



Saint Patrick Parish

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*Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I say, rejoice.
Indeed, the Lord is near.*

Phil 4: 4-5



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
AS ANNOUNCED**

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

SAINT PATRICK, MCEWEN

RCIA SESSIONS

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom 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 at Christmas. For more information about RCIA, contact Alyssa Ginter.

THIS WEEK:

When we are baptized, we receive sanctifying grace; the theological virtues of faith hope, and charity; and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. How can these help us to live a Christian life? And why is it important to see the link between Baptism and Confirmation? Please join us for refreshments this Wednesday, December 14 at 7pm as we look into Baptism and Confirmation. We'll meet in the Teen Hall, and all are welcome.

YOUTH GROUP

Our Christmas party is next Sunday, December 18 at 6:30 PM, and we will begin with Vespers in the Church. Please bring a \$5 gift if you would like to participate in the gift exchange. We will also be taking up a collection for the victims of the East TN wildfires. 7th-12th Grade.

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. 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 under "Apostolic Exhortations."



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Monday, December 12
8 AM Mass in Spanish

*Patroness of the Americas,
Our Lady of Guadalupe...
Pray For Us.*

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the office if you would like to purchase Altar flowers for the next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration.



ADVENT

LITURGY OF THE HOURS

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



PENANCE SERVICES NEARBY

St. Mary's, Camden TN:

December 14 at 6 PM

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tennessee Ridge, TN:

December 20 following Noon Mass

GAUDETE SUNDAY is an invitation by the Church no longer inviting the faithful to adore merely "The Lord who is to come", but calling upon them to worship and hail with joy "The Lord who is now nigh and close at hand". The spirit all through Advent is one of expectation and preparation for the Christmas feast as well as for the second coming of Christ, and the penitential exercises suitable to that spirit are thus on Gaudete Sunday suspended, as were, for a while in order to symbolize that joy and gladness in the Promised Redemption which should never be absent from the heart of the faithful.

-NewAdvent

BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

Bring your baby Jesus statues from your manger scenes with you next week to be blessed by Father Michael during Mass.

CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION PRAYER

The following beautiful prayer is traditionally recited fifteen times a day beginning Nov. 30 until Christmas. This is a very meditative prayer that helps us increase our awareness of the real focus of Christmas and helps us prepare ourselves spiritually for His coming.

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment In which the Son of God was born Of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires,

[here mention your request]

through the merits of Our Saviour Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A. #913

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched felt and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus's, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us.



Since Christmas is a time of love and gift giving, please share in Jesus's ministry by giving a gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that those who are poor can know the good news of Jesus.

FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for volunteers to help pass out food. Every 2nd and 4th 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. December 13 & 27. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THE MONTH

For the month of December we are asking for food donations of various vegetables and rice. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

Gifts must be returned by December 11.

St. Vincent de Paul will be hosting a Christmas party for our recipients on December 17. Volunteers are needed. We appreciate all you do to support our mission.

SVDP SECOND COLLECTION

Nest weekend, December 17 & 18, there will be a second collection for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Thank you for your support.

OPEN HOUSE

Celebrate the season with Father at the rectory! All are invited to the Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 17 following 5 PM Mass.



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	12/10	12/11	12/17	12/18
LECTOR	Lynn Frost	Erin Ginter	Lou Lomber	Chastity Kindred
EMOHC	Tom Powers	Kathy Brewster	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Mary Chaney
	Lou Lomber	Vince Brewster	Wade Garmon	Jennifer Koski
		Vicki James		Vicki James

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 11, 2016

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"You too must be patient. Make you hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand."
James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer we better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,832.00
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00
 For the week : Over Budget \$132.00
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 8,708.05)
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 140

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.

***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, William Johnson, Jean Mallory

IRISH & MORE

Great new jewelry, Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers, daily devotionals and rosaries! New bibles for all ages. All nativities have been marked down. A new "Bring and Borrow" section of books as well as several NEW books for sale at great prices! Open after weekend masses or by appointment.



Weekly Calendar of Events

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

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

<p>Sunday, December 11: 3rd Sunday of Advent Is 35:1-6a, 10 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 Jas 5:7-10 Mt 11:2-11</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for John Peeler + 10:30 am CCD 6:30 pm Vespers</p>
<p>Monday, December 12: Zec 2:14-17 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Chasity Kindred 6:30 SVDP Meeting</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 13: 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 David Harbison SVDP food distribution</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 14: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 7:18b-23</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Eddie Bussell 7:00 pm RCIA</p>
<p>Thursday, December 15: Is 54:1-10 Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a & 13b Lk 7:24-30</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for James Ginter 7:00 pm School Christmas Program</p>
<p>Friday, December 16: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 Jn 5:33-36</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Virgil Palk 10:30 Dismissal</p>
<p>Saturday, December 17: Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17</p>	<p>NO 8:00 am MASS 9-10 am Pastores Dabo Vobis Discussion 12 Noon Memorial Mass 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for John Denham Father's Open House</p>
<p>Sunday, December 18: 4th Sunday of Advent Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish 10:30 am CCD 6:30 pm Vespers Youth Group Christmas Party</p>