

ST. PATRICK PARISH

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline for items to be placed in the bulletin is Friday at 12 Noon.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday and Friday
9:00 am—2:00 pm
Closed Tuesdays, Wednesday,
and Thursdays



SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday Vigil.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am
Weekdays.....see schedule

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays—4:15 pm to 4:45 pm
Sundays—8:45 am to 9:15 am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made one year in advance. Marriage preparation is required.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

A family member must notify the parish office if a parishioner is hospitalized or confined to home. Eucharist is brought to the homebound on the third Sunday of each month.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

December 25, 2022

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Masses For The Week

Saturday, December 24: Vigil: The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas Eve)

5:00pm and 10:00pm—For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick

Sunday, December 25: The Nativity of The Lord (Christmas)

9:30am--For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick

Monday, December 26 : Saint Stephen

6:00pm—In Birthday Remembrance of Tom Kusick—The Curran Family

Tuesday, December 27: Saint John

9:00am--Bret Davidson—Rose and Rae

Wednesday, December 28: The Holy Innocents

9:00am--Harley Flick—Frank and Gloria Lewandroski

Thursday, December 29: Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Saint Thomas Becket

9:00am—Rita Seybert—Art and Rhonda Delano

Friday, December 30: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

9:00am--Richard Greenawalt—Alice and Gene Clark

Saturday, December 31: Vigil: Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of The Lord

5:00pm—Rita F. Curran—Joe and Elaine Curran

Sunday, January 1: The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God, The Octave Day of the Nativity of The Lord—Holy Day

9:30am—For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Patrick

Thank You

Thank you to Buechele Funeral Home for the 2023 calendars. They are available in the Narthex.

Thank you to all the members of the Choir for the beautiful music. Thank you to all the lectors, Eucharistic ministers and altar servers and all those who helped in any way to bless this Holy Mass with beauty.

Christmas Day Sunday

Are you experiencing the presence of Jesus in your life? Do you feel His abiding love? Jesus was born on Christmas day. He so loved you that He became human like you. He walked in this world and mingled with the ordinary people of His time. Why did God do this? He did this because He so dearly loves us. He willingly gave His only begotten son for us.

Jesus ascended into this world through Mary to let us know that He is not a distant God. To let us know that He is a God amongst us, a God who walks with us, and a God who is always there for us.

Through His birth, Jesus humbled Himself for us so that we may have life. In what way do you humble yourself before God? Are you silently doing your share to help Jesus with His mission in this world? Do you invite others to go to church for Holy Mass so that they will also feel the love of God?

On this Christmas day, the church is filled with people. However some of them do not share a personal relationship with Jesus yet. They are here because they have grown up with this holy tradition. It is God's mission for everyone to form a relationship with Him. Will you reach out and gently educate them about the birth of Jesus and why He was born into this world?

Have you shared the real reason for this Christmas Day?



“The Accent On-Air: The Symbols of Christmas”

explores the popular symbols of Christmas, including St. Nicholas, one of the most recognizable figures in the world. Bishop Larry J. Kulick talks about his visit to the

Vatican, his audience with Pope Francis and the importance of the gift of the Eucharist. Plus, learn about the meaning behind the Christmas decorations in your home; the wreath, Christmas tree and luminary lights are all steeped in symbolism. Bells will be ringing this season as churches across the Diocese join together to ring church bells as a reminder to many to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

“The Accent On-Air” is always on at TheAccentOnline.org.

Wishing everyone a blessed holiday season.

-From the staff at St. Patrick

Liturgical Ministers for December 31, Jan 1

Mass Time	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
<u>Lector</u>	Anne T.	John E.
<u>EMoC</u>	Judy C.	Peggy W.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Paul T.	Karen T. Jackson B.

Upcoming Events

December 31	<i>Vigil: Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God</i> 5pm
January 1	<i>Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God-Holy Day</i> 9:30am



Due to Bulletin deadlines, the offering totals will be published in next week's bulletin



Christmas Corner

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.

Let the love that shaped earth and heaven, dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that created humanity, dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that causes us to rejoice with loved ones, dwell within us this Christmas.

Let the love that forgives and renews, dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings reconciliation after separation, dwell within us this Christmas. Let the love that brings the blessing of peace, dwell within us this Christmas.

And may we share that peace with all people near and far. Amen

Faith Formation News

Faith Formation - There will be no Faith Formation on December 25 or January 1 due to Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

6th Grade Confirmation Prep. There will be no class on December 25 or January 1 due to Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

7th Grade Confirmation Prep. There will be no class on December 25 or January 1 due to Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

Youth Ministry (grades 8 through 12) There will be no class on December 25 or January 1 due to Christmas and New Year's holidays. Classes will resume Sunday, January 8.

In the event that Faith Formation class must be canceled due to inclement weather, the cancellation will be posted on WPXI (Channel 11 News) and on WPXI.com.

Elements of the Mass Episode 6: Signs and Symbols

The Catholic Mass is full of signs and symbols. Where do these signs come from? Where do they get their meaning? The Church teaches that the meaning comes from four categories: creation, human culture, the Old Testament, and they are fully revealed in the mission of Christ narrated for us in the New Testament. The sacramental system depends on signs that are perceptible. Every created thing has the impression of God, the Divine Artisan.

In the first category, creation itself, we can see what the sacramental signs mean. Water means cleansing, oil means healing, protection. The second category is human culture: what are the naturally human things we do? Language, too, falls into this category. We speak in different ways depending on the social context. The third category includes the events of the Old Testament which provide models for meaning: crossing the Red Sea symbolizes freedom from slavery; the great flood symbolizes the destruction of evil; the preaching of the prophets represents the voice of God, his desire to restore us to life.

The mystery of creation, culture, and the old covenant are brought together in the fourth category, in Christ, who is the fullest revelation of God – he is God! Nothing in the Mass is there by chance; everything in the liturgy has meaning.

www.formed.org and sign up as a parishioner and then download the **Formed** app to your phone.