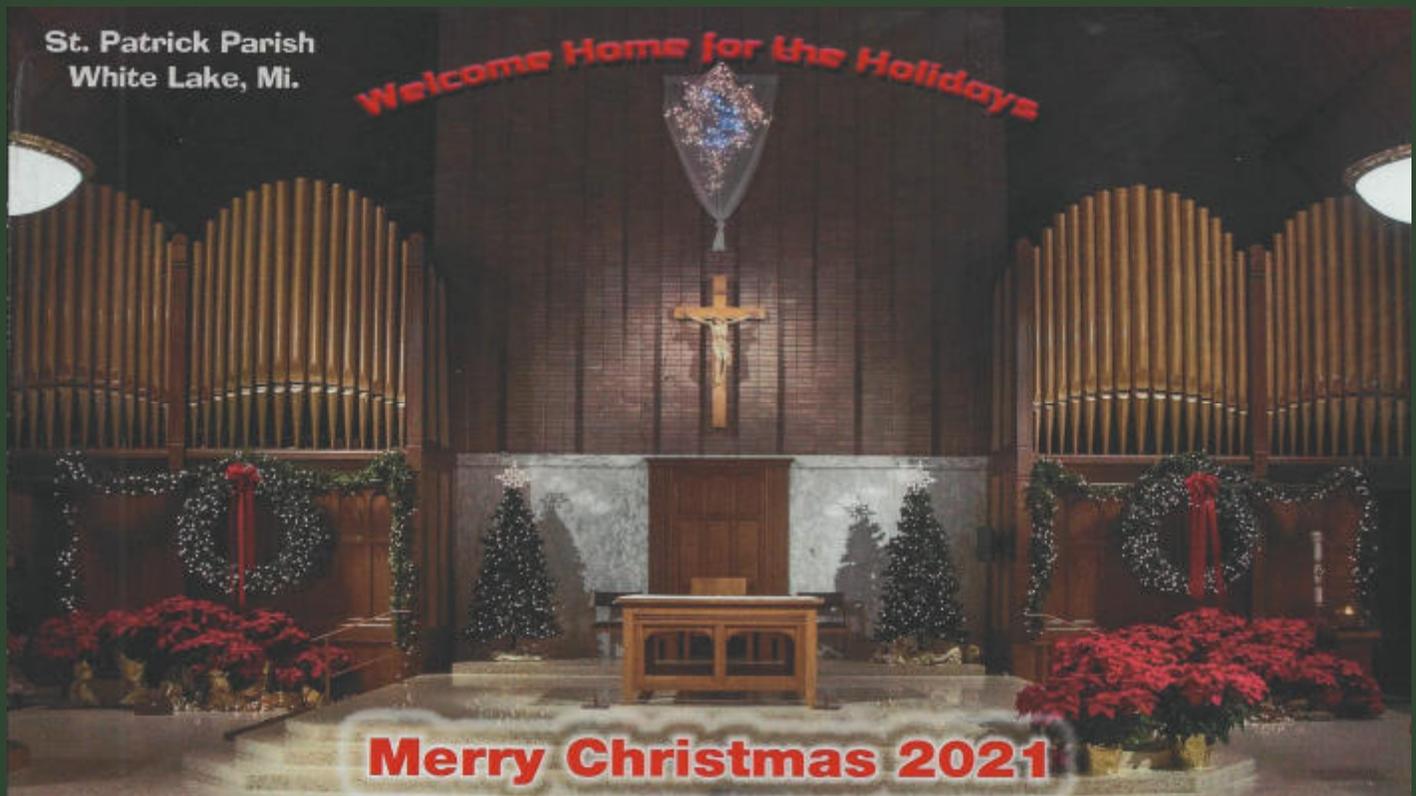


4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas 2021



Season's Greetings!

Catholics in the White Lake area have been celebrating the birth of Christ for over 180 years and we are happy you are part of our parish celebration in 2021!

***BEST WISHES FOR A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A
VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!***

St. Patrick Pastoral Team

Fr. Thomas Meagher

Fr. Susai Esack

Deacon Michael Chesley

Deacon Ken Bark

Ann Rogers

Gay Pousho

Jeremy Clark

Bonnie Degen

Vicki Krier

Julie Cavanaugh

Fourth Sunday of Advent... “Star of Love!”

Christmas...Our “Star of Love” is Born!



Pastoral Notes

Christmas will soon be here once again whether we are ready or not! Today we celebrate the liturgy of the 4th Sunday of Advent. For your convenience and because we anticipate large overflow crowds whom we wish to warmly welcome at our Liturgies for Christmas, please notice our special Christmas Mass schedule. Masses on **Friday, Christmas Eve, will be at 3:30pm** (in the church and gym), **5:30pm and 8:30pm** (Caroling begins at 8:00pm). **Masses on Saturday, Christmas Day, December 25th, will follow our Sunday schedule, i.e. 8:00am, 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.**

It is always a heartwarming occasion to see that so many people and families, as well as our many visitors, choose to be part of our St. Patrick Parish faith family as we gather in prayer to celebrate our Christmas Liturgies each year.

During the past weeks of Advent, and as we have reflected on “Our Star” as a star of “Hope,” a star of “Peace,” a star of “Joy,” today, on this fourth Sunday of Advent, we are invited to see “Our Star,” Our Lord and Savior, Son of God, born in Bethlehem, as our “Star of Love!” For God’s love came down for us at Christmas, the Word God became flesh, and aren’t we all fortunate that He decided to stay with us throughout our lives? For Jesus is “Emmanuel-God with us” both now and forever. Jesus is truly God’s greatest gift to us—“the gift that never stops giving” who remains for us, his disciples, as our way, our truth, our Resurrection and our life.

For God “chose to send his very best!”

On a personal note, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you, who throughout the year, in varied expressions, offer such generous and positive signs of Christian Stewardship by sharing your time, talent and financial support for our St. Patrick Parish Faith Family. This is also a fitting time for me to offer my personal, deep and heartfelt gratitude to all of you, members of our parish family, for the prayers, positive encouragement and support that you have so generously offered to me, to Fr. Susai, our Deacons, and other members of our pastoral leadership team, as well as for what you did for your former pastors and associate pastors who have served you here at our parish over the years.

As a people of a living faith, at Christmas we gather to tell and listen to the beginning of the “Greatest Story Ever Told” that is firmly grounded on factual reality and history, inviting us each time to deepen our faith, our hope and our love. At Christmas time each year, we remind ourselves of the birth of Jesus, God-with-us, our Emmanuel—the Promised One of God—Messiah-Redeemer - and Prince of Peace. So, when we join ourselves to that reality, then we can locate the place of gift-giving and receiving in a material way as we remember the “Season With A Precious Reason”!

