



# Saint Patrick Parish

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December 27, 2015 • Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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### Parish Office Hours:

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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

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### Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

*When his parents saw him,  
they were astonished,  
and his mother said to him,  
“Son, why have you done this to us?  
Your father and I have been looking  
for you with great anxiety.”  
And he said to them,  
“Why were you looking for me?  
Did you not know that I must be  
in my Father’s house?”  
But they did not understand what  
he said to them.*

Luke 2:48-50



### 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](http://www.stpatrickmcewen.org)

**FAITH FORMATION**

**YEAR OF MERCY**

**LETTER FROM BISHOP CHOBY**



My Dear People of God,

In his decree inaugurating the Jubilee Year devoted to the theme of mercy, Pope Francis urges us to contemplate the face of Jesus in order to discover the mercy of God the Father made manifest.

In reflecting on this, the Holy Father speaks of the wonder of God's mercy revealed in the mystery of the Incarnation. We rejoice in the love of God echoed in the life of our Lord, beginning with His birth.

The example of Mary, the Lord's mother, teaches us how to receive this great gift of mercy revealed in and through Jesus. "She reflected upon these things in her heart."

The shepherds and wise men demonstrate a willingness to seek out the one proclaimed by angels and heralded by a star. They came to behold the wonder of God incarnate.

During this Christmas season we continue to celebrate the Father's loving mercy as revealed to us in the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ. Guided by His spirit, we pray for the grace not only to seek God's mercy in our lives, but to be instruments of that loving mercy for one another.

May God's gift of mercy bring us joy and peace at Christmas and all year through.

Wishing you every blessing, I am

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend David R. Choby  
Bishop of Nashville

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://www.aquinascollege.edu/st-thomas-aquinas-forum/)

Full Forum= \$75, Single Day= \$50,  
Bring-a-Friend Full Forum= \$100

**RCIA**

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those we love. You can give no better gift than the gift that God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you this Christmas season. For more information about the RCIA, contact Alyssa Ginter.

**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.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Mother of God**

-December 31<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 PM

-January 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 AM

**CONSECRATION OF THE FAMILY**

O Jesus, behold thy family prostrate before thee. Once more do we consecrate ourselves to thee, our trials and joys, that our home, like thine, may ever be a shrine of peace, purity, love, labor, and faith. Do thou protect and bless all of us, absent and present, living and dead.

O Mary, loving Mother of Jesus and our Mother, pray to Jesus for our family, for all the families of the world, to guard the cradle of the newborn, the schools of the young, and their vocations.

O Joseph, holy guardian of Jesus and Mary, assist us by thy prayers in all the necessities of life. Ask of Jesus that special grace which He granted to thee, to watch over our home at the pillow of the sick and the dying, so that with Mary and with thee, heaven may find our family unbroken in the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Amen.



**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and so we can celebrate that we all belong to the holy family of God which makes us brothers and sisters to each other.



Through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the joy and hope of Christmas to our brothers and sisters, and assist them in having a wonderful Christmas season.

**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.

DATE	12/26	12/27	01/02	01/03
LECTOR	Laura Ross	Erin Ginter	Flo Petrie	Terry Coleman
EMOHC	Barbara Hooper	Kathy Brewster	Barbara Hooper	Kathy Brewster
		Vince Brewster		Vince Brewster
	Tom Powers	Vicki James	Tom Powers	Vicki James

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**DECEMBER 27, 2015**

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

*“See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.” (1 John 3:1)*

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God’s children, it’s important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

- Last Sunday’s Collection: \$4,250.00
- Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
- For the week: Over Budget \$577.00
- Year to date: Over Budget \$596.45
- Last Weekend’s Sunday Attendance: 122



# 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.

**\*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

**JANUARY SACRISTAN:** Karen Fuller, Shirley McClannahan, Laura Ross

<p><b><u>Sunday, December 27:</u></b> 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's Parish NO CCD</p>
<p><b><u>Monday, December 28:</u></b> 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Special Intention</p>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, December 29:</u></b> 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Erlinda Lood Plaza</p>
<p><b><u>Wednesday, December 30:</u></b> 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Vincent Wholey</p>
<p><b><u>Thursday, December 31:</u></b> 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p>NO MORNING MASS 4:00 pm Vigil Mass for Father Joe</p>
<p><b><u>Friday, January 1:</u></b> <b>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God</b> Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for Special Intention  <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b></p>
<p><b><u>Saturday, January 2:</u></b> 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass for Neil Wilson +</p>
<p><b><u>Sunday, January 3:</u></b> Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's 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.

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We will not be having 24 HR Adoration in January.

**IRISH AND MORE**

Stop by and see all of our beautiful items!