

St Patrick Catholic Church



AT THE BEAUTIFUL LAKE OF THE OZARKS

Welcome to all our visitors, our parishioners and guests, who have joined us at today's liturgy to share our faith and our joy in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Please enjoy the beauty of our spacious grounds and the Mother's Shrine dedicated to Mary Mother of the Church and to all Mothers.

**THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**



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MASS TIMES

MON.—FRI.

9:00 A.M. MASS

PRAY THE ROSARY

1/2 HOUR BEFORE MASS

CHAPEL OPEN FOR PRAYER

8:00— 4:00 MON.—FRI.

RECONCILIATION

3:00—3:45 SAT.

MASSSES SAT. 4:00 P.M.

SUN. 9:00 A.M.

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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC. 18, 2016

GOD IS WITH US

Our God who created us has never abandoned us in any moment of human history. He is always with us even when we have wandered away through sin. He loves us and wants us to be at home with him. In the fullness of time, having spoken to us through the prophets, he sent his only begotten Son to live among us. In Jesus we witness God's presence among us. "Emmanuel", God is with us always. He is with us always as our King and our Lord.

Thus, Isaiah spoke "a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and she shall name him "Emmanuel." This prophecy was fulfilled, when Mary was found with a child by her betrothed husband, Joseph. With justifiable intention to divorce her quietly, as a righteous man, Joseph was told not to because it was through the influence of the Holy Spirit that the child has been conceived. The child's name was to be Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Jesus saves! This is gracious, dear friends, since our God who is with us always has become our Saviour. Jesus is our Saviour, day by day and night by night.

As we look forward to the celebration of our Saviour's birthday, let us strive in grace in order to meet him when he comes in glory. Let us stay connected in faith and live a worthy life that makes the presence of God felt among all people.

Father Henry

UPCOMING EVENTS

DEC. 18 ADVENT DINNER & MOVIE
DEC. 25 SEMINARIAN & PRIEST COLLECTION

FROM THE OFFICE

**NO MASS MON. DEC. 6TH
PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
DECEMBER 26TH—30TH**

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

Community for Christ is in **NEED** of **spaghetti, pancake mix, syrup, crackers, jelly, tuna this month**. You can also make a donation. Thank you for your assistance in helping others.

SECOND COLLECTION

The Christmas Assessment for the **Seminarians and Retired Priests** for our parish is \$5,247. A collection will be taken at all the Christmas Masses. This collection assists our 7 Seminarians and the 17 Retired Priests of our diocese. Please be generous.

STEWARDSHIP

WEEKEND COLLECTION

DEC. 11 \$7,006

*includes electronic funds

Attendance 430

Average weekly collections needed for church \$6,800
Electronic fund transfer available for the 1st, 15th etc.
available for weekly contribution, building & maintenance, Charitable Outreach, Christmas and Easter.

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OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.SHROINEOFSTPATRICK.ORG

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MASS INTENTIONS DEC. 12-18

MON 9:00 ALBERT WALDVOGEL±
TUES. 9:00 JOHN OWEN ±
WED. 9:00 GREG PETERSEN±
THURS. 9:00 EUGENE CWIOK±
FRI. 9:00 BOB GRADY±
SAT. 4:00 PARISHIONERS
SUN. 9:00 LEIGH BELLUS ±

ST. PHILIP BENIZI MASSES

FRI. 10:30 A.M. SUN. 10:30 A.M.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

PARISHIONERS - Julia Curiale, Mike Kuse, Jim Eades, Addie Walters, Rich Rowan, Bill Shortino, Ceil Bish, Duane Kennedy, Sandy Vossen, Rosemary Stoltz, Adam Steffen, Barb Miller, Danny Deluca, Bud Raeker, Jim Kemp, Tom Mc Cann, Tom Costello, Dennis Devine, Lucy Macek, Carolyn Gentry, Clarence Smith, Mary Bogle, Jerry Petersen, Mitzi Chase, Bill Sayers, Mike Greenwald, Ed Seaton, Ray Hamilton, Groves Family, Al Vasey.