I plan to offer the Masses of Christmas for you and for your intentions, and incidentally, by the grace of God and with the permission of Archbishop Vigneron, this will be my 34th Christmas with you for which I am very grateful. On behalf of our entire pastoral team and staff, we all wish you a blessed and joyous Christmas Season!

As we celebrate Christmas, we can all express our gratitude to all those persons in our lifetime who have helped us, as well as to pray for our own family members and parishioners whom we loved and those who loved us and have now passed on to their eternal reward. May those who have gone before us now enjoy the fullness of the gift of the Kingdom of Heaven—the fulfilled Christmas/Easter reality, as we continue to keep them all in our sacred and loving memory.

May we all be blessed with the “peace that surpasses all

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Christmas Mass Schedule

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Friday, December 24

3:30pm

(church & gym)

5:30pm

8:30pm

(Caroling at 8:00pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00am

10:00am

12:00pm



There is **NO**
5pm Mass on
Saturday, Dec. 25
or
Saturday, Jan. 1

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understanding” - the peace that only God can grant to us in this coming year of 2022! May we all follow the personal example of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, and continue to be willing to share our God-given blessings and show “kindness” to others in our days to come.

As we will soon come to this final week of 2021, perhaps we could find some quiet time to reflect on this great fundamental mystery of our faith, i.e. that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth, “to show us the face of God”. Jesus, our Emmanuel, was born of the Virgin Mary and the Word of God became flesh—came into our world—and through His continuous presence in Word and Sacrament and through one another, as members of the Body of Christ, remains with us. Jesus is truly God’s greatest gift to us— “the gift that never stops giving” - the gift of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, who is always our Way, our Truth, our Resurrection and our Life.

The season of Advent/Christmas is certainly all about “Hope,” “Peace,” “Joy,” and “Love.” However, as we believe that “Love Came Down For Us at Christmas”, this time remains, most importantly, the “Season of Love ... Par Excellence”!

Know that the St. Patrick “welcome mat” is always here for you.

“...May God bless us—each and every one!”

Summer’s End Non-Fair Appeal Update

We have great news to tell you regarding our recent “Non-Fair” Appeal. Many of us were really surprised at the generous response of three hundred donors! (You will find a list of them in our bulletin today.) We also received a number of donations beyond the requested amount of \$150.00. If you would still like to help us with this special appeal, simply make out a check to “St. Patrick Summer’s End Non-Fair” for the requested or an additional amount, if you wish, and we will all be the grateful beneficiaries of your generous heart as members of our St. Patrick Parish Faith Family.

Here’s the great news so far! With 345 donations, this appeal has amounted to \$69,001.00, and we expect that many more individuals or families will join with us before the end of this year.

As Pastor, I can’t thank you enough for your spirit of giving. May the Lord richly bless you and yours for your generosity and for your willingness to share your blessings with us, your parish family.

Peace and Joy in the Lord Jesus, our true Emmanuel, with God’s Christmas Blessings upon you,

Fr. Tom



The Nativity of the Lord

Our hearts are aglow with the joy of Christmas! Our senses are alive with the season, from the rich smells of evergreen and gingerbread to the feel of crisp air on our skin and the warmth of a loved one’s embrace. At some point in the holiday hustle and bustle, take a few moments of quiet. In the silence, reflect on the other senses of the season. Imagine the cool damp of an animal stable, the earthy smell of hay and feed, and the crisp night air blowing in softly. Imagine kneeling beside an exhausted, joyful mother and a relieved, protective father. Imagine an infant wrapped in cloth scraps held out to your open arms. Imagine holding the infant Jesus. As his eyes meet yours, welcome into your heart the greatest gift of Christmas.

The Angelus Prayer

The Angelus, a prayer with roots back to the 13th century, is a Marian devotion that is traditionally recited three times a day, **usually at 9am, noon, and 6pm**. Each recitation includes three Hail Marys with antiphons and responses in between each.

**V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace,
The Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art thou among women,
And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
Pray for us sinners,
Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary. . .

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary. . .

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Congratulations Deacon Mike



23 November 2021

Deacon Michael Chesley
1911 Stafford Ct.
Milford, Michigan 48381

Dear Deacon Chesley,

At the recommendation of the Episcopal Council and Deacon Missioning Team, I am pleased to appoint you to a secondary assignment as Pastoral Delegate for the Prison and Jail Ministry under the immediate supervision of the Director of Evangelical Charity (who reports to the Director of Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship) with the responsibilities stated in the Archdiocese of Detroit Strategic Plan for State Prisons and Local County Jail Ministry.

This appointment is effective immediately and will remain in effect for a period of three years. I want to thank you for your willingness to assume this important responsibility, in addition to your ministry at St. Patrick Parish in White Lake.

I would like to commend you for your dedicated service. I am confident that with God's help you will continue this faithful service for the glory of God and the good of His Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you. I ask that you remember me in your prayers as well.

With blessings and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Allen H. Vigneron". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

The Most Reverend Allen H. Vigneron
Archbishop of Detroit

Merry Christmas from Administration

Tis a Christmas we will all remember! It comes with a lot of “cannot do’s”, but this is what happens when Covid restrictions take place. Check the bulletin for the Christmas Mass schedule. The bulletin is online and the Christmas Mass will be live streamed. Download the parish app and the prompts will give you all the parish information. Our parish website is www.stpwl.org.

St. Patrick is a large parish—almost 3,200 families. Many who are registered are very active. We are always looking for and welcoming those who want to be involved, are willing to share their talents, or are willing to be trained in something specific. We encourage involvement at every level. It’s a great parish to belong to.

The role of Administration in the total picture of parish ministry is the establishment of a **Parish Finance Council** which is responsible for the effective management of parish resources. The funds raised through parish contributions and fundraising are allocated through a budgeting process to all the parish programs. This includes: everything that happens in Administration, Worship, Christian Service, Religious Education, and our Parish School.

We are fortunate to have members on the Finance Council who are committed to seeing that St. Patrick Parish remains viable. These members are: Steve Boggs, George Goeddeke, Jill Koterba, Dawn Shiner, Wally Mifsud, Fr. Tom (our pastor), and myself, Gay Pousho, Business Manager.

Each person comes to the Finance Council from their specialty in the secular world to offer their expertise and their Christian values. It is a group that is always focusing on the mission of the Church and the interest of the parish as a “whole” in all of the decisions made.

We have a parish secretary/receptionist, Cherie Holling. She is the first person you talk to either by phone or by coming into the parish office building. You will recognize her as the person who always wears a smile! Her duties are so innumerable and diverse that space does not allow listing them here. Bridgett Griffiths is an adminis-

trative assistant and is responsible for the recording of all monetary contributions and the billing and recording of any archdiocesan collections that we are required to be a part of. Kathy DeLorey, an administrative assistant, and is responsible for paying bills and recording expense information that is then processed for reports to the Finance Council, other commissions, and then the Archdiocese. There are also a number of parish volunteers who help with accounting and office needs such as mailings and issuing parish envelopes and change of addresses.

