



# Saint Patrick Catholic Church

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## *The First Sunday of Advent* December 03, 2017



### **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



**1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent** 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.

 **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.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

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.

**RCIA** – 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.



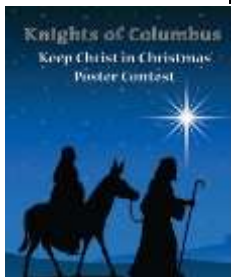
**MUSIC MATTERS:** 8:30 am with Mass following on 12/3; 12/10; 12/17; 12/24.

**Youth Scoops** **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 **NEXT SUNDAY**, 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**

**CHRISTMAS BAZAAR:** St. Peter Catholic Church on Patton Chapel Rd. will hold their Annual Christmas Bazaar on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 1:00 pm. They will have 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<sup>nd</sup> Thursday in December (the 14<sup>th</sup>) due to the Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falling on the usual meeting night.

**Scholarships to be awarded by the  
State Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus**  
*Each scholarship will be \$750.00*

You must submit the following:

1. A resume
2. A cover letter explaining why you desire the scholarship and your planned career
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation, with one being from your parish Pastor.

*Applications must be postmarked  
no later than December 15, 2017*

To apply, please send the above to:  
Janie Carney, 1283 Skywood Drive, Mobile, AL 36693

**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>)



**SVdP Meeting:** 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.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Capital	↻ Saturday	12/02
Improvement	Sunday	12/03
	Monday	12/04
	Tuesday	12/05
	Wednesday	12/06
	Thursday	12/07
	Thursday	12/07
	Friday	12/08
	Friday	12/08
School	↻ Saturday	12/09
Subsidy	Sunday	12/10

## Weekly Mass Schedule

4:00 pm	Martin Fadelvich, Sr. -†
10:00 am	Mass for the People
No Mass	
No Mass	
No Mass	
9:00 am	Marie Burritt -†
6:30 pm	Mass for the People
10:00 am @ St. Stanislaus	
12:00 Noon	Kathleen B. Wood -†
4:00 pm	J.B. Francis Grosvenor - SI
10:00 am	Mass for the People



## Weekly Events and Meetings

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 03 The First Sunday of Advent – Mass 10:00 am</b> Choir 8:30 am Children's Liturgy during 10:00 Mass Adult Faith Enrichment 8:30 am
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 04</b> Shawl Ministry 6:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 05</b> RCIA 6:00 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Dec. 06 Mass 9:00 am</b> Faith Formation 6:30 pm Donuts & Doctrine 6:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 07 Mass 9:00 am</b> <b>Vigil of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 6:30 pm</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 08 The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass 12:00 Noon</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Dec. 09 Vigil of the First Second of Advent – Mass 4:00 pm</b> Jingle Bingo after Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Dec. 10 The Second Sunday of Advent – Mass 10:00 am</b> Choir 8:30 am Children's Liturgy during 10:00 am Mass St. Vincent de Paul meeting after Mass Adult Faith Enrichment 8:30 am Turn in Angel Tree Gifts

**VISITS TO THE SICK** 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.

**NEW CENSUS CARD PLEASE:** If any of your information has changed, please take the time to fill out a new census card completely. 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" line

