



Saint Patrick Parish

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December 13, 2015 • Third Sunday of Advent

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Irish & More Store

Open Wed. from 9-12, after Mass
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Prayer Intentions:

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*John answered them all, saying,
“I am baptizing you with water,
but one mightier than I is coming.
I am not worthy to loosen the
thongs of his sandals.
He will baptize you with the
Holy Spirit and fire.”*

Luke 3:16



Third 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 began on December 8, 2015, the fiftieth anniversary of the closing of the Second Vatican Council.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified. You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God. Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Excerpted from Pope Francis' Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy



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

UPCOMING EVENTS

12-31-15 NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY:

Must be 21 or older, 8:00pm-1:00am, Activity Center, \$35.00 per couple, \$40.00 at the door. B.Y.O.B. and noise makers, reserve a table for \$5.00, D.J. can play any request.

Finger foods, desserts and 12:15 am breakfast.

If you plan on attending please sign up to bring something on the sheets in the vestibule.

Proceeds go to the school.

THANK YOU

To all who participated in the Waverly & McEwen Christmas parades, and congratulations on winning 1st place in the McEwen parade! Pictures are available at stpatrikmcewen.org & on Facebook.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise..."



Christmas is a time of love and gift giving. Please share your abundance by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessing of Christmas.

The next food distribution is December 22nd.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES
DECEMBER

Wednesday, 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

Wednesday, 16th from 6-7 PM
St. Mary's, Camden



Writing Christmas Cards?

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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 today, December 13.



PARISH COUNCIL

PASTORAL PARISH COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

If you would like to be added to the Meeting's Agenda, please contact any PPC member with your suggestions and/or if you would like to speak with the PPC.

Highlights from the November 2nd PPC Meeting.

- + The PPC Nomination and Election Process was put on hold per Father Joe's request.
- + St Patrick's will participate in the Waverly and/or McEwen Christmas Parades
- + Hosting a Fathers of Mercy Retreat centered on Eucharistic Adoration was approved, pending Father Joe's approval.
- + PPC Members will explore ideas to encourage greater participation during Adoration.

DATE	12/12	12/13	12/19	12/20
LECTOR	Lynn Frost	Terry Coleman	Lou Lomber	Dan Cesario
EMOHC	Barbara Hooper	William Minnis	Wade Garman	Mary Chaney
		Vicki James		Marcella Moran
	Tom Powers	Marcella Moran	Tom Powers	Jennifer Koski

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 13, 2015

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God."

(Philippians 4:6-7)

St. Paul reminds us that our God is an abundant God, the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. When we trust that God will take care of us, it is easier for us to share what we have been given.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,336.52
 Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
 For the week: Over Budget \$663.52
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$330.33)
 Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 129

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, Mary Tarpy, 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. (Addresses on Pg. 3)

***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, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers

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

<p>Sunday, December 13: Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>
<p>Monday, December 14: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Kathy 6:00 pm St. Vincent de Paul meeting Church office closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 15: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 & 23 Mt 21:28-32</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Loretta Garfinkle</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 16: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab & 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7:18b-23</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Neil Wilson + Giving Tree Gifts Return date</p>
<p>Thursday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 1:1-17 Mt 1:1-17</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Father Joe Kuchar 6:30 pm Christmas Pageant</p>
<p>Friday, December 18: Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for John Domenico + 11:30 am School Dismissal Christmas break begins</p>
<p>Saturday, December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass for Special intention 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for St. Patrick Parish</p>
<p>Sunday, December 20: Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for Roman Lood + 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.

IRISH AND MORE

We have new items for Advent and Christmas.