Our maintenance person is Mike Rhode. He is responsible for the maintenance of all of our parish buildings and our snow removal. There are parishioners who volunteer in this area, as well as outside contractors who are hired for janitorial, lawn maintenance, and specific repairs that are not covered by the maintenance person.

There are service groups that fall under the area of responsibility of Administration. Some of those groups have written an article in this bulletin to introduce their area to you.

Service groups within Administration include: the **Video Ministry**, which is totally composed of volunteers. They are about evangelization both to the parishioners of the parish and to a broader audience through a weekly Video Mass and educational programs on our local cable networks.

The **Knights of Columbus** is a chartered organization that provides fundraising and service to parish events. Please see their bulletin article.

Since Covid restrictions took place, the parish **Summer’s End Fair** was canceled. The opportunity to have a fair has not re-surfaced. Instead of a fair, it was decided to send a letter asking parishioners to donate a separate amount of \$150.00 to offset the amount a fair would raise. The letter was mailed to all parishioners. Hopefully, you received that letter and understood the importance of the request.

With Covid, the loss of the additional parking we used to have, and the vast amount of help it takes to run a fair, it was determined not to have a fair. Hopefully, as the restrictions are

lifted and we return to somewhat normal, you will find parish programs that offer you a place to come and enjoy the parish and our faith community.

Is this ministry? It certainly is. These functions are different ways of evangelization, both to our community through the service we offer to the event itself and the opportunity to reach out an invitation to the surrounding community. Yes, faith development does require funding and participation in the life of the parish. To belong to a parish is to participate with the people. We are a community and an extended family that is both welcoming and challenging.

As a result of Parish Assemblies, Town Halls, commissions and parishioner input, our parish buildings were expanded and remodeled beginning in 1997 when we were given permission by the Archdiocese to hire an architect and a fundraising company for the expansion project. Over seven million dollars was raised and borrowed in the 1996 and 2000 campaigns. Our debt has been paid off. Thank you for the years of commitment.

Administration centers around Stewardship through offertory and fundraising opportunities that provide the buildings for all this to happen. Maintenance, janitorial, snow removal, grass cutting and parking lot repairs are all ongoing so that the facilities are in repair and ready to be occupied.

A parish of over 3,200 registered families responding to their stewardship responsibilities should help in providing for parish ministry. As we enter the 2022/2023 budget year, the Finance Council will have the data from the stewardship appeal to know what is working towards those goals.

There is still much to be done in servicing the people of the Kingdom of God. If you are a parishioner, please take the stewardship of your parish seriously. It is a place where we come to practice our faith, share and break bread, and find comfort when in need.

Our parish bulletin is printed and distributed each week just for each of you. You can also read it online. The information and articles tell our story. Please pick up a copy each week and become a part of the story through your active participation. If you are away or missed picking one up, you can keep

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updated with home parish information at www.stpwl.org.

Gay Pousha
Business Manager

Merry Christmas from St. Patrick Video Ministry



Student actors during the re-enactment of Our Lady's appearance to Juan Diego at the Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

St. Patrick Video Ministry

St. Patrick Video Ministry was founded in 1979 by Monsignor Bob Humitz, as an extension to the Catholic Homebound. Our viewing audiences have always been our senior citizens, our sick, those in nursing homes, hospitals and those without means of getting to church regularly.

In 2018 the upgrade came with the "State of the Art" equipment with the help from donors and the blessings from Fr. Tom Meagher.

Then in 2020, the Pandemic hit our country hard, so much so, that the Archdiocese of Detroit announced on TV that all churches would be closing until further notice. Upon hearing the news, I immediately spoke to Fr. Tom and asked him if he could get the message out to all of our parishioners that we will continue to provide our weekly-televised Mass. With Fr. Tom's leadership, he spread the word to let everyone know and he added that we would also expand our viewership via LIVE STREAM on social media.

By the Grace of God, we are now open to full capacity, and we only use Live Stream for special events. Please

visit our website for upcoming events or any events you might have missed.

Currently, St. Patrick Video Ministry has 6 active members and we are always looking for volunteers to join our team. If you are interested in this ministry, please stop by any Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. No experience necessary!

In closing, we at St. Patrick Parish Video Ministry would like to extend a Blessed Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all of you. Be safe and May God Bless You.

Teresa Mershman
Producer/Director
St. Patrick Video Ministry



Liturgical Protocols

With the recent increase in Covid-19 cases in Michigan, and the approaching winter season, we wish to remind clergy and parishes of the Archdiocese of Detroit's current guidelines for liturgies:

- The Archdiocese of Detroit encourages Mass-goers, regardless of vaccination status, to wear face-coverings and to practice social distancing to reduce exposure to Covid-19.
- The Archdiocese of Detroit strongly recommends that each pastor/in Solidum team should evaluate their location in the Archdiocese and implement the following protocols:
 - ◊ Strongly encourage masking and social distancing to wear face-coverings and use hand sanitizer.
 - ◊ Hang signage indicating masking and social distancing are strongly encouraged.
 - ◊ Ensure that hand sanitizer is read-

- ily available at church entrances and near the sanctuary.
- ◊ Evaluate space for the choir, and strongly recommend that those who are unvaccinated do not participate in the choir at this time.

The faithful are reminded that particular dispensations from the obligation to participate in Holy Mass remain in effect for people who are ill or who find themselves in other specific circumstances. For more information: aod.org/emergency_response

Human Resources

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) issued a public health advisory last week reiterating its recommendation to use face masks.

In accordance with these recommendations, the Archdiocese of Detroit continues to recommend masking for individuals working in or visiting parishes, regardless of vaccination status. It is also recommended that individuals maintain at least 3 to 6 feet of physical distance, when possible.

Employees should refrain from reporting to work if they are ill, following the office protocol(s) for reporting an absence. Staff shall notify the pastor immediately of any possible or confirmed case of Covid-19, and parishes will continue to collaborate with their county health departments to establish contact tracing and to implement quarantines when deemed necessary by health officials.

The Department of Human Resources will keep you apprised of any new recommendations or orders.



ADMINISTRATION

Gay Pousho, Business Manager 248-698-3100

WEEKLY OFFERTORY COLLECTION SUMMARY

WEEK OF 12/12/21	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>DIFFER- ENCE</u>
WEEKLY OFFERTORY	\$12,363.33		
ONLINE GIVING	\$4,975.55		
TOTAL	\$17,338.88	\$18,692.31	(\$1,353.43)
YEAR TO DATE	\$448,111.84	\$448,615.44	(\$503.60)

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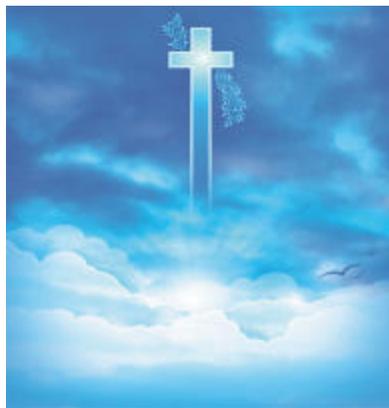
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Summer's End Non-Fair Report!

