# **Saint Patrick Catholic Church**

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Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, 4:00 pm 🤣 Sunday, 10:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am First Friday, 10:00am Holy Days of Obligation, 12:00 am and 6:30 pm

#### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:00 pm - 3:45 pm or by appointment

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ON HOSPICE:** Nino Odgers, Dr. Charles C. White. Please keep all the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.

**OUT OF RESPECT** for the privacy of our parishioners, names of those who are in the hospital are not listed in the bulletin without prior approval by the individual or an immediate family member if the individual is unable to speak for themselves.



**PRAYER BOOK:** The prayer book in the narthex is available for all prayer requests. Please pray daily for these requests.

**PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS:** Especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Carlos Aguirre (Stateside) Darren Armentrout (Stateside), Darryl Balcom (Stateside), Jeremy Barton (Stateside), Brett Bolton (Stateside), Joseph Byrd (Stateside), Matthew Cavender (Stateside), Melissa Dooley (England) Andy Easter (Afghanistan) Jaren Garton (Stateside) Brian Gibson (Iraq), Heath Gober (Iraq), Michael Anthony Grinston (Stateside), Andrew Hays (At Sea) Samantha Higgins (Stateside), Scott Jones (Stateside), Jenny Malone (Stateside), David Miller (Stateside), Richard Parvin (Qatar), Joey Serio (Iraq), Ben Perry (Qatar) Justin Richerzhagen (Stateside), and John Toombs (Afghanistan) . Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to 22 or removed from this list, please contact the office. 

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES** Mickey Davidson, and Ethel Pruitt. Please keep these, all the homebound, and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.

<u>CHRISTMAS FLOWER NAMES:</u> You may have noticed there were no lines on the back of the Christmas Flower Donation envelope. This was a mistake by the envelope provider. If you did not list your names on the back of the envelope please e-mail them or write them down and drop them in the collection basket.

**PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH!** We would love to have you as a registered member of St. Patrick. If you would like to join our parish, please pick up a Census Card in the narthex, fill it out and put it in the collection basket.

**DECEMBER LITURGY SCHEDULE** - You will notice "Volunteer" spots on the December Schedule for Ministers. Due to travel plans and other conflicting obligations, many places will be vacant and to avoid using the remaining ministers from active serving position every week, please volunteer if you know you will be attending a particular Mass. Again, please honor your commitment to St. Patrick by showing up for your assigned ministry and getting your own replacement if you are unable to fulfill for some reason. Thank you for sharing your time and talent. Encourage more parishioners to join us by becoming a **part** of the Liturgy and not just a spectator.

#### ANGEL TREE AND PENNIES FROM HEAVEN

The Angel Tree continues. The Pink (for girls) and the

Blue (for boys) angels are for gifts for children whose parents can use help during this beautiful season. You are asked to buy the suggested gift or any age appropriate gift(s) and <u>return</u> the <u>gifts unwrapped</u> in a plastic bag with the angel attached no later than <u>NEXT SUNDAY!</u> December 10. Pennies from Heaven and Lavender Angels (collected throughout the Christmas Season) are for shut-ins and others in need during the holidays. Please put donations in the envelope and place the Lavender Angel in the collection basket. THANK YOU for your support and for your generosity. All funds not used for the above will be used to help our parishioners in need throughout the year as well as those in our community.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – **DECEMBER 8<sup>th</sup>:** We will have an altered Mass schedule for this holy Day of Obligation. There will be a Vigil Mass on Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm here at St. Patrick. On December 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a Mass at St. Stanislaus at 10:00 am and here at St. Patrick at 12:00 Noon. There will not be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that day.

**<u>CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE</u>**: Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup> is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of advent as well as Christmas Eve. Mass for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent will be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Saturday December 23<sup>rd</sup> and at 10:00am on Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup>. The Vigil Mass for Christmas will be celebrated at 6:00 pm on Sunday December 24<sup>th</sup> and is the only Christmas Mass to be held here at St. Patrick. There will be a 10:00 am Mass Christmas Day at St. Stanislaus.

**ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE:** Monday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

<u> $1^{st}$  Sunday of Advent</u> Advent is a time of watching and waiting. Are you open to the surprising ways God comes to you? Be attentive to God's call in the ordinary. (Mark 13:33-37) Let us pray for those who are in discernment about their vocation in life, that they may be open to the signs of God at work in their lives. (Vocation View is sponsored by Serra Club)

## Growing in Faith

**FAITH FORMATION** Classes as usual through 12/13 at 6:30pm. Return from Winter break will be on January 10, 2018

**FAITH FORMATION FOCUS** - We have completed the study of The Mass. For the next few weeks all classes will discover the season of Advent into Christmas.

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT** will meet in the conference room on Sunday at 8:30 am. We are currently studying Christ 101, a 10 week apologetics course designed to help Catholics answer questions about our faith.

**DONUTS AND DOCTRINE** will meet in the St. Joseph Hall on Wednesday at 6:30 pm on the same weeks that Faith Formation meets. The current presentation is Catholicism, a thematic view of our faith.



Thank you for allowing your children to participate in Children's Liturgy during the 10:00 am mass on Sunday mornings. If you attend on Saturday evening and would like a children's worksheet for the weekly readings, we will place a few in the Narthex for you to take home and have that same opportunity to review the readings with your child. CL is age appropriate for children 3 - 7 years.

**<u>RCIA</u>** – Considering joining the Catholic Church? Catholic but never confirmed? Need to make your First Communion? Want to be baptized? Let us help you get it done! Check out our RCIA classes for adults considering joining the Catholic Church. Come and Learn. For more information, please call the church office. RCIA will meet this Tuesday at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



**SHAWL MINISTRY:** The Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet this Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Interested in joining? Call Mary Evans.

MUSIC MATTERS: 8:30 am with Mass following on 12/3; 12/10; 12/17;12/24.

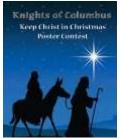
**SERVICE DRIVE:** The SPIRIT "Service Drive," is an opportunity that gives SPIRIT Youth the chance to help parishioners and other friends of SPIRIT with yard work, odd jobs, or other assistance in exchange for a donation to help offset SPIRIT functions. **No work too big and no donation too small**. If you have basic odd jobs you'd like help with, please contact Dale Blanchard to request help. Donations are requested at the end of the job.

**SPIRIT ANNUAL FRUIT BASKET SALE**: We will be taking orders for fruit baskets from now till <u>NEXT</u> <u>SUNDAY</u>, December 10th. Fruit baskets can be picked up the weekend of December 16th - 17th. They are \$25 once again this year. See any SPIRIT Youth or call/text Dale.

# GROWING THRU ACTION

<u>**CHRITSMAS BAZAAR:**</u> St. Peter Catholic Church on Patton Chapel Rd. will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December  $10^{th}$  from 8:00am – 1:00 pm. They will a variety of vendors and sponsors with a wide range of crafts, products and food items for sale. Admission is free!

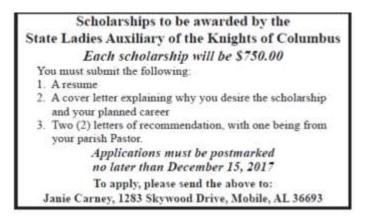




**POSTER CONTEST**: Christmas is becoming secular and commercialized. This focus on material objects has affected the way children look at Christmas. As part of the Knights' "Keep Christ in Christmas" Program, Council 10567 will be accepting submissions for the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest. There are three divisions: Pre K- Grade 3, Grade 4- Grade 8, and Grade 9- Grade 12. Winners will be given a prize and will have the option of submitting their poster to the State level of the contest. For official contest rules go to the church website, or contact Jeff Blanchard at blanchgard16@aol.com. Posters are due to Jeff Blanchard by December 13.

**DECEMBER BINGO:** Ladies Auxiliary will be having a "Jingle Bingo" after 4pm Mass on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Hot Dog Meal and \$.25 Bingo.

**MEETING CHANGE:** The Ladies Auxiliary will meet on the  $2^{nd}$  Thursday in December (the  $14^{th}$ ) due to the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falling on the usual meeting night.