FRIENDS & FAMILY OF PARISHIONERS

Natalie Staffieri, Crystal Raeder, Elmer Henry, Chuck Behrens, Phil Whitworth, Louise Starzynski, Mackenzie Trost, Richard Dascher, Bill O'Bryan, Gay Brumagin, Cheryl Kerfeld, Oleta Jones, Jennifer McKinney, Carrie Sheeley, Rilie Johnson, Luke Brooks, Ron Larrington, Brianna and Brody Decker, Darren Bozich, Arianna Cooper, Tony Marie Rinella, Ann Reilly, Abby Kunneman, Dorothy Bos, Michael Switalwski, Hal Trokey Jr, Kathy Egan, Sue Dunn, Addison Nichols., Irma Webster, Sandra Poates, Haley Browning, Collette Moscato, Laura Keal, Anne Erola, Amy Schmitz, Elizabeth Gilreath Ryllie Foust, Chris Kuse, Christopher Bonick, Alma Thompson, Jacob and Crystal Miller, Ann Reilly, Janet Lloyd, Bill Sonner, Billie Johnson, Steve Callahan, Kolton Melcher, Jackie Sinovic, Glen Noyes, Diantha Muzingo, Allan Kilburn, Wyatt Newman, Barbara Ott, Mary Groves, Kim Hamilton, Connie Hope, Leroy Berden, Lindsey Baracz.

SCRIPTURE READINGS DEC. 12-18

Mon. Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25
Tue. Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38
Wed. Saint Peter Canisius
Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45
Thu. 1 Sm 1:24-28/Lk 1:46-56
Fri. Saint John of Kanty Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Lk 1:57-66
Sat. 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Lk 1:67-79
Sun. **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Christmas)**
Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
Day: Is 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS Mon. Jgs



NATIVITY OF THE LORD

SAT. DEC. 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
MASS 4:00 ST. PHILIP 7:00

SUN. DEC. 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
MASS 9:00

FRI. DEC. 30

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS.
MARY AND JOSEPH MASS 9:00

SUN. JAN 1 MARY MOTHER OF GOD
MASSES SAT. 4:00 & SUN. 9:00

SUN. JAN. 8 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
MASSES SAT. 4:00 & SUN. 9:00

MEMORIAL FLOWERS



Purchase a flower in memory of or in honor of your loved one. Envelopes are in the back of church or you can drop in the collection or parish office. Please include your name and the person you are remembering by Dec. 18. Names will be included in the Christmas bulletin and will be remembered at the Christmas Masses.

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FAITH BUILDER

COMMUNITY FOR CHRIST

VOCATIONS CROSS:

We need families to pray for our young people. Please consider signing up to take the Vocations Cross home for a week and pray as a family at each meal for young people to find their vocations in life. Our youth need your prayers and support. Sign up sheet is in the vestibule. Simply tell the Director of Worship at whatever Mass you attend that you will be taking the Vocations Cross. He will inform the priest to call you up after communion for a special blessing and to present you with the cross.

BE A SEED SOWER:

Remember over the holidays when you are surrounded by the young people in your family to find an opportunity to plant a seed of encouragement for them to find their vocations in life. If you see spirituality, suggest religious orders. If you see nurturing, suggest medicine or counseling or teaching. A great harvest requires careful planting. Don't be afraid to sow a little seed.

SAINT OF THE WEEK



St. Peter Canisius (1521-1597) - December 21

St. Peter Canisius was a renowned Dutch Jesuit Catholic priest who was an excellent student and received his master's degree by age 19. A deeply prayerful man and indefatigable worker, he reanimated the Catholic

Church in Central Europe by preaching, writing, and founding Jesuit colleges.

Peter was a person of gentle patience, understanding, stupendous energy, and zeal for the Catholic Church. He lived during the height of the Protestant Reformation and was influential in publishing his own Catholic Catechism in 1555. It was printed in at least 12 languages in his lifetime. He is often called the "Second Apostle" to Germany and was named a Doctor of the Church.

Reflection: St. Peter believed in the importance in learning and understanding the Catholic faith. How much time do I spend on reading scripture and other spiritual materials?

ADULT FAITH

Celebrate Advent

Prepare for the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His Son.

*Dinner and a Movie
December 18 @ 3 pm
St Leo's Hall*

*All are invited to a special viewing of
The Christmas Candle,
a timeless holiday film for
the entire family,
followed by a wonderful
spaghetti dinner
prepared by our very own ~
Chef Schmitzini.*



No reservations are needed.

For more information contact

Amy Luebbering (280-6489) or

Lisa Cluver (480-2754).

POPE FRANCIS

CONGRATULATIONS!