As of: 12-13-2021

No. of Donors: 345

Grand Total: \$69,001.00



Please Pray For the Recently Deceased

Larry Michalik
12-2-21

Barbara Ann Therrian
Sister of Geneva Goeddeke
12-4-21

Sue Kroll
Wife of Al
12-5-21

Gary Regentin
Husband of Cheryl
12-6-21

Henry Smoke
Husband of Terese
12-5-21

Please Pray for Our Men & Women in the Military

- EM2 Christian Kopicko - Coast Guard
- HMC Geraldine Petrick – Navy Reserves
- SPC Kerry Petrick – Army Reserves
- Lt. Paul Campbell – USN
- Sr. Airman Eric Kelly – Airforce
- Major Andrew Atanasoff – USAF
- Major Kathleen Atanasoff – USAF
- S SGT Casey Crowley – Marines
- PFC Dustin Crowley – Nat. Guard
- Capt. Joseph Payne- Army
- Michael Territo- Navy
- Andrew Lucas-USMC
- Jesse Arbuckle- Navy
- E-1 Jacob Collins -National Guard-Army
- 1st Lt. Marcel Cloutier – Air Force
- Lt. Kirk S Seleski – U.S. Army
- Austin Oberlander US Army
- Sarah Schneider US Air Force
- Justin Riordan, Army National Guard
- LCpl Bryce D. Samoylov—Marines
- Evan Caswell—Marines



ELECTRONIC GIVING

To make your Sunday contribution electronically:

If your bank offers free bill pay, we suggest you use that service **OR** go to our website at stpwl.org and click on "Online Giving". If you are contributing electronically and no longer wish to receive envelopes, please let us know. Call Bridgett at 248-698-3100 ext. 228, or bgriffith@stpwl.org

PARISH UPDATE

Have you moved...dropped your landline? Do we have your email? Please notify the parish office at 248-698-3100 ext. 228

Christmas Break

Parish Office Closed

**December 22nd
at Noon
reopens
January 4th, 2022**



Stewardship

Live & Give in GRATITUDE

Many Thanks to our Non-Fair Contributors!

Aaron & Gina Delizia	Dennis & Cathy Sauve	Gregory & Margaret Smith	John Wisely
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Anonymus	Diane Barnett	Henry & Valerie Vespa	Julie Thoma
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EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

Baby Jesus' Wish List

Odds are you've got a Christmas list going by now — gift ideas for everyone from your nephew to your goddaughter to your mailman. But what about the birthday boy? What's the gift Jesus gets from you this Christmas?

If you've ever read the Book of Leviticus, you know all about the sacrifices God asks of the Israelites, referred to in the reading from Hebrews today. Leviticus can be a chore to read — a little repetitive, a little intimidating. There's a lot of very specific actions that God asks His Chosen People to complete to make up for whatever they have done wrong. In essence, it's a bit of a wish list for gifts.

But it's a wish list that can really confuse you. What's God going to do with a cereal offering? The kidneys of an animal? If you look closely, what God is doing here is beautiful. He's customized his wish list to only those things He knows the Israelites can give. It's God saying, in what amounts to theological baby-talk for folks who barely know of Him and His ways, exactly how they could be stewards. "Do this, but don't do that. If you do that, do this and you will find My mercy."

Our guide to stewardship — the Gospels of Christ — is less precise because by the time of Christ, God's people have grown in understanding of love and mercy and relationship with the divine. Through Christ, we find out that God's real wish list didn't really consist of cereal offerings and the kidneys of various animals. It's far simpler, but luckily, it's something we still have on-hand. All He wants is our whole heart.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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*May God Bless You
All For Your
Generous Hearts!*

WORSHIP

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Christmas in the liturgical year is more than a day. The liturgical year gives us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas joy for sixteen days this year. What a blessing this is when the day-to-day challenges of life often can lack in true joy and when we see the marketplace remove everything Christmas after post-Christmas sales of December 26.

Throughout Advent, we trusted in the promise of the Lord's coming. Over the course of the six Masses for the Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord, we hear of Jesus, the child, descendant of David, Son of God and Son of Mary, born for us. In Him, the grace of God appears, saving all. He is the Word made flesh. He is King! This wondrous news calls us to respond in worship, in joy, and in love for God and one another. The angels and shepherds show us how to respond: worship and praise we must offer to the glory of God. The posture of adoration is the first posture for every disciple.

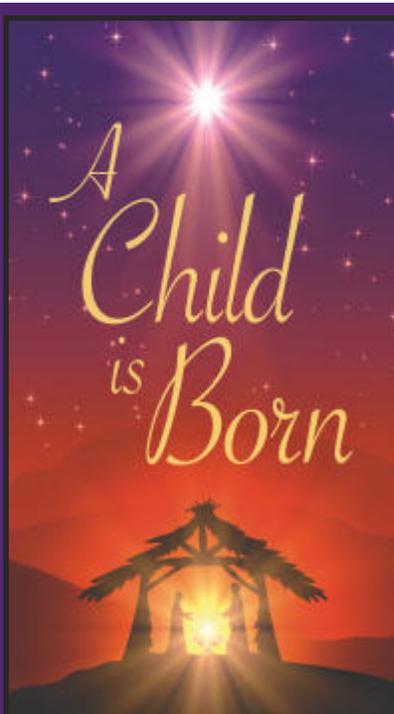
During Christmas Time, the liturgical calendar gifts us with the examples of St. Stephen, the first martyr, St. John the Apostle and Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, SS. Basil and Gregory, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, and St. John Neumann. These holy men and women are models of how to testify to Jesus the Light of the World and walk in his light.

On the Feast of the Holy Family, the example of Joseph and Mary's faithfulness following God's call to bear his only Son, Jesus helps define our own discipleship. The Magi's joy on the great manifestation of the Epiphany of the Lord becomes resounding joy in parish liturgies we celebrate. The glory of the Lord is on Jerusalem; the Lord's light is for all to see; we are one body, Jews and Gentiles, those of us who follow and those yet to follow Christ, the Son of God. This is Epiphany joy!

As the time of Christmas draws to a close, we sense the beginning of a new time in our journey through the liturgical year as we hear the stories of the first disciples. We ponder whether Andrew's proclamation to his brother Simon "We have found the Messiah" can be our proclamation to those we meet at church, to our relatives and to those with whom we work and play.



To have truly amazing Parish Liturgical Celebrations, whether it is a funeral, a wedding, baptism, reconciliation service or weekend Mass, it takes the work of many people who share their talents with our Parish Family! Thank you to all who make our Parish a wonderful place of worship! Your time and talents are beyond AMAZING!



