

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



"For a child is born to us, a son given us; upon his shoulder dominion rests. They name him Wonder-Counselor, God-Hero, Father-Forever, Prince of Peace. His dominion is vast and forever peaceful, from David's throne, and over his kingdom, which he confirms and sustains by judgment and justice, both now and forever."

Isaiah 9:5-6

December 25, 2011

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St. Patrick Parish Information

Registering in the Parish

Registration packets are available outside the main sanctuary, or they may be picked up at the parish office between the hours of 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday through Friday.

Registering in St. Patrick School

Parents wishing to know more about our grade school are encouraged to contact the school principal, Deacon Michael Brooks at 364-1162.

Parish School of Religion

For children in grades K-8 who do not attend St. Patrick School, contact Sheryl Parker at 465-7086.

Youth Ministry

For students in grades 6-12, contact Liz Call at 201-5555.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Persons interested in becoming Roman Catholic should contact the parish office at 364-1435.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30 to 4:40 PM

Sunday, 7:20 to 7:40 AM and 9:20 to 9:40 AM

Sacrament of Baptism

Parental instructions are held quarterly on the third Sunday of February, May, August and November. Baptism class is **required** before date of baptism. Please call the parish office to request a baptism date once the class has been completed.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to schedule marriage preparation classes. The Diocese requires six months previous notice.

Healing Mass and Opportunities for Anointing of the Sick

Held the First Friday of each month at 1:30 PM. At other times, parishioners facing surgery or serious illness may request the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers

Adoration - Each Wednesday from 9 AM to 6 PM

First Friday from 7 AM to 6 PM

Solemn Vespers - First Friday at 6 PM

Deadline for bulletin submissions is **Noon on Tuesday**. Contact parish office or email csamson@stpatsrolla.org

The Feast of the Nativity of Our Lord

Organizations and Ministries

St. Patrick Parish Office		364-1435
St. Patrick School Office		364-1162
Campus Ministry Office		364-2133
Adult Choir	Liz Glissman	578-8918
Altar Linens	Tippy Duncan	368-5580
Altar Servers	Parish Office	364-1435
Art & Environment	Linda Mertens	364-6592
Associates to Trappists	Gary Micka	337-0131
Baptism Preparation	Parish Office	364-1435
Beauty Boys Grounds Committee		
	Bob Cruse	364-5031
Candle Keepers	Mary Gibbens	426-3385
Catechumenate (RCIA)	Chad Lewis	465-3654
Confirmation	Susie Baldwin	201-1855
Cursillo	Bob & Carolyn Cruse	364-5031
Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion		
	Tom Manion	364-2083
Food Pantry	Patricia Sauer	364-1272
Funeral Luncheons	Fran Mazanec	364-0410
	Bonnie Colench	364-3231
Greeters	Scott Smith	308-1387
Helping Hands	Liz Call	201-5555
Home & School Association		
	Traci Heese	612-9495
Knights of Columbus	Bob Cruse	364-5031
K of C Auxiliary	Terry Cremer	364-7405
Lay Carmelites	Ed Thomas	364-3870
Lectors	Parish Office	364-1435
Liturgy Commission	Debbie Priesmeyer	368-5818
Marriage Prep	Parish Office	364-1435
Mothers' Faith Group	Anna Starns	364-0934
Oktoberfest	Parish Office	364-1435
Prayer Chain	Helen Parker	364-1190
Parish Council	Diane Curtis	341-3690
Parish School of Religion (PSR) Grades K-8		
	Sheryl Parker	465-7086
Pro-Life Committee	Matt McLaughlin	368-3908
Rosary Group	Louise Leonard	364-3784
Sacristans	Sheryl Parker	465-7086
School Board	Chris Steineman	201-4202
School Volunteers	Joanie McEnaney	368-9870
Scouting		
Boy Scouts	Calvin Meyer	364-5038
Cub Scouts	Steven Jackson	368-5373
Secular Franciscans	Louise Flanigan	364-3473
Stewardship Committee	Parish Office	364-1435
St. Pat's Social Servers	Terry Cremer	364-7405
Ushers	Karen Mobley	364-0714
Vocations Committee	Paul Hamacher	364-1588
Women's Study Group	Linda Mertens	364-6592
Youth Ministry Coordinator		
	Liz Call	201-5555

Mass Schedule for the Week

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Mon., Dec. 26	<i>Stephen</i>
7:00 AM	Communion Service
Tues., Dec. 27	<i>John</i>
6:00 PM	†Laura Scovell
Wed., Dec. 28	<i>Holy Innocents</i>
8:15 AM	†Rose Talley
Thurs., Dec. 29	<i>Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>
7:00 AM	†Betty Harris
NO 8:15 AM Mass	- School Christmas Break
Fri., Dec. 30	<i>The Holy Family</i>
8:15 AM	†Leonard Bade
Sat., Dec. 31	<i>Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas</i>
8:15 AM	†John Miller
<i>Vigil of the Solemnity of Mary</i>	
5:00 PM	†Dr. Luke Braxmeier
Sun., Jan. 1	<i>The Solemnity of Mary</i>
8:00 AM	The People of St. Patrick Parish
10:30 AM	†Souls in Purgatory

