



Saint Patrick Parish

175 St. Patrick Street † McEwen, TN 37101
Parish Office: (931) 582-3633 † Fax: (931) 582-3303

December 20, 2015 • Fourth Sunday of Advent

Administrator:

Father Joe Kuchar, S.A.C.
Cell: (931) 622-0398
stpatspastor@bellsouth.net

Bookkeeper/Secretary:

Lea Eichhorn
stpatfinance@bellsouth.net
stpatsoffice@bellsouth.net

Director of Religious Education:

Alyssa Ginter (931) 209-6859
jandaginter@comcast.net

School Principal:

Sr. Mary Grace Watson, O.P.
ext.302
Srmarygrace.watson@sps-tn.org

School Secretary:

Vicki James ext. 301
Vicki.james@sps-tn.org

Parish Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm

Phone: (931) 582-3633

Fax: (931) 582-3303

School Office Hours:

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-3:30pm

Phone: (931) 582-3493

Fax: (931) 582-6386

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
Svdpmcewen@yahoo.com

Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy."

Luke 1:41-44



Fourth 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.

FATHER JOE WISHES EVERYONE
A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A
JOYFUL NEW YEAR!



HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION MASS SCHEDULE

The Nativity of the Lord

- December 24th at 4:00 PM
- Midnight Mass
- December 25th at 9:00 AM

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God

- December 31st at 4:00 PM
- January 1st at 9:00 AM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

The Savior of the world was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. Jesus comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there.



Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.

The next food distribution is December 22nd.



Writing Christmas Cards?

Father Michael Baltrus
Pontifical College
Josephinum
7625 North High St.
Columbus, OH 43235

Seminarian Rodolfo Rivera
Assumption Seminary
2600 W. Woodlawn Ave
San Antonio, Texas 78228

Seminarian Anthony Stewart
Pontifical North American
College
00120 Vatican City State
Europe

Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden
and
Seminarian Ahn Tuan Phan
Notre Dame Seminary
2901 S. Carrollton Ave.
New Orleans, LA 70118

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

**KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS
POSTER CONTEST**

All of the Keep Christ in Christmas poster entries are currently on display at the St Christopher Fellowship Hall in Dickson, TN.

Thank you to all who participated, and winners will be announced after the January meeting.



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	12/19	12/20	12/26	12/27
LECTOR	Lou Lomber	Dan Cesario	Laura Ross	Erin Ginter
EMOHC	Wade Garman	Mary Chaney	Barbara Hooper	Kathy Brewster
	Tom Powers	Marcella Moran	Tom Powers	Vince Brewster
		Jennifer Koski		Vicki James

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"For behold, when the voice of your greeting came to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44)

When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained?

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,072.78
 Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
 For the week: Over Budget \$399.78
 Year to date: Over Budget \$19.45
 Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 144

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, Barbara Copeskey

***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 20: Fourth Sunday of Advent 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>
<p>Monday, December 21: Sg 2:8-14 PS 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Erlinda Lood Plasa</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Father Joe Kuchar</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 23: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 PS 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for St. Patrick Parishioners</p>
<p>Thursday, December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 PS 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79</p>	<p>NO MORNING MASS 4:00 pm Vigil Mass Midnight Mass</p>
<p>Friday, December 25: The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for Special Intention Holy Day of Obligation</p>
<p>Saturday, December 26: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's</p>
<p>Sunday, December 27: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Col 3:12-21 Lk 2:41-52</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick NO 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.

We will not be having 24 HR Adoration in January.