For Reflection:

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." Merry Christmas! Jesus is born! Today we rejoice that this new life, this infant God, has come to be "the light of the human race." He is here to shine in the darkness of our sin and sadness, to bring joy and peace in place of sorrow. We celebrate this day with all the energy we have because we know that Christmas truly means good news!

Many of us have topped our trees with a bright star that helps to light up our homes, especially at nighttime. These stars should be more than just plastic decorations, however! They should also shine as reminders to us of the Star of Bethlehem that announced the coming of Christ. What better way to welcome the Light of the World than with that magnificent star?

And just as the Magi found their way to Jesus by following the light of that star, so we too have a heavenly guide to follow: Jesus himself! We have his words and teachings recorded for us in Scripture, his actions and directives preserved through the Tradition of the Church, and the guidance of his Spirit to assist us along the way. And all of these gifts are ours because of Christmas! Because the "Word" became flesh and made his dwelling among us."

As we exchange gifts with our loved ones on this special day, may we remember all of these wonderful things we have already received. And may we strive to give to our family and friends not only the treasures that come in boxes and bags, but also a share in the greatest gifts of God: forgiveness, mercy and the unconditional love that brings joy enough to last the whole year through.

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Here at St. Patrick, we partake in the Sacrament of Baptism. If you are looking to get your child Baptized, or even yourself, please

call the Worship Office: 248-698-3100 Ext 222 or through my email: arogers@stpwl.org.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to ALL!

Low Gluten Hosts Available

If you have a gluten intolerance, we have low gluten hosts (0.01%) available. Please go to the Eucharistic Minister near the Tabernacle to receive your low gluten host.

The minister will also have a sign indicating that are offering low gluten hosts.



Order of the Franciscan Secular (O.F.S.)

Peace and all good this Christmas Season from the Secular Franciscan of St. Louis the King Fraternity

St. Pope John XXIII; St. Pope Paul VI; St. John Vianney; St. Thomas More; St. Louis the King; St. Elizabeth of Hungary. What do all these saints have in common? They were all members of the Third Order of St. Francis, known as the Secular Franciscan Order. St. Francis founded an order for lay people and clergy who wished to follow Jesus, living simple Gospel lives. If you are interested in exploring if the call to follow Jesus in the footsteps of St. Francis is right for you, come and visit the St. Louis Fraternity which meets at St. Patrick on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00pm. The call to re-build the Church that St. Francis received 800 years ago is relevant today. On his death bed, Francis left his followers these words: "I have done what is mine to do, now go and do what is yours to do, for as yet, we have accomplished nothing."

These words of Francis confirm that we are all called to continual conversion, a daily, lifelong journey to conform ourselves to Christ. Conversion is a process, not a one-time event. Are you interested in exploring how the Secular Franciscan Order can help you on your journey of continual conversion? Contact David Seitz: 248-425-8534.



This Week's Readings

Monday, December 20

Is 7:10-14

Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday, December 21

Sg 2:8-14

Zep 3:14-18a

Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday, December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

Thursday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

Friday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Is 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Mt 1:1-25

Is 9:1-6

Lk 2:1-14

Saturday, December 25

Christmas Day

Is 62:11-12

Ti 3:4-7

Lk 2:15-20

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18 or 12:1-5, 9-14

Sunday, December 26

Feast of the Holy Family

1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28

1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24

Lk 2:41-52



YOUTH MINISTRY

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Sacramental Preparation Confirmation

Confirmation is our Sacramental process for teens in the 9th grade or older. This sacrament completes the Rite of Christian Initiation into the Catholic faith. The process begins with a candidate and parent session in the Spring of a student's 8th grade year.

We are hoping for an early Spring Confirmation date in March or April of 2023. The process includes 10 sessions (we meet on Sunday evenings), 2 retreat days, service opportunities and 2 workshops to aid our new disciples carry out their God given missions. The candidates gather with other already Confirmed teens at each session to gain a deeper understanding of the Sacraments, Beatitudes and Gifts of the Holy Spirit. The process is designed to help the candidates learn how to incorporate answering God's call to a life of discipleship into their daily living.

Current 8th grade students enrolled in the Genesis and Logos or St. Patrick School will receive information packets for registration in February. All others should stop in the Faith Formation office at the end of February. The journey begins with session #1 in March 2022!

Save the Date, EITHER Sunday, March 20th following the 5pm Youth Mass or Tuesday, March 22nd at 7:00pm.

All teens wishing to be prepared for Confirmation during the 2022-2023 school year need to attend one of these dates WITH A PARENT. 8th grade students and their parents should mark their calendars today!

St Patrick Middle School Faith Formation



Attention middle school aged students (grades 6-7-8.) Join us 12 times a year for Genesis & Logos. This unique program meets twice a month on alternating Mondays. The evening provides both prayer and catechesis in a fun and friendly way. There is also social time with open gym, games and sometimes a snack. Tweens are able to share their Catholic faith with their peers as we discuss ways to be a disciple in 2022. Genesis Logos is an opportunity to be a "practicing Catholic" during the middle school years. Parents can join the fun too by volunteering to assist as a table leader or hall monitor during the in-person sessions.



We are using engaging materials and the students seem to be enjoying the "Challenges" set forth each session. We have adapted to Covid restrictions while still providing Fun with Faith experiences. 6th graders walk through the Bible using "Encounter" while 7th and 8th graders explore faith topics using the "Chosen—This is your Catholic Faith" videos. Catholic youth speakers present topics for student discussion.



This past October, we hosted Karen Ervin from Our Lady of Good Counsel. She spoke to us about the difference between knowing God and only knowing things about God. On February 7th, 2022, we are planning to host our annual, "Bring a friend" night. For this gathering, The King's Yomen will be joining us to present their drama gospel ministry using yo-yo's. The message is to use the talents God has given you to the best of your ability and to glorify God. This will be an evening not to miss! All Genesis & Logos students and their friends will receive a yo-yo to go!

We look forward to a retreat day on February 27th. We have the young adults from NET Ministries coming to lead us through the topic of Authentic Friendships. This will be offered at our parish to all the churches in our now "Family" of parishes. A great opportunity for middle school students to journey in faith with a larger community of believers.



Learning from many youth experts, who present the faith in new and unexpected ways, your child will be inspired on multiple levels—intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually

It is never too late to register your Middle School Student for this amazing Youth Ministry experience!



Teens...Stay spiritually fed by staying in touch using one of our Social Media Platforms!



Remind: Text "@sptee" to 81010



Instagram: @spteenswhitelake



Facebook: SpTeens White Lake



Twitter: spteenswhitelake



Snapchat: spatteens



SpTeens – High School Youth Ministry



SpTeens is our youth ministry for high school students that provides faith and fun all in one! Focusing on service, faith and fun, the teens are present in a wide variety of the Christian stewardship ministries of our St. Patrick parish. At the parish, you are bound to see teens serving as lectors, Eucharistic ministers, aides in the various faith formation programs, crew leaders for VBS and most importantly serving as mentors and facilitators for our confirmation preparation process. The peer facilitator role is an opportunity for teens to share their own faith experiences with other young Catholics while growing deeper in their own relationship with the Lord.