This Week's Readings and Family Reflection

The Feast of Christmas

December 25, 2011

Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25

Matthew 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

12/26 - *Stephen, first martyr*

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59 Mt 10:17-22

12/27 - *John, apostle*

1Jn 1:1-4 Jn 20:1a,2-8

12/28 - *The Holy Innocents*

1Jn 1:5-2:2 Mt 2:13-18

12/29 - *5th Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1Jn 2:3-11 Lk 2:22-35

12/30 - *The Holy Family*

Sir 3:2-7 or Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:22-40

12/31 - *7th Day in the Octave of Christmas*

1Jn 2:18-21 Jn 1:1-18

Next Week's Readings

Reading I: Numbers 6:22-27

Reading II: Galatians 4:4-7

Gospel: Luke 2:16-21

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

St. Patrick School is on Christmas break - Classes will resume on Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Wednesday, December 28

- Eucharistic Adoration - 9 AM - Chapel
- Benediction - 8 PM - Chapel

Thursday, December 29

- Cursillo Small Group - following 7 AM Mass
- NO RCIA


Saturday, December 31

- New Year's Eve Mass - 5 PM

Sunday, January 1

- NO Parish School of Religion
- New Year's Day Masses - 8:00 and 10:30 AM

At Home in the Lord

 Please keep in your prayers the soul of *Elizabeth Sestak*, who passed away recently. Mrs. Sestak was the mother of Julie Peterman of our parish. May God grant her eternal rest.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED


The parish office will be closed on Monday, December 26, 2011 and also on Monday, January 2, 2012 so our staff members can enjoy the Christmas and New Year's holidays with their families.

The office will re-open on Tuesday, December 27, 2011 and Tuesday, January 3, 2012.

ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Patrick Parish accepts electronic contributions. Contact the parish office for more information.

ATTENTION ALL 4TH DAYERS!

 There will be an area-wide Ultreya on Sunday, January 15, 2012 at St. Patrick Parish Center. Starts at 2 PM. Come join us and be sure to remind others. **SAVE THE DATE!**

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you would like to donate altar flowers, please see the sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area. Fill in the name of the person you would like to remember on any blank weekend. Any florist may be used. Please make sure the flowers are delivered after Noon on Saturday, so they will be here in time for 5 PM Mass.



Pastor's Pen

Welcome!

It is my privilege to announce that Bishop Gaydos has sent *Fr. Joby Parakkacharuvil* to work as an assistant priest at St. Patrick. I know that you will all give Fr. Joby a warm St. Patrick welcome. Fr. Joby hails from India. He arrived to us on December 21st at 5:30 PM. He told me that his flight was over the span of 2 days and covered about 10,000 miles. Fr. Joby has been in the U.S. before, as a priest taking graduate studies at the University of Missouri - Columbia. He is presently working on a Doctorate in communications.

In the history of St. Patrick parish for some time we had two priests. Fr. James FINDER was the last of a continuous line of associates in 1994 because of the shortage of priests. More recently, for a brief time, Fr. Basil ERUO was assigned here and when he was moved we again had a vacancy due to the priest shortage. A second priest simply allows for better coverage!!

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Mike



Merry Christmas to All!

I pray that we are able to enter more deeply into the beauty of this Holy Season.

It is good for us all to prayerfully ponder how can we be ever more open to sharing the love of Christ in the Christmas season and year round. Christ is the reason to truly celebrate the gift of life all year long!

Also, again I would like to thank, from the bottom of my heart, all those who have reached out to me through prayer, calls, cards and gifts. The St. Patrick parish family has helped me walk through my health challenges. I will continue to deal with some of these challenges one step and prayer at a time.

Peace in Christ,
Fr. Mike



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CHRISTMAS BREAK
Saturday, December 17, 2011
To
Sunday, January 8, 2012

**All of us here at the Newman Center
wish all of you in the parish
a very Blessed Christmas Season and New Year!**

Newman Center Hours during the holidays:
For all practical purposes, the Newman Center will be closed during the break time. Messages will be checked periodically. Call the parish office if you need to contact Sister Laura Jean during this time.

MONTHLY ROSARY



The Knights of Columbus lead the recitation of the Rosary in the chapel immediately following the 8 AM Mass the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome to join the Knights as they lead this prayer to our Blessed Mother.

from **Scripture**

John 1:1-18
Who is Jesus?