**MEETING:** Knights of Columbus Council 10567 will hold its December meeting on Thursday, December 14 instead of the normal first Thursday. Please make a note on your calendar. Mass will be at 6 p.m. in the Chapel and food will be served after Mass. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

### ADVENT TRADITIONS

**ST. NICHOLAS DAY:** The feast of St. Nicholas is on Dec. 6th. It is a highlight of the Advent season. Each child puts out a shoe the night before St. Nicholas Day in the hope that the kind bishop with his miter, staff, and bag of gifts will pay a visit. The current Santa Claus is modeled after St. Nicholas, but commercialism has tarnished the true story. Many families give gifts on both Dec. 6 and Christmas. Read about St. Nicholas in your favorite saint's book. (Excerpt from https://www.catholiceducation.org/en/culture/catholic-contributions/catholic-traditions-for-advent-and-christmas.html)



**<u>SVdP Meeting</u>**: The next SVdP meeting will be Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> after the 10 AM Mass. Come and see what we are about. All are welcome to join us.

SVDP Grocery List

Out of:

\_\_Sugar Cooking oil

\_\_Corn Meal

\_\_Saltine crackers

Low on: \_\_ Dry Beans \_\_Cereal \_\_Peanut butter \_\_ Jelly \_\_Ketchup \_\_Mustard \_\_ Canned Meat (other than Tuna) **First Sunday of Advent:** As we begin Advent we are called to "Be watchful! Be alert" as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. **Please join us in helping those in need to have a few gifts for Christmas by taking an angel or two from the Angel Tree to fulfill the dream of a child or shut in. Help us to help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.** 

<u>2<sup>nd</sup></u>	<b>Collection</b>	V	Veekly Mass Sche	dule
Capital	Saturday	12/02	4:00 pm	Martin Fadelvich, Sr+
Improvement	Sunday	12/03	10:00 am	Mass for the People
	Monday	12/04	No Mass	
	Tuesday	12/05	No Mass	
	Wednesday	12/06	No Mass	
	Thursday	12/07	9:00 am	Marie Burritt -+
	Thursday	12/07	6:30 pm	Mass for the People
	Friday	12/08	10:00 am @ St. S	Stanislaus
	Friday	12/08	12:00 Noon	Kathleen B. Wood -+
School	Saturday	12/09	4:00 pm	J.B. Francis Grosvenor - SI
Subsidy	Sunday	12/10	10:00 am	Mass for the People



#### Weekly Events and Meetings

Sunday	Dec. 03 The First Sunday of Advent – Mass 10:00 am			
	Choir 8:30 am			
	Children's Liturgy during 10:00 Mass			
	Adult Faith Enrichment 8:30 am			
Monday	Dec. 04 Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm			
Tuesday	<b>Dec. 05</b> RCIA 6:00 pm			
Wednesday	Dec. 06 Mass 9:00 am			
-	Faith Formation 6:30 pm			
	Donuts & Doctrine 6:30 pm			
Thursday	Dec. 07 Mass 9:00 am			
	Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 6:30 pm			
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**<u>VISITS TO THE SICK</u>** If you are ill and in need of the Sacraments and would like a visit from Fr. Vernon, he has asked that you (or an immediate family member if you are too ill) contact him through the church office. The surest way of getting the message to Father is by speaking to him personally during office hours or calling the church office and leaving a message either on the answering machine or with a member of the office staff.

**DAILY MASS MINISTRY:** Volunteers are needed to be Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers during Daily Mass. If you would like to serve please check in at the office 15 minutes before Mass begins.

LOST AND FOUND: There are several articles in lost and found. Please call the Church Office for assistance.

**<u>NEW CENSUS CARD PLEASE</u>**: If <u>any</u> of your information has changed, please take the time to fill out a new census card <u>completely</u>. Not sure? Fill one out anyway and don't forget to mark your choices on the privacy line. That is, let us know if we may share your address and phone information with your fellow parishioners. This line is located under the "Home phone/(S) email/Wife's Maiden Name" lin **Home** 