The teens hold social events throughout the year including our after mass teen socials, a monthly youth mass; summertime fun and service with our Motor City Mission Trip, Kalahari, Bible on a boat and movie nights with our family of parishes and faith growing experiences such as our “Box City,” a homeless awareness overnight, our new “Fr. Mike Nights and a teen bible study . These are opportunities for the teens to gather on a regular basis to experience faith and fun. This past fall we took a group of teens to the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis. The three day event held opportunities for prayer, liturgy, and sacraments; gaining wisdom and inspiration; service and recreation; and of course fun! Contact jcavanaugh@stpwl.org for information on events.

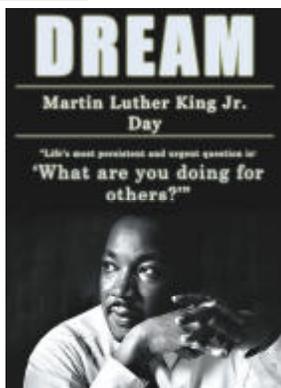


NEW YEAR....FULL OF NEW OPPORTUNITIES!

Works of Mercy for Confirmation candidates and anyone looking to “Unleash the Gospel” by being a Joyful Missionary Disciple!

Martin Luther King Service Day
January 15th, 2022 10:00am—2:00pm

Youth Ministries from across the Archdiocese of Detroit will be honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by witnessing to the power of God’s Mercy. This event will mobilize hundreds of young people to serve in their communities! We will have opportunities to serve at the church or from your home on this day. The world hungers for an experience of God’s Mercy like never before! Are you in?



‘Soup’er Bowl Sunday Collection
After All Masses February 12th & 13th

We will hold our annual monetary collections in soup pots on Superbowl Sunday weekend. Teens will be needed to hold the pots after mass to collection donations.



Red Cross Blood Drive February 25, 2022

Teens from the parish can register donors, serve juice and cookies after the donations and complete a variety of service projects for the parish Faith Formation Office. Help us fill this life-giving need. Blood supplies are at all time lows.



Kid’s Coalition Against Hunger Meal Packaging Event
Saturday, February 5th 10:00am-noon

We are looking for 60 or 70 volunteers to help package meals for disaster relief efforts and third world countries. Come be part of an assembly line to package 10,000 boil in bag meals to be shipped wherever needed. This is an event that will feed others with nutrition and bring nourishment to the soul of those packaging the meals. Watch for a sign-up in early January to be part of this event.

Children’s Easter Egg Hunt—April 16, 2022

The SpTeens help coordinate the parish annual Easter Egg Hunt. Teens will be needed to stuff the eggs in advance and also to facilitate the fun on the day of the hunt. The children of the parish enjoy finding the “Hidden” eggs along with eating some treats and visiting with a Special Guest!



The 4th Sunday of Advent

Mary Visits Elizabeth

Lk 1:39-45

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and 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? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

A Time to Chat:

When Mary came to visit her cousin Elizabeth, she was pregnant. Who was the child in her womb? What role does Elizabeth's child play in the Christmas story? What does it mean when Elizabeth says to Mary, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb"?

A Christmas Prayer

Loving Father, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen!

ADVENTUS *(Latin)* = COMING *(English)*

ADVENT = Coming of Christ

1st Sunday
(nearest 30th of Nov)



Prophecy
Candle

2nd Sunday



Bethlehem
Candle

3rd Sunday



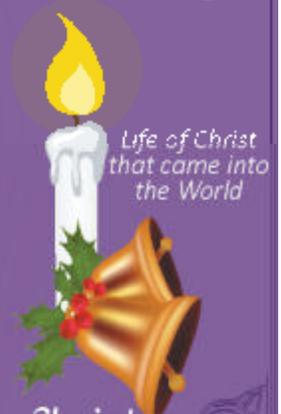
Shepherd's
Candle

4th Sunday



Angel's
Candle

Christmas Eve
or Christmas Day

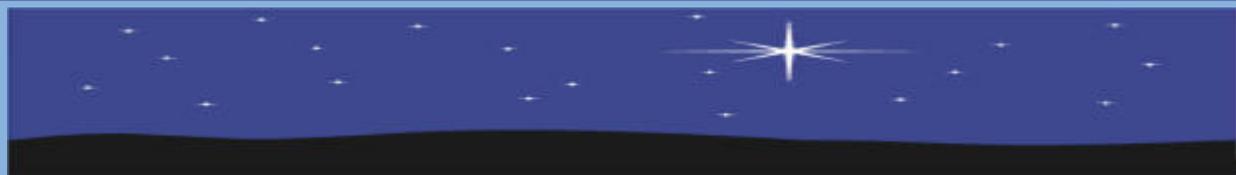


Christ
Candle

On Saturday, November 27th at the 5PM Mass we had eight children in grades 4-9 celebrate *The Rite of Acceptance*. This is a time when the Church joyfully welcomes those who are participating in *RCIA* into the order of catechumens. Most of the students have been meeting since September, and others even through the summer, to grow in their faith and knowledge of the Lord. They have a great desire to become members of the Catholic Church and they have the support of their parents, and/or sponsors, as well as the St. Patrick Community. They will complete their Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. Keep our Catechumens in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey .



RCIA for Children



This year we have a hybrid Faith Formation Religious Education program for children in kindergarten through 5th grade. We meet every other Monday at the school and parents conduct the lesson at home with their children on alternating Mondays. We are using “Christ in Us” program from Sadlier publishing which ties really well with the Unleash the Gospel pastoral letter from the Archdiocese of Detroit. During the program the children and catechists will Encounter Jesus Christ, accompany (grow) Him in our lives, and be Witness to our faith. The program offers flexibility that allow us to teach in person and have parents do some of the lessons at home with all the tools provided by the publisher. So far this year we have not had any major interruptions to our in-person classes. The children have been great following all the Covid protocols and our catechists are grateful and joyful to see them in classes. As we navigate through these hard times, we truly are grateful for the trust you have placed in us to teach your children and have their faith grow through our Religious Education program.

I want to thank all the families, our catechists, our parish, and our RE office for all their continued efforts to make this a successful year. I wish you all a blessed Merry Christmas and a joy-filled New Year.