On December 25 we celebrate the birth of Jesus. But just who is Jesus and what does he mean to us? This question has been asked for thousands of years. John tells us in this Gospel. Jesus is the Word, the Second Person of the Trinity. He is the source of life. He enlightens us about God and his nature. Grace and truth come to us through Jesus Christ. To know Jesus is to know God.

At the same time, Jesus took on our humanity. He lived as we live. He experienced what we experience. He knows what it's like to be hungry and thirsty, to be tired, to be tempted. God understands us. Many who saw Jesus in the flesh rejected him. They didn't recognize him as the Messiah. We each have to make a choice about Jesus. Do we choose Jesus as our personal Messiah, our savior? Do we live our lives as if we are children of God? If our answers are "yes," then Jesus is the one to whom we turn for enlightenment and grace.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION DONATIONS

The following persons and families have been remembered with a memorial floral arrangement this Christmas season. Please keep them in your prayers as you celebrate this holy season with your family.

Charles & Jeanne Johnson
Harry Sauer, Jr.
Tom Parker
Roger Nellessen
John Monahan
Edward and Stacia Kohout
Aloysius Davis
Louis Grimm
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John & Bevvie Harris
Kenneth Harris
Bobby Terpening
Megan French
Eugene & Ella O'Hara
Bonnie Schmitz
Victor & Emma Meisel
William & Irene Graham
George & Irene Redel
Jarrold Hobbs
L. B. Pratt
Cheryl Macormic
Larry Smith
Maurice Smith
Sarah Smith
Edward Hagen
Florentine Hagen



Week of December 18, 2011

Operating Income

Operating Income and Expenses refers to the financial resources that are used to fund the many ministries of our parish family and the facilities that they require. These ministries include the School, Pre-School, Parish School of Religion, Youth Ministry, Adult Education, Parish Hall, Newman Center, priest house, the church and connecting offices. In addition, the diocesan and universal collections are included in these figures. The utilities for the Parish Center are included here while the income and expenses for the parish center and renovation are not in this section. They are in the non-operating section below. Please note that our pre-school program is designed to be self-supportive. Their income and expenses all pass through the operating account.

Offertory Income for week:	\$ 17,412.49
Special Collections for week:	1,305.00
Other Operating Income for week:	8,714.89
Income this week:	27,432.38
Income needed per week:	24,138.23
Income July 1, 2011 to date:	619,779.81
Expenses July 1, 2011 to date:	540,521.64

Non-operating Income

Purchase price of new building:	675,000.00
Long-term expense - Balance on Loan:	289,370.93
Debt Payment per month, ending 11/2024:	2,527.95
Parish Center Account Current Balance:	7,658.73
Current expenses which must be paid:	-0-
(will change as renovation is phased in)	
Estimated Additional Renovation Needs:	108,450.00
Food Pantry/Charity Income this week:	563.06
Food Pantry/Charity Expenses Paid this week:	1,589.42
Other Non-Operating Income:	265.00
Other Non-Operating Expenses Paid:	410.17

2011 CONTRIBUTION CREDIT

If you would like to have your parish contribution credited to this year, please have it to the parish office before the close of business on December 29, 2011.

2011 SEMINARY ASSESSMENT

Our annual assessment for the support of our diocesan seminarians is **\$10,077**. This is one of only two assessments mandated by the diocese. Please be generous.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS Dec. 31/Jan. 1

5:00 PM

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: C. Cruse, P. Mertens, **Need 6 more**,
Perm. Deacon

Greeters: **Need greeters**

Lector 1st. Reading: D. Wunsch

Lector 2nd. Reading: D. Wunsch

Petitions: **Need lector for petitions**

Sacristan: T. Roth

Servers: M. Murphey, **Need 2 more servers**

Ushers: B. Cruse, **Need 1 more usher**

8:00 AM

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: L. Hoang, D DeSalme, C. Shanks,
Need 3 more, Perm. Deacon

Greeters: **Need greeters**

Lector 1st. Reading: **Need lector**

Lector 2nd. Reading: T. Boeding

Petitions: **Need lector for petitions**

Sacristan: C. Shanks

Servers: **Need 3 servers**

Ushers: **Need 2 ushers**

10:30 AM

Extra-Ordinary Ministers: L. Lutzen, J. Schmidt, C. Vierrether,
Need 5 more, Perm. Deacon

Greeters: **Need greeters**

Lector 1st. Reading: C. Schmidgall

Lector 2nd. Reading: G. Stratman

Petitions: **Need lector for petitions**

Sacristan: **Need sacristan**

Servers: **Need 3 servers**

Ushers: **Need 2 ushers**

THEY'RE STILL HERE!!! PLEASE TAKE THEM HOME!

If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent back to the parish for pick-up, the portraits are now located in the parish office for you to pick up during regular weekday business hours. Please stop by as soon as possible to pick up your portrait.



Pray for life

Throughout your Christmas celebrations, please pray that all nations will come to respect life from conception to natural death.

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