



Saint Patrick Parish

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November 29, 2015 • First Sunday of Advent

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Irish & More Store

Open Wed. from 9-12, after Mass
Saturday & Sunday
Appointments, call (931)528-3633 or
(615) 337-5189

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

(931) 582-8454
Svdp.mcewen@yahoo.com

Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

*And then they will see the
Son of Man coming in a
cloud with power and great
glory. But when these signs
begin to happen, stand
erect and raise your heads
because your redemption
is at hand.*

—Luke 21:27-28



First Sunday in Advent

HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm

Sunday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

As Announced

WEEKDAY MASS

8:00 am Monday, Tuesday

6:00 pm Wednesday

8:00 am Thursday, Friday, Saturday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays: 8:00 am Saturdays: 4:00 pm

7:00 pm Penance Service on the First Friday of every month

Also by appointment

24 HOUR ADORATION

First Friday of every month

New to the Parish? Welcome! To register as a parishioner of St. Patrick Church, please contact the Parish Office.

Are you Connected? If you would like to sign up for our phone tree, which offers updates on Mass changes etc., please contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Matrimony: Church law directs that Catholics receive marriage preparation and be married in the Church. Please contact the office at least four months prior to the wedding. Advent and Lent are Penitential Seasons; weddings are discouraged during these seasons.

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism should take place A.S.A.P. following birth. Expectant parents should contact the office for baptismal preparation.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick: Anyone in danger of death from illness or old age should receive this sacrament. Please inform Father Joe of any parishioners who are seriously ill.

Religious Education Classes (CCD):

Is available for Grades Pre-K - 8. 10:30 am on Sunday in the school.

www.stpatrickmcewen.org

FAITH FORMATION

**LIVING MERCY IN THE JUBILEE
YEAR OF MERCY**

The Jubilee Year of Mercy begins on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

Ideas for Living Mercy during the Jubilee Year

There are many ways we can respond to the call to live mercy. Here are a few ideas:

- **Put Two Feet of Love in Action.** Use the “Two Feet of Love in Action” guide to consider how you can strengthen both charitable works and social justice at home and as part of your faith community. Visit www.usccb.org/twofeet for more information.
- **Get Involved Locally.** Explore the map at PovertyUSA.org to find local organizations that practice mercy by learning about and addressing poverty. Or, contact William P. Sinclair (615) 352-3087 or Fran Rajotte (615) 352-3087 of Catholic Charities and Directors for the Diocese of Nashville’s Catholic Campaign for Human Development. www.cctenn.org.
- **Engage Your Faith Community.** With your faith community, use Pope Francis’ prayer (www.im.va under ‘Jubilee’) for the Jubilee Year to pray, reach out, learn, and act during the year. Visit WeAreSaltAndLight.org for stories of how communities of faith around the country are living mercy.
- **Participate in Action Alerts** on issues of life and dignity from the U.S. Catholic bishops (cqcengage.com/catholicbishops).

CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

(December 7-8), 7:30 p.m., 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. Free admission. Cathedral choir, choirs of St. Cecilia Academy and Fr. Ryan High School, Pope John Paul II High School Chamber Singers, Trevecca University Madrigalians, full orchestra. 160+ singers bring us the Christmas Message. Info: concerts@cathedralnashville.org.

ST. PATRICK’S YOUTH GROUP

Field trip to the Cathedral for the Christmas Concert. We will be leaving St. Patrick’s on Dec. 8 at 5:45 pm. Contact Alyssa Ginter (931) 209-6859 if you would like to attend with the youth group.

**TRAVEL TO FRANCISCAN UNIVERSITY
CONFERENCE BY CHARTER BUS**

(July 25-29, 2016). Registration for the 2016 Applied Biblical Studies Conference in Steubenville, OH is now open. Journey through Scripture studies are offered as well. Travel stress free in comfort July 25, 2016, and return home July 29 to attend this energizing, uplifting, and informative conference.

Contact Jan Stermin, janstermin@gmail.com for more information on the trip from Nashville before you register for the conference. (See <http://steubenvilleconferences.com> and check out the Applied Biblical Studies Conference.) For Information you may contact Jan Stermin or Joan Watson, joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com.



ST. THOMAS AQUINAS FORUM 2016

Save the date for the 2016 St. Thomas Aquinas Forum, February 12–13, 2016 at the St. Cecilia Academy theater on the Dominican Campus. Featuring talks by Father Jacques Philippe, Dr. Kevin Vost, Dr. Aaron Urbanczyk, Sister Mary Madeline Todd, O.P., Deacon Brad Watkins, Father Cassian Derbes, O.P., and musical entertainment by Kara Klein.

