

# ST. PATRICK PARISH

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## BULLETIN DEADLINE

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

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## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday 9am-4pm

Closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays,  
and Fridays

## 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

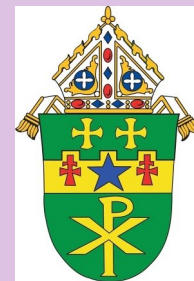
Normally celebrated on Sunday and are encouraged at a Sunday Eucharist. Baptism preparation is required.

## 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.



**Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 2023**

## ST. PATRICK PARISH

### Masses For The Week

**Saturday, December 16: Vigil: Third Sunday in Advent**

5:00pm—Connie Campbell—Donna Sheakley

**Sunday, December 17: Third Sunday in Advent**

9:30am—Joseph O'Donnell—Mary Ann and Family

**Tuesday, December 19: Advent Weekday**

9:00am—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

**Wednesday, December 20: Advent Weekday**

9:00am—Ann Stimac—Rose

**Thursday, December 21: Saint Peter Canisius**

9:00am—Bret Davidson—Rose and Rae

**Friday, December 22: Advent Weekday**

9:00am—Rita O'Donnell—St. Paddy's Ladies

**Saturday, December 23: Vigil: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

5:00pm—Louis Michael DeBacco—Rose

**Sunday, December 24: Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30am—Kenny Ealey—Rose and Rae

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

5:00pm—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

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

10:00pm—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

**Monday, December 25: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

10:00am—Living and Deceased Members of St. Patrick

*December 17, 2023*

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR B)

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Luke 1:46-50, 53-54

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

**REJOICE FOR THE BEARER OF GOOD NEWS HAS COME!**

*The First Reading announces God's divine messenger, the "anointed one," in Hebrew mashiach (translated "messiah" in English and Christos in Greek). A "Messiah" is a consecrated agent and messenger of God. Isaiah proclaims that God will anoint His future*

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Messiah to fulfill a dual mission as both a messenger and a comforter. As God's divine messenger, he brings "glad tidings" like a king's ambassador in announcing victory in a time of war and the redemption and release of prisoners. The prophecy foretells a Messiah who will proclaim a new age for the people of God. He will establish a new world order where oppression no longer reigns and where accord and well-being will prevail for people of all nations. Jesus announced that this prophecy was fulfilled in Him to His Synagogue congregation at Nazareth. *The Responsorial Psalm passage is from the Virgin Mary's canticle of joy.* Mary begins her hymn of praise by calling God her savior and the source of her salvation. Mary gives a prophecy for future generations and her relationship to them prompted by the Holy Spirit, saying all future generations will call her blessed. Because of the love of Jesus for His mother, Mary's prophecy requires action by all Christians whose duty is to honor Mary just as her Son loved her and honored her according to the Law. To honor one's parents is the only one of the Ten Commandments that grants a promised blessing for obedience. When Jesus made the beloved disciple responsible for Mary's care as his mother at the foot of the cross, she became the mother of every disciple of Christ Jesus throughout all generations! *The Second Reading is from Saint Paul's letter to the Thessalonians in which he tells us why those who belong to the divine Messiah, Jesus Christ, should rejoice, giving thanks and praise to God for our deliverance.* Saint Paul writes about the promise of Isaiah's oracle in the First Reading. Through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, He delivered us from bondage and captivity: bondage to sin and captivity from the darkness of the grave. *Saint John the Baptist announced the coming of Isaiah's promised Messiah, and for the past two weeks, our Gospel readings have focused on the mission of Saint John the Baptist.* In this week's Gospel Reading, we learn more about his mission. The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke identify him as the prophetic voice crying out in the wilderness prophesied in the Book of Prophet. His mission was preparing the covenant people for the coming of the promised Redeemer-Messiah through a baptism of repentance.

