



# Saint Patrick Parish

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Appointments, call (931) 582-3633  
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## Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

## Entrance Antiphon:

*To you, I lift up my soul,  
O my God. In you, I have  
trusted; let me not be put to  
shame. Nor let my enemies  
exult over me; and let none  
who hope in you be put to  
shame.*

-Psalm 25:1-3



## 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: 8:00-8:45 am Saturdays: 4:00-4:45pm

Also by appointment

## 24 HR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

AND 7 PM PENANCE SERVICE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2

**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 Michael of any parishioners who are seriously ill.

### **Religious Education (CCD):**

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

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

# SAINT PATRICK, MCEWEN

## RCIA SESSIONS

RCIA Participants are invited to attend the Advent Reflection this Wednesday.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting is Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM, and we will begin with Vespers in the Church. 7th-12th Grade.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE 2016

Calling all artists! Anyone who would like to help build and design our float— please contact us. We will meet on Thursday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> at Lynn Frost's house to decorate the trailer. Please contact Wade Garmon, Lynn Frost or Michelle Minnis for more information. All are welcome to walk in the parade or sit on the float. The more the merrier! Arrive at 11:30am behind Waverly Junior High for the parade line up, the parade begins at 1pm. Please bring a bag of candy to throw & wear either a sheep or shepherds outfit, or festive Christmas gear. Last year St. Patrick's won first place in the McEwen parade. Let's make this year even better!

## PASTORES DABO VOBIS

What did St. John Paul II mean in his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation: "I Will Give You Shepherds?" We will meet in the Teen Hall at 9 am on Dec. 3rd, Dec. 10th, & Dec. 17th. Let's discuss what he is telling us for today!

For a free copy of "I Will Give You Shepherds" (*Pastores Dabo Vobis*) please contact the church office or find it online at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va) under "Apostolic Exhortations."

## NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

November 29– December 8

### Prayer to Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

O most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. (state your intentions here)

O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee. Amen.

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times: Dec. 7 at 6pm, Dec. 8 at 8am & 6pm

## ADVENT

### CHRISTMAS: IT'S WORTH WAITING FOR

**THIS WEEK:** Join us for 6 PM Mass at St. Patrick Church on Wednesday, November 30 and stay for an Advent reflection with Joan Watson, Director of Adult Formation for the Diocese of Nashville. Refreshments following.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

Vespers (evening prayer) will be prayed every Sunday during Advent. Join fellow parishioners at 6:30 PM in the Church.



### ADVENT WREATH

If you are interested in lighting the Advent Wreath during one of the weekend Masses this Advent, please call the Church Office.

### BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

*All make the sign of the cross as the leader says:*

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**-Response (R/.)** Who made heaven and earth.

*Then the Scripture, Isaiah 9: (lines 1-2 and 5-6) or Isaiah 63 (lines 16-17 & 19) or Isaiah 64 (lines 2-7) is read:*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**R/.** Thanks be to God.

*With hands joined, the leader says:*

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Savior of every nation. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
**R/.** Amen.

*The blessing may conclude with a verse from "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel":*

O come, desire of nations, bind  
in one the hearts of humankind;  
bid ev'ry sad division cease  
and be thyself our Prince of peace.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.

—From USCCB Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

There is an Advent spirit in the heart of every human person. It is one of longing, yearning for a fulfillment that somehow lies beyond ourselves; for we long for the coming of the Lord.



**As you put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul poor box, your heart will discover the true meaning of Christmas as you help those who are suffering and poor to long for the coming of the Lord.**

**FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for volunteers to help pass out food. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month we have a perishable food route at St. Patrick's. Please arrive at 12:00 (noon) & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry. Thank you.

**FOOD FOR THE MONTH**

For the month of November we are asking for food donations of Cereal and Oatmeal. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

**ATTENTION:** The St. Vincent de Paul youth society will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month from 3-4:30 pm. All 5<sup>th</sup>—8<sup>th</sup> are invited.

**CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE**

St. Vincent de Paul is looking for people who are willing to sponsor an entire family for the Christmas Angel Tree. We have several families in waiting. Please call the SVDP office (931) 582-8454. We are so blessed to be the recipients of the generosity of our St. Patrick families.

**FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will follow 8 am Mass on Friday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will close with Benediction on Saturday at 7:45 am. There will be a penance service with priests from the diocese at 7:00 PM on Friday with refreshments in the Teen Hall. Please bring a snack to share.