Register online now at www.aquinascollege.edu/st-thomas-aquinas-forum/
Full Forum= \$75, Single Day= \$50,
Bring-a-Friend Full Forum= \$100

**Would you like to write to Father Michael?
Pontifical College Josephinum Address
7625 North High St.
Columbus, OH 43235**

LIGHTHOUSE CATHOLIC MEDIA

Look for the new Advent materials available outside the Church Office. These faith formation media include CDs, books, and prayer books.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.



Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

November

Monday, 30th at 7 PM
St. Henry, Nashville

December

Tuesday, 1st at 7 PM
Immaculate Conception, Clarksville

Friday, 4th from 5-7 PM

St. Patrick, McEwen

Wednesday, 2nd, 9th & 16th from 3:30-5:15 PM
Cathedral, Nashville

Monday, 14th at 5 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tennessee Ridge

Tuesday, 15th at 7 PM

St. Christopher, Dickson



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS POSTER CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a "Keep Christ in Christmas" poster contest for grades K-8. Please hand in your 22"x14" poster with the above title on front and your name, church or school, grade, and phone number written on the back to a CCD/School/Church Administrator. Due December 13.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY

ST. PATRICK'S BUSINESS DIRECTORY

If you or someone you know in the Parish or School has a business, provides a service, sells a product, etc., please invite them to submit their listing for our new online business directory.

We are currently collecting business directory requests.

This service is free for registered members of St. Patrick Church and for families or individuals affiliated with our school. To submit your listing for approval, please fill out a request form either online at stpatrickmcewen.org (About > St. Patrick's Business Directory) or pick up a form in the back of the Church. **We invite our parishioners and friends to patronize businesses which serve our local community!**

DATE	11/28	11/29	12/5	12/6
LECTOR	Flo Petrie	Bill Yuenger	William Minnis	Kathy Brewster
EMOHC	Barbara Hooper	Kathy Brewster	Wade Garmon	Vicki James
	Tom Powers	Vince Brewster	Barbara Hooper	Vince Brewster
		Bridget Ross		Bridget Ross

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand." (Luke 21:28)

We celebrate Advent each year in preparation of the birth of Jesus, His first coming, as we await his second coming. In this Advent season, use the sacrament of Reconciliation to strengthen your relationship with Jesus. It's never too late.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,065.75
 Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
 For the week: Under Budget (\$607.25)
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$756.85)
 Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 112

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Weekly Calendar of Events

***FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF OUR PARISH FAMILY:** Lisa Smith, Helen Nichols, Donna Zuercher, Joe Sheehy, Peggy Hooper, W.L. (Moe) Needham, Frances Grannis, Christopher Proctor, John Peeler, Nicole Moore, James Citro, Diane Macconi, Patricia Harbison, Denny Claude, Walter Holland, Zoerita Proctor, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Carson Trout, Mary Tarcy, Tom Powers, Darlene Stroba, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Barbara Hooper, Elvira Kindred, Susan Hooper, Donna Bradley, Vince Richardson

***FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES:** Waverly Health Care- Gail Thomas. Humphreys County Nursing Home- Joyce Whitaker.

***FOR THOSE ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE MILITARY:** Marc White, Buford Rachford, Miguel Martinez, Mitch Lagan, Jim Coleman, Jonathan Bourke, Brandt Strickland, Wiley Barnes, Raymond Schneider, Jesse B. James II, Collin Trout, Austin Hornick.

***SEMINARIANS:**
Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden, Anh Tuan Phan, Rodolfo Rivera, Anthony Stewart.

***FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS:**
Kelly Lagan Spelman, Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVdP Society, Johnny Lagan, Ray Maasen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, James Matlock, Cash Scholes, Micky Burns, Gregg Spickard, Jerry Smith, Betsy Hickman, John Diehl, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Eric Warden, Mark Kassing, Faye Walsh, Walter Lynn Holland, Robert Biehunko, Norma Ross, Geraldine Daniel Tidwell.

DECEMBER SACRISTANS: Karen Martin, Helen Bradley, Maria Talley, Susan Eaton, Jennifer Koski, Vicki James

<p>Sunday, November 29: First Sunday of Advent Jer 33:14-16 Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 1 Thes 3:12—4:2 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish NO CCD</p>
<p>Monday, November 30: Rom 10:9-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 Mt 4:18-22</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Ella Kindred</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 1: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass Charlie & Lori Chambers</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 2: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Father Michael</p>
<p>Thursday, December 3: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for Christian Kindred</p>
<p>Friday, December 4: Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Don Robertson + 24 Hr Adoration 5-7 pm Penance service</p>
<p>Saturday, December 5: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass for Special Intention 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Neil Wilson+</p>
<p>Sunday, December 6: Second Sunday of Advent Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>

CHURCH OFFICE

Church office hours will be operating on a part time basis temporarily. If you need assistance please contact Father Joe at 931-622-0398. He will be able to reach Lea Eichhorn. You may also contact Vicki James at the School by calling 931-582-3493. Sorry for the inconvenience.

The heater in the Men's Restroom has been repaired.