POPE FRANCIS

**ON YOUR PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF
47 YEARS DECEMBER 13, 1969 &
YOUR 80TH BIRTHDAY
DECEMBER 17, 1936**



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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



Knights of Columbus Council 10831

12/18 – Knights Sunday, please proudly wear your badges to show you are a Knight. Breakfast will be at the Elks Lodge.

RESPECT LIFE PERSPECTIVE

Since the legalization of Abortion, our nation has sacrificed the lives of over 50 Million babies on the altar of Abortion. Please join me in praying for an end to this terrible sin. In the words of Pope St. John Paul II, “Ultimately, God will not judge our nation on its economic prosperity, military strength, or international influence and prestige, but on how well it promotes and protects the dignity of every human being. May the Judge of Nations not find us wanting”...

GIVING TREE

Thank you to Mike Hutton, Jim Gerke, Dennis Dorman, Joe & Marcy Brown, Kathy Woodward, Reagan Brodersen and the Maintenance Staff for helping prepare food & gift baskets for the Advent Giving Tree. Special thanks to all of our generous parishioners for donating gifts to the needy families. Mary Gerant & Lisa Brodersen.

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Melvin & Jane Grossman, 59 years
Clarence & Sandy Smith 48 years
Bob & Judy Raeth, 46 years
George & Kathy Tankersley, 45 years
Gary & Rhonda Burris, 36 years

Congratulations!

May the Lord Bless you!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION



Last weekend we had Youth Mass at 4:00. The church was very full and the youth did an incredible job! We started Mass with the lighting of the Advent wreath. We thank the Pasowicz family, Vincent and Sara and their daughters: Libberty, Felicity, Sophia, and Addie. Our fantastic servers were Hunter Deters and Addyson Raeder. The Lectors that so skillfully proclaimed the readings were Hannah Tichy and Joshua Leake. The petitions were read by Teresa Morgan, Skylar Deters, Cooper Deters, Connor Souders, and Logan Parker. The gifts bearers were the Brodersens, Dale and Lisa with their children Reagan and Zachary. Thank you all for creating vibrancy for our liturgy!

Saturday after Mass we all went to St. Leo’s Hall for our annual St. Nicholas Day Party. We feasted on delicious pork loin as well as a cornucopia of delightful side dishes and desserts generously supplied by our parishioners! Good food...great company...and a visit from St. Nicholas. Thank you to Mary Noyes who read the story of St. Nicholas. The only wish that I had during her reading was for my blanket and a cup of hot cocoa. We would like to offer a very special thanks to St. Nicholas! To think that he took the time to come and be with us was incredible. He even brought great gifts to every child there, from babies through high school. It was an incredible evening!

This Sunday the parents of our YFF children will be helping Pat Wheeler, Mary Steinkamp and the Arts and Environment committee decorate the church for Christmas. Our Youth Group (grades 7 – 12) will carry all of the decorations to their appropriate location before class. This will be the last class for our YFF children until January 8.

Questions/Comments... you can reach me at my NEW office phone number – Michele Haggerty (573) 372-8594.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 24 & 25

SATURDAY, December 24 4:00

Lectors: Reagan Brodersen, Joshua Leake

Greeters: Eric, Frances & Emily Tichy

Communion Ministers: Lorri Steffen, Pat Wheeler, Eric & Emily Tichy, Al & Marilyn Vasey

Servers: Hannah Tichy & Wesley LaHay

Directors of Worship:

Jim Troia & Jim Klein



SUNDAY, December 25 9:00

Lectors: Bill Pauly, John Akscin

Greeters: John & Marquita Renth, Bernie Marco

Communion Ministers: Susan Akscin, Liz Pauly, John Pilla, Rick & Jeanie Colby, Bernie Marco

Servers: Hannah Tichy & Wesley LaHay

Directors of Worship:

Paul Van Evercooren & Jerry Unrein

Pew Angel - Mary Steinkamp

Each of the ministries you are involved with is important to the vitality, prayerfulness and beauty of our liturgical celebrations. We are always looking for dedicated people to fill these roles. Think about, pray over, consider the ministry that is calling you. Contact:

*Eucharistic Ministers—Deacon Dave Lovell,
Lectors—Ellen Lovell, Liturgical scheduler—Michele Haggerty*

OFFERTORY GIFT BEARER

It is an honor to be a offertory gift bearer. If you are interested, please let the Director of Worship know when you arrive at Mass. Three people are needed to carry the bread, the wine, and the offertory collection. If you have a special event and would like you or your family to be gift bearers, please call the parish office.