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

December Adoration altar flowers are in honor of Marc & Lea Eichhorn given by Joel & Susan Eaton.



**PARISH COUNCIL**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**ELECTION—**

The St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) Nominations Committee is pleased to announce that Jamie Epley, Lou Lomber, and Wade Garmon have accepted positions on the PPC. The PPC still has one opening to fill for the two year term of 2017-2018. Parishioners interested in serving should contact the Parish Office or Father Michael. PPC members must be at least 16 years of age and confirmed.

DATE	11/26	11/27	12/03	12/04
LECTOR	Flo Petrie	William Minnis	Flo Petrie	Terry Coleman
EMoHC	Tom Powers	Mary Chaney	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Vince Brewster
	Lou Lomber	Vicki James	Lou Lomber	Kathy Brewster
		Dan Cesario		William Minnis

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*"For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,622.00  
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00  
 For the week : Over Budget \$922.00  
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 9,100.05)  
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 133



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**\*FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF PARISH FAMILY:** Lisa Smith, Helen Nichols, Donna Zuercher, Joe Sheehy, Peggy Hooper, W.L. (Moe) Needham, Frances Granis, Christopher Proctor, Nicole Moore, James Citro, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Mary Tarp, Tom Powers, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Vince Richardson, Dennis Claude, Anthony Holland, Robin Collier, Walter Holland, Gary Moran, Mary Lomber, George Kindred, Ralph Harbison, Nancy Ribar.

**\*FOR THOSE IN THE NURSING HOMES:** 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.

**\*SEMINARIANS:** Josh Bertram, Rev. Mr. Joe Fessenden, Anh Tuan Phan, Anthony Stewart.

**\*FOR ALL OF OUR OTHER PRAYER INTENTIONS:** Kelly Lagan Spelman, Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVDP Society, Ray Masen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, James Matlock, Cash Scholes, Gregg Spickard, Betsy Hickman, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Eric Warden, Faye Walsh, Norma Ross, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers, Mary Brewer Wills, John Matlock, Austin O'Neil, Mary Garber, Jim Sharp, Leigh Ann Brassfield, Wilburn Forrester, Cheryl Brooks, Kennedy Porch, Winston Rafael Plaza, Neldean Tarp, Fambrough, Henrietta Lodner, Virginia & Raymond Zuercher, Robert Carter, Frank Farr, Dave Gregory, Leroy Collier. Stacey Tummins, Susan Hooper, Margaret James, Seth Bandy & Family.

## Weekly Calendar of Events

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

Bulletin announcements must be submitted by Noon on Wednesday to be in the upcoming Sunday publication.

<p><b>Sunday, November 27:</b>  <b>1st Sunday of Advent</b>                      Is 2:1-5                      Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9                      Rom 13:11-14                      Mt 24:37-44</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession                      8:30 am Rosary                      9:00 am Mass for Father Joe Kuchar                      No CCD                      6:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p><b>Monday, November 28:</b>                      Is 4:2-6                      Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9                      Mt 8:5-11</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Special Intention</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, November 29:</b>                      Is 11:1-10                      Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17                      Lk 10:21-24</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Donna Zuercher  <b>Novena to the Immaculate Conception Begins</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, November 30:</b>                      Rom 10:9-18                      Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11                      Mt 4:18-22</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Neil Wilson +                      7:00 pm Advent Evening of Reflection with Joan Watson</p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 1:</b>                      Is 26:1-6                      Ps 118:1 &amp; 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a                      Mt 7:21, 24-27</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Fred Contreras +</p>
<p><b>Friday, December 2:</b>                      Is 29:17-24                      Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14                      Mt 9:27-31</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Special Intention                      24 Hour Adoration                      7:00 pm Advent Penance Service</p>
<p><b>Saturday, December 3:</b>                      Is 30:19-21, 23-26                      Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6                      Mt 9:35B-10:1, 5a, 6-8</p>	<p>7:45 am Benediction                      8:00 am Mass                      9:00 am Pastores Dabo Vobis Discussion                      4:00 pm Confession                      4:30 pm Rosary                      5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Christian Kindred</p>
<p><b>Sunday, December 4:</b>  <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>                      Is 11:1-10                      Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17                      Rom 15:4-9                      Mt 3:1-12</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession                      8:30 am Rosary                      9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's Parish                      10:30 am CCD                      6:30 pm Vespers Youth Group</p>

## IRISH & MORE

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

Please stop by and order your Christmas cards and look through our catalogs for special orders! New Merchandise arriving weekly.

