

St. Patrick Catholic Church

December 3, 2017

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Monday - Friday
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New to the Parish

Welcome to St. Patrick! Please register by completing a form available in the parish office or by asking a priest or deacon.

St. Patrick School

Our parish school educates children from pre-3 through 8th grade. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact the school office at (573) 364-1162.

Parish School of Religion

Religious education is offered on Sunday mornings for children in grades K-8 who do not attend our parish school. Please contact the parish office for more information.

Youth Ministry

Catechesis and social events are offered for teens in grades 9 - 12. Please call the parish office for information.

Campus Ministry

Students attending Missouri S&T and other area colleges and universities are invited to participate. Please call (573) 364-2133 or stop by the Newman Center located at 1607 N. Rolla St. - along the walkway between TJ Hall and campus.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Adults seeking information on joining the Catholic Church or those looking to receive the sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation, please contact the parish office.

Sunday Mass Schedule

Saturday
5:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 4:45 - 5:45 p.m.

Saturday 3:30 - 4:40 p.m.

First Sunday of each month 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Contact a priest for an appointment outside of the scheduled times.

Eucharistic Adoration and Vespers

Adoration - Each Wednesday

9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

First Friday of each month

7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Solemn Vespers - First Fridays at 6:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Baptism

Parental preparation is required for a child to be baptized. Please plan to attend the required class prior to your child's birth. Classes are held quarterly on the third Sunday of February, May, August, and November at 1:00 p.m. in the church office.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage preparation requires several months. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to make the necessary arrangements.

Anointing of the Sick

Parishioners facing surgery or serious illness may request the Sacrament at any time by calling the parish office.

First Sunday of Advent, December 3, 2017

1st Reading: IS 63: 16B-17, 19B; 64: 2-7
 Responsorial Psalm: PS 80: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
 2nd Reading: 1 COR 1: 3-9
 Gospel: MK 13: 33-17

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, December 2nd

8:15 a.m. Pedro R. Gonzales†
 5:00 p.m. Beppo Passini†

Sunday, December 3rd, *First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Viola Herberger†
 10:30 a.m. Rex Bohm†
 7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Monday, December 4th

7:00 a.m. Nancy and Ted Thessing

Tuesday, December 5th

6:00 p.m. Bob Cruse†

Wednesday, December 6th

8:15 a.m. Donald Boeding†
 9:00 p.m. Thomas C. Munro†

Thursday, December 7th, *Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00 a.m. Gertrude Herda†
 8:15 a.m. Kathleen Roberson†

Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - December 8th

Thursday, December 7th

7:00 p.m. Parishioners

Friday, December 8th

8:15 a.m. Rick Cremer†
 12:05 - 12:50 p.m. Bill Beckley†

Saturday, December 9th

5:00 p.m. Benedict Joseph Benito†


Sunday, December 10th, *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:00 a.m. Parishioners
 10:30 a.m. Ronald Boeding†
 7:00 p.m. Oran Herberger†

Financial Information for November 26, 2017

Offertory Income for the Week:	\$ 11,558.80
All Saints	\$ 60.00
Catholic Campaign	\$ 175.00
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Weekly	\$ 665.00

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Calendar of Events

Tuesday, December 5th

Rosary 5:00 p.m. - Chapel
 Reconciliation 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. - Church
 Theology on Tap 7:00 p.m.-Public House in Rolla

Wednesday, December 6th

Eucharistic Adoration 9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. - Chapel
 RCIA 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Parish Center

Thursday, December 7th

Reconciliation 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. - Church
 Joint Parish/Finance Council Meeting 5:30 p.m.-Parish Center

Friday, December 8th

Reconciliation 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. - Church

Saturday, December 9th

Reconciliation 3:30-4:40 p.m. - Church

Sunday, December 10

Reconciliation 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. - Church
 KofC Ladies Auxiliary Children's Christmas Market
 Noon - 2:30 p.m. - Parish Center

Friday, December 8th, *The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*, is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. Masses are Thursday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8th at 8:15 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. (this Mass will be completed by 12:50 p.m.)