Blessings and Merry Christmas,
Mauro Saavedra – Section Head

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Bonnie Degen

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Merry Christmas!

from the Christian Service Staff:

**Bonnie Degen, Judy Puralewski, Kelly Brittingham,
John Abela and our volunteer support staff:
Mary Jane LaFontaine, Cheri Gavlini, Marge
Sawruk, Catherine Manning, Kelly Mesh, Theresa
Dove**

New Parishioner Registration

Please contact Lisa Powaser at the Parish Office to register.
248-698-3100



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is for those who have serious health issues [diabetes, heart problems, mental or emotional illness, MS, addiction, asthma, chemotherapy, cancer, etc.], a temporary serious situation such as surgery, or for those who are facing health testing [such as heart catheterization, MRI or biopsy]. The elderly can and should be anointed even once a year.

If you wish to receive this sacrament, please call the parish office at 248-698-3100 to arrange for a priest to visit. By prior arrangement this sacrament can also be celebrated during the week in the chapel or before or after Mass on the weekend.



Parish Nurse Ministry

The Parish Nurse Ministry focuses on health promotion and disease prevention. Some of the services we provide are health education, making referrals to community agencies, supplying educational reading materials on health issues and AED/CPR classes.

THE AED (automatic external defibrillator) and a small oxygen tank are located in a wall cabinet in the hallway outside the choir-side entrance to the church. They are accessible from the church, parish hall, offices, and gym. There is an additional AED unit in the school. Emergency phones and facility maps are located in the parish kitchen and Usher's Room.

I'm Spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this Year

by Wanda Becker

I see with countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights like heaven's stars reflecting in the snow.

The sight is so spectacular please wipe away that tear,
For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear
But that sound of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.

I have no words to tell you of the joy their voices bring
For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?

I'll ask him to lift your spirits as I tell him of your love
So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

Please let your hearts be joyful and let your spirit sing
For I am spending Christmas in heaven
and I'm walking with the King.

**REMEMBERING YOUR LOVED
ONES THIS CHRISTMAS**



Some of the areas covered by Christian Service Ministry:

Bulletin articles and Bulletin boards and Cards

- Get well to parishioners listed in the Universal Prayer
- Sympathy to families who are members here or whose loved ones are buried from here
- Baptism cards

Coffee & Donuts

- Proceeds support 6 missions; fellowship supports the parish community

Communion

- To the homebound (once a week)
- To Huron Valley Hospital (daily)
- To nursing homes and Independence village

Enrichment

- Programs such as Women's Advent Tea; guest speakers

Food for Sharing

- Weekly food collection & delivery Supports the Open Door Outreach Center in Waterford

Hospitality

- Funeral luncheons; receptions; pre-baptism class refreshments

Networking

- With vicariate parishes & local service agencies

Operation Rice Bowl/Catholic Relief Services

- Almsgiving program during Lent

Outreach

- Assistance to those within our parish boundaries with utilities, rent, food & gas cards, medical needs, etc.

Pamphlets and Care Notes

- Pamphlet racks in the church vestibule, by the tabernacle door, and in the corridor by the parish hall

Parish Nurse Ministry

- Annual flu shots / Health Fair
- Sacrament of Anointing (annual communal celebration)
- CPPR/AOD classes
- Educational information in the bulletin and on the bulletin board

Peace & Justice

- Advocacy
- Membership in Justice organizations

Recycling/Environmental Justice

- Finding a "home" for usable items, medical supplies, cancelled stamps, religious articles, etc.

Resources Ad Referrals

- Lists of child caregivers, health caregivers, counseling services, assisted living facilities, etc.

Respect Life

- Advocacy
- Fundraising for Lifespan Education programs with our Mother's Day flower sale, Father's Day candy sale, Christmas card sale, luminary and misc. items.
- Respect Life month activities
- Sanctity of Life activities facilitated by our St. Patrick Right to Life group
- Pregnancy Help Center

Scouting

- Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Venture, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisies—weekly meetings and special events

Seasonal Sharing/Giving Tree

- Christmas, Easter, Back-to School

Support Groups

- Grief support materials mailed to member families whose loved ones are buried from here

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

- Monthly meeting

Transportation

- To medical appointments, etc., as needed
- Deliver Meals on Wheels once monthly in White Lake

Volunteer Coordination

- On-going recruiting, training, and affirmation of people to assist in Christian Service ministry

World Food Day

- Awareness of world hunger issues
- Food collection (October)
- Monthly food collection with school children



Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

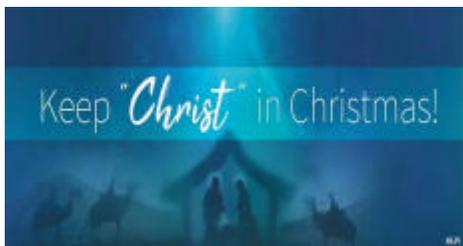


Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to our fellow St. Patrick parishioners. We want to sincerely thank all of you, parishioners, parish staff, Fr. Tom and Fr. Susai, for the support given to us as we try to evangelize by demonstrating the parish's love of neighbor by attending to the basic requirements of those in need. As we often say, we could not do it without you.

Our St. Vincent de Paul organization is part of the largest Catholic charity organizations in the world, with over 900,000 members worldwide and is dedicated to trying to help those in need. We are organized into conferences which conform to parish boundaries. We usually make house calls to ascertain the need, and based on that need, try to provide assistance. We are not geared to long term help like state or federal agencies, but more to gap assistance to see a person or a family over a certain obstacle. This help usually comes in the way of rent or utility assistance, car repairs, help with various forms of insurance, but can include other facets of need, such as dental work, etc.

As we gather with family and friends to celebrate the season, let us not forget those in need. Your kind contributions to the needy in our area are one way of passing on Christian charity to those less fortunate. Please help us in our mission of reaching out to the needy through your donations to the Poor Boxes at the back and side exits of the church.

**May God bless You
and have a
Merry and Holy Christmas!**





PRAYER REQUESTS

Ottie Kowalis
 Blanche Newton
 Michael Newton
 John Hanna
 Butch Buechel
 George Goeddeke
 Chuck Spadafore
 Mario Stellini
 Bill Reed
 Billy Reed
 Pat Klinkovsky
 Marge Sawruk
 Carl Schmitt
 Christopher Melcher
 Matthew Kovach
 Amy Marino
 Andrew Snook
 Paul LaFontaine
 Joseph & Ruth Hauswirth
 Baby Alex Levine
 Sheila Beaudoin
 Betty Henry
 Linda Parker
 Sam Kirk
 Brenda Blackburn
 Betty McClelland
 Ruth Durand
 Bonnie Murray
 Cassie Flynn
 Pam Muehlbrandt
 Nonie McGlynchey
 Ciera Wood
 Larry Brendal
 Sue Mroczka
 Betty Tomezak
 Matthew Stram



St. Patrick Video Ministry

**Please join us for our
Weekly Televised Mass**

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SOUTHFIELD:
Comcast
Sunday: 10:00am (Channel 18)

WATERFORD AREA:
Media Network of Waterford-Comcast
Sunday: 10:00am (Channel 10)
Tuesday: 10:00am (Channel 10)
Saturday:
(AT&T U-Verse subscribers
Channel 99. You may pick up any city
you want to see. Check local listings.)