*Saint John's mission should remind us that Advent is a season of preparation.* We need to prepare ourselves for the possibility of the coming of God the Son in His Second Advent, knowing that His return can happen at any moment. If we prepare by cleansing our souls in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we will be ready, and we can rejoice because, as this Sunday's antiphon announces, "The Lord is near!"



## Liturgical Ministers for December 23,24

Mass Time	Saturday	Sunday
<u>Lector</u>	Cindy I.	Kitty M.
<u>EMoC</u>	Jim L.	Peggy W.
<u>Cross Bearer</u> <u>Book Holder</u>	Karen T.	Joey O. Regan A.

### Stewardship of Treasure

	Dec 2,3	Year-To-Date
Adult Offertory	\$2,998.75	\$66,778.50
Children Offertory		
Loose	\$99.00	\$2,436.94
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,097.75</b>	<b>\$69,215.44</b>
Budget	\$3,600.00	\$82,800.00
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$-502.25</b>	<b>\$-13,584.56</b>
Thanksgiving \$5.00 EOY: \$100.00 Christmas: 10.00 Solemnity: \$5.00, Catholic Accent \$141.00		



To sign up for online giving, please use the QR code on the bulletin board or contact Barb in the office on Monday evenings.

### Upcoming Events

Dec 20

Young at Heart—Noon in the hall



#### Calendars for 2024

The 2024 Calendars have been donated by Buechele Funeral Home and are available in the Narthex.



**The Sanctuary Candle will burn from December 15 through December 28 In Loving Anniversary Remembrance of Shirley and Austin Love, Family**



### Sunshine Corner

“God had shown me a sliver of what life could be.” His conclusion of this divine encounter was this: “He saved me that day, and for all days, no matter what. He had turned me into a seeker, not only of sobriety, and truth, but also of Him.”  
—Matthew Perry

## Faith Formation News

**For Preschool through Grade 5: Faith Formation will meet this Sunday after Mass.**

**6th, 7th and 8th Grade Confirmation Prep. Classes will meet this Sunday, December 17, from 6:00pm until 7:30pm in the hall.**

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



### Advent and Christmas 2023

#### Confessions during Advent

Saturdays—4:15pm-4:45pm

Sundays—8:45am to 9:15am

#### Christmas (The Nativity of the Lord)

Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—5:00pm

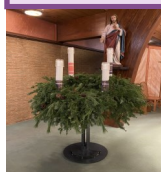
Vigil: (Christmas Eve) Dec 24—10:00pm

Christmas Day—Monday, Dec 25—10:00am

#### Solemnity of Mary

Monday, January 1, 2024—10:00am

\*\*There will be NO Mass Dec 26 through Dec 29



Thank you to everyone who helped with our beautiful Advent Wreath this year. Your hard work and devotion is appreciated.

#### A Mark from Mary...

After baby Jesus was born, he was placed in a manger filled with hay. Unfortunately, the hay did not provide enough warmth and he began to shiver from the cold. Mary wrapped blankets around him, but it wasn't enough warmth. Mary asked all of the animals in the stable to move into the manger to help warm her child with their body heat. This still did not provide enough warmth. Mary rocked her child as he continued to cry and shiver. It seemed like nothing could pacify her baby. A tabby cat had been watching from a distance and knew exactly what to do to calm the child. The cat climbed into the manger, snuggled close to Jesus to warm him and began to purr. The kitty's lullaby soothed baby Jesus who stopped crying and fell fast asleep. Mary was filled with gratitude and stroked the cat's brow, leaving the mark of her own initial on the cat's forehead to forever remind humanity that a tabby cat had comforted baby Jesus.  
—submitted by Helen Bartoe

#### “Daily Mass”,

—Accept Bishops Kulick's Faithful Challenge and attend daily Mass this week and for the rest of the year. Part of becoming a more Eucharistic community means joining with the Body of Christ at Mass to celebrate his birth and keep the “Mass” in Christmas.

**Huge Thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree this year to help make Christmas special to those in great need.**