Liturgical Ministers - December 9th, 10th

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Communion Ministers: Marcia Ridley, Charles Victor, Jane Victor, Liz Call, Diana Bohm. Mary Brooks
Greeter: Faye Longo
Lector 1st Reading: Don Wunsch
Lector 2nd Reading: Donnie Wunsch
Sacristan: Sheryl Parker
Servers: Cal Glissman, Riley Hanneken, Ryder Hanneken
Ushers: Mike Longo, Ethan Walker

Sunday 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Becky Snodgrass, Linda Mertens, PJ Mertens, Tippy Duncan, Dean Smith, Linda Virant
Greeters: Dale Arthur, Sue Arthur
Lector 1st Reading: Vicki Miers
Lector 2nd Reading: Phyllis Murphy
Sacristan: Long Hoang
Servers: Emma Starns, Gianna Starns, Bridgette Starns
Ushers: Jim Colench, Jim Murphy

Sunday 10:30 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Marilyn Greenway, Rosanne Emmett, John Butz, Genevieve Bono, Greg Stratman, Ethel Scovell
Greeters: Grace Okafor, Fran Mazanec
Lector 1st Reading: Tom Boeding
Lector 2nd Reading: Kathy Manion
Sacristan: Sandi Smith
Servers: Kaitlyn Koob, Hannah Puetz, Adam McCarthy
Ushers: Richard Weber, Terry Cossette

KofC Ladies Auxiliary to host Children's Christmas Market

Sunday, December 10th, Noon until 2:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Parish Center

The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary invite all children of the parish to attend our 1st Annual Children's Christmas Market. Children will be able to "play St. Nicholas" for their parents, grandparents and siblings. There will be gift items available for the children to purchase, and all items will be priced at \$3.00 or less. Auxiliary members will be available to assist with purchases and will wrap the gifts, while parents can enjoy hot cocoa and refreshments in another room.

Call Marie Sulze at 364-8951 or Chris Samson at 364-4638 for more information.

Advent Penance Service Scheduled

Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m.

St. Patrick Church

Please check future bulletins for the full schedule of Deanery penance services.



"Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair."
- G. K. Chesterton

This Week at the Newman Center

Monday, December 4th:

12:05 p.m. Mass in the Newman Chapel

8:00 p.m. 'When the Church was Young' - A discussion about the leadership in the early church.

Tuesday, December 5th:

7:00 p.m. Theology on Tap - Public House in Rolla - It's trivia night! Take a break from studying and have a chance to win some prizes!

Wednesday, December 6th:

8:00 p.m. Student Choir practice

8:15 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

9:00 p.m. Mass

Followed by a social with homemade cookies and lemonade.

Friday, December 8th:

2:00 p.m. Rosary in the Newman Chapel

8:00 p.m. Advent Party - Need a break from studying or a chance to relax after a stressful week? Contact Catie Pollman at cpm9c@mst.edu for more information.

Sunday, December 10th:

7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick Church - come worship with fellow students.

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church?

Wednesday Evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

please join us - it's not too late!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) meetings are being held on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. Please view Session 10: *The Last Things* on www.fomed.org (under Study-Faith-Symbolon Knowing the Faith) before this week's meeting.

Please contact Fr. Veit for more information about the RCIA program.

Confirmation Meetings to Begin January 2018

Confirmation preparation meetings for unconfirmed high school sophomores or juniors will be held on the first and third Sundays from 5:00 - 6:45 p.m. beginning in January 2018. Any parents and/or students who missed the orientation meeting for confirmation preparation in October need to contact Father Dave as soon as possible.

Christmas Flower Donations

If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of poinsettias for decoration of the Church; please label an envelope "Christmas Flower Donation" & drop it into the collection basket. If your donation is in memory of a loved one, please include their name. Donations may also be turned in to the parish office staff.

Are you interested in learning more about your faith?

Would you like to discuss faith topics relevant to your experiences?

Do you like to meet other people who share these common interests?

Then Theology on Tap or Tap into Faith are for you!