**CLARKSTON/INDEPENDENCE
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Thursday: 6:30pm (Channel 10)

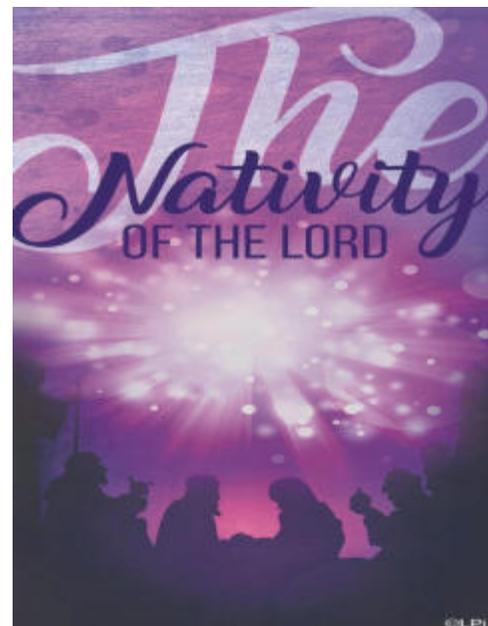
LAKES AREA:
**(Commerce Twp., Milford, South
Lyon, Union Lake, Walled Lake,
White Lake Twp., Wixom, Wolverine
Lake)**
Comcast
Saturday: 4:00pm & 6:30pm (Channel
22)
Sunday: 10:00am (Channel 22)
Sunday: 7:00pm (Channel 398)

(CTND is no longer telecasting the
Masses)
Also available on St. Patrick home page
for Virtual Masses at stpwl.org. Also
available from the St. Patrick Parish Virtual
Mass archives.

(as of August 30, 2020)

Universal Prayer :

Please call the Parish Office to add a name to the Universal Prayer that is read during Mass. Names of persons needing prayers are read during Mass for two weeks. The names will then run in the "Prayers for the Sick" column for 6 weeks. To re-list the name (s), please call the Parish Office at 248-698-3100.



Schedule for December 21 & December 24, 25, 26

DATE/TIME	MINISTERS OF THE WORD	MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST	ALTAR SERVERS	OFFERTORY
Tuesday Dec. 21 Video Mass 11:00am Fr. Susai	Pat Baumgarten	Volunteers	Volunteers	Video Volunteers Camera: Teresa Audio: Sam Director: Teresa Producer: Sam
Friday Dec. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE 3:30pm (church) Fr. Tom 3:30pm (gym) Fr. Susai 5:30pm Fr. Susai 8:30pm Fr. Tom	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Saturday Dec. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00am Fr. Susai 10:00am Fr. Susai / Deacon Ken 12:00pm Fr. Tom / Deacon Mike	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Sunday Dec. 26 8:00am Fr. Tom	Morey Yaklin	Volunteers	Gavin Garbinski Sela Kubiak June Spencer Zoey Toton	Volunteers
10:00am Fr. Susai	John Fitzgerald	Volunteers	Sloan Johnson Joey Kallabat Maria Weickel James Wigton	Volunteers
12:00pm Fr. Tom	Marsha Hughes-Navarre	Volunteers	Andrew Ciarelli Ashleigh Holubeck-Gotts Brady LeMarbe Olivia Ludwiczak	Volunteers



Mass Intentions Scheduled for December 20 - December 26

Day/Date	Time	Intentions	By
Monday, December 20	8:00 am	For All the Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish	
Tuesday, December 21	11:00 am (Video Mass)	Glen Watson - Remembrance of his 80th Birthday	Friends
Wednesday, December 22	8:00 am	Mark Bristol - Anniversary of Death Mary Grzywacz	Delores Pudduck
Thursday, December 23	8:00 am	For All the Parishioners of St. Patrick Parish	
Friday, December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	3:30pm	Thomas & Patricia Tomezak - In Remembrance John Geran - In Remembrance	Family Family
	5:30pm	The Kolly & Holling Families Ken Brillinger	Wife & Family
	8:30pm	Steven Miller on his Birthday Carol Yost - In Remembrance	Family Family
Saturday, December 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	8:00am	Tim Gordon—Birthday Remembrance Karol Ciaverella The Dirker, Heilbron & Walderzek Families Dennis LaFontaine - In Remembrance	Paul The Dirker Family Family
	10:00am	Gloria Minnebo Charles Brincat Gordon & Arlene Dorris - In Remembrance Mike Larkin - In Remembrance	Husband, Jim The Berera & Poir Families Tom & Colleen Keliher Tom & Colleen Keliher
	12:00pm	Joann & Barry Hill - In Remembrance Eleanor Limb - In Remembrance Tom Zann Gerard & Irene Thibodeau Bernie & Janice Masterson	The Hill Family Shirley O'Kelly & Maureen Underhill Family Family Family
Sunday, December 26	8:00 am	Dennis Duggan on his Birthday Dan & Mary Keliher - In Remembrance Ed & Gwen Larkin - In Remembrance Carol Larkin - In Remembrance	Tom & Colleen Keliher Tom & Colleen Keliher Tom & Colleen Keliher
	10:00 am	Nelson V. Rich, Jr William Hall - In Remembrance	Wife, Carol & Family John & Jennifer Fitzgerald
	12:00 pm	Melvin Anderson - Anniversary of Death Rufina Tan - In Remembrance	Kristen & Randy Grierson The Abinoja Family



WEEKLY CALENDAR
December 20 - December 26

Monday, Dec. 20
Mass - 8:00am
 6:00pm - K of C Planning Mtg.

Tuesday, Dec. 21
Mass - 11:00am (Video Mass)
 7:00pm - Music Ministry Rehearsals

Wednesday, Dec. 22
Mass - 8:00am

Thursday, Dec. 23
Mass - 8:00am

Friday, Dec. 24
Christmas Eve
Masses: 3:30pm (church)
 3:30pm (gym)
 5:30pm
 8:30pm
Carol Singing at 8:00pm

Saturday, Dec. 25
Christmas Day
Masses: 8:00am
 10:00am
 12:00pm

Sunday, Dec. 26
Masses: 8am, 10am, 12pm



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 Saturday 5 p.m.
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Weekday Mass Schedule
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 Wednesday 8:00 a.m.
 Thursday 8:00 a.m.
 Friday 8:30 a.m.

Rosary
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 Mother of Perpetual Help devotions are prayed after each Monday Mass.

Holy Day Mass Schedule
 6:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Mass on a Civic Holiday - 9:00 a.m.
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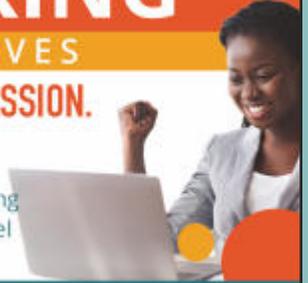
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