THEOLOGY ON TAP-for young adults, ages 18-30 yrs.

The group meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Public House Brewing Company in downtown Rolla.

Our Next Meeting is:

December 5th (1st Tuesday of the month)

7:00 p.m.

Trivia Night

TAP INTO FAITH, for vintage adults, ages 18-118 yrs.

The group meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Public House in Rolla. Our Next Meeting is:

December 14th (2nd Thursday of the month)

7:00 p.m.


Holiday Donations Sought for Parishioners

Fr. Dave is collecting monetary or gift card donations for distribution to needy families within our parish family. Please drop any donations off in the parish office, drop in a marked envelope in the collection at Mass, or give directly to Fr. Dave. Thank you for your generosity during this Advent season.




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Important Information regarding the New Sacred Vessels and a Change in School Administration

New Sacred Vessels:

This weekend we blessed our new sacred vessels and began using them. The new set consists of 4 chalices, 3 distribution patens, one large paten, one daily paten, and one Ciborium! There are several groups and individuals who helped us purchase them. While certainly not necessary, if anyone is moved to contribute to defray the total cost to the parish, feel free to mark any donations as "Sacred Vessels."

As we begin to use them, to ensure the longest life possible I wish to make an impassioned plea to all the women of the parish. If you are going to receive the Precious Blood, please refrain from wearing lipstick. The chemicals are hard on the finish of the chalices and will reduce their life, as well as making it hard to wash the purificators (just ask anyone who launders the linens how many lipstick stains there are on them after some Masses). Many are already mindful of this, for which I am very grateful. These vessels should serve us for many generations, and, cared for properly, it should be at least 25 years before they require any maintenance. If you are a sacristan please check in with Fr. Dave or Fr. Clark for some special instructions on handling and care! May these draw us ever more deeply into the mystery and beauty of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and God's love in the giving of His Body and Blood for us!

School News:

A couple of weeks ago I was contacted (I was not looking and was not expecting this call) about a job opportunity in Clinton, MO. Within a week of this phone call I had interviewed and a couple of days later was offered the position. After a lot of prayer I knew that this would be an opportunity that I needed to take - that would be best for me and my whole family. I will start my new job after the first of the year and therefore will be resigning as Principal of St. Patrick School effective at end of day December 8, 2017. Before any of this, I had talked to several people about how wonderful this school and parish are and how the school produces the top students in Rolla. I appreciate everything all of you have done to make me feel welcome for my short time here and I do leave knowing what it feels like to work in a nearly perfect Catholic school.

"Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

--Mr. Doug McMillan

Looking to the future: St. Paul says in his letter to the Philippians: "Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus."

As we look then to the remainder of the school year, I am happy to share that Deacon Brooks has graciously agreed to finish the year out an "Interim full-time principal," beginning on Monday, December 11. Rest assured, our school will continue just fine, as it is rooted - not in me, or any principal, but Jesus Christ! Please keep all people involved in your prayers, as we truly, "strain forward to what lies ahead, continuing our pursuit toward the good, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus!"

--Fr Dave

December 3, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

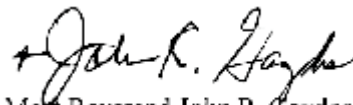
Welcome to the beginning of a new Year of Grace! If it seems to you that this year's Advent season is unusually short, you are correct. This Advent is as brief as it could possibly be, a mere three weeks and then one day, the Fourth Sunday of Advent. It is a good reminder that we must always be preparing for the coming of Christ with a sense of urgency.

The Gospel readings for the Second and Third Sundays of Advent provide us with the familiar, motivating message of John the Baptist: prepare the way of the Lord and make straight His paths. We can open wide the doors of our hearts to receive Christ by the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We can provide Christ a warm welcome into our hearts by beautifully decorating them with acts of charity for the poor and the lonely. These are things we normally do during Advent, and should continue to do throughout the entire year, in order to remain ever watchful for our Savior's coming in glory.

Then our very lives will be an expression of our longing for God's Kingdom. Maranatha! Come, Lord Jesus!

With my best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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