



Saint Patrick Parish

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February 14, 2016 • First Sunday of Lent

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Irish & More Store

Open Wed. from 9-12,
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*The devil said to him,
"I shall give to you all this power
and glory; for it has been handed
over to me, and I may give it to
whomever I wish. All this will be
yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply,
"It is written: You shall worship
the Lord, your God, and him
alone shall you serve."*

-Luke 4:6-8



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

6:00 pm Penance Service on the First Friday of every month

Also by appointment

9 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 during the school year.

www.stpatrickmcewen.org

FAITH FORMATION

A BIBLE STUDY ON MERCY

Pope Francis decreed that this year will be a Year of Mercy. Join fellow parishioners this Lent as we delve into scripture passages reflecting this theme. We will begin February 10 at 7pm in the teen hall. Light refreshments will be available. Contact Alyssa Ginter with any questions or to register for this program.

A LENTEN DAY OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. Joe Kuchar, Sister Mary Grace, and Susan Eaton will host this upcoming gathering at St. Patrick Church. The day will begin with the celebration of the Most Holy Eucharist at 8 AM. Following Mass our day will include presentations, praying the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a Holy Hour for personal prayer and meditation, and celebration of the Rite of Reconciliation. We will be presenting and discussing:

- Prayer and the Rite of Reconciliation
- Almsgiving and Fasting
- Understanding and Celebrating the Triduum

All who seek Christ and fellowship with others are invited to this spiritual experience on Saturday, February 27, 2016. A continental breakfast and lunch will be served. We will need confirmation of who will attend for meal planning.

Contact details to follow.

CURSILLO is a weekend retreat experience of spiritual growth that begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. It helps develop an understanding of what it means to fully live a Christian life in your everyday situation. Cursillo provides a method to transform your life through prayer and small Christian communities. Weekends are held at Camp Marymount in Fairview.

(Mens' Cursillo, February 18-21; Womens' Cursillo, March 3-6). Info: Deacon Marty Deschenes modesch@aol.com (615) 352-2473

CATHOLIC MEN & WOMEN OF FAITH CONFERENCES

Powerful & inspirational conferences with excellent speakers! Mass with the Bishop, adoration, confession, exhibitors & more! Visit www.catholicwomenoffaithconference.com/ & www.catholicmenoffaithconf.com/ for tickets & more information.

Men's Conf. Feb. 27, Women's Conf. March 12

SIDEWALK ADVOCATES FOR LIFE TRAINING (February 27), 10 a.m. -2:30 p.m., St. Mary, 330 Fifth Ave. N. Lunch is provided. Register by Feb. 17: Marilyn Cox 615-766-4119. An international sidewalk counseling program that peacefully and prayerfully trains men and women to offer loving, life-affirming alternatives to those entering the local abortion center. Our mission is to help mothers-in-crisis choose life by offering hope and help.

SEASON OF LENT

EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT:

Reconciliation at 6:30 PM
Stations of the Cross at 7 PM



"All are obliged by church law to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday, from the age of 14 throughout life. All are obliged by church law to fast—limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals in the course of the day—on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday from age 18 through the day after their 59th birthday. All are generally obliged to do penance during the entire season of Lent. This obligation may be discharged by good works, such as voluntary abstinence, prayer, self-denial, almsgiving, and acts of charity." [The Tennessee Register]

A voluntary fast may be set aside on such days as the Solemnity of St. Joseph, on St. Patrick's Day (because he is our parish's patron saint), and on Sundays in honor of the Lord's Day. That being said, these practices are disciplinary in nature and often more effective if they are continuous, i.e., kept on Sundays as well. Such practices are not regulated by the Church, but by individual conscience.

Prepare your heart for Easter! View confession times and events at St. Patrick's & nearby churches on our website under "Lenten Preparations for Easter."

CRS RICE BOWL

It's that time again! We are once again collecting for Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl during Lent. Talk about it with your children, try the recipes on the box. Go on the web for additional information. Make this Lent even more meaningful as we help those who are less fortunate than us, both here and abroad. Bowls are available in the vestibule. Remember, what you give up for Lent changes lives.



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
FOR MINISTRIES**

Last weekend was Pledge Sunday for the 2016 Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries. Each individual in our faith family was asked to make a commitment of financial support for our Diocesan services and ministries. If you have not made your commitment or donation, please do so this week. Many need your help; as do those who benefit from diocesan youth ministry, campus ministry, prison ministry and more. We ask everyone to participate as each donation is valuable. Please show your support of our Catholic community.

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Donations go to the Diocese
Payable to: Diocese of Nashville
Address: Bishop's Annual Appeal
2400 21st Ave South
Nashville, TN 37212

LOOKING AHEAD

ST. PATRICK'S DAY

We will have Mass on Thursday, March 17 at 6:00 pm to celebrate the feast day of our patron saint, St. Patrick. There will be a reception following Mass.

EASTER VIGIL

There will be a reception with fellowship and light fare following the Easter Vigil Mass.

ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL

LEGACY CLUB 2016

Honoring the 2016 Irish Cup Recipient, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia during the 800th year of their order. Since 1938, 61 Sisters have given 234 years of service to the families of St. Patrick's School, and they're still going!

Please be a part of thanking the Sisters for their legacy of love! Do you have pictures, favorite stories, or words of gratitude? Please send them to legacy@sps-tn-org or to the school office by February 15. We hope you are able to join us as we thank the sisters for their faithful service! Dinner and awards on March 12, 2016.

Photo from St. Patrick School's Facebook.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us by saying "Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap..."



When we give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts and into our lives.

The next food distribution is February 23rd. Will you be there to help feed the hungry?

The Stations of the Cross will be lead by SVdP members on February 19th and March 18th at 7:00 pm.

DATE	2/13	2/14	2/20	2/21
LECTOR	Flo Petrie	Terry Coleman	Lou Lomber	Dan Cesario
EMOHC	Wade Garmon	Barbara Hooper	Barbara Hooper	Mary Chaney
		Marcella Moran		Marcella Moran
	Tom Powers	Mary Chaney	Tom Powers	Jennifer Koski

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you remember that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$4,082.00
 Needed Each Week: \$3,673.00
 For the week: Over Budget \$409.00
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$353.56)
 Last Weekend's Sunday Attendance: 160

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Weekly Calendar of Events

***FOR THE HEALTH & RECOVERY OF 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, Walter Holland, Zoerita Proctor, Lester Collier, Tatum Wilson, Mary Tarcy, 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:** 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, Gregg Spickard, Betsy Hickman, John Diehl, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, Eric Warden, Faye Walsh, Walter Lynn Holland, Robert Biehunko, Norma Ross, Irene Tyler, Pauline Powers, Nancy Elliott. Robert Brokowsai.

FEBRUARY SACRISTAN: Mary Chaney, Kathy Brewster, Kim Jackson, Sandy Younger, Susan Park, Christy Schmitt, Cynthia Walsh

Please contact the Church Office if you need a tax statement for 2015.

<p>Sunday, February 14: Dt 26:4-10 Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13,14-15 Rom 10:8-13 Lk 4:1-13</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>
<p>Monday, February 15: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for T.P. & Tresia Mathai Church Office and School Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, February 16: Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Keshia & Tim Patrick</p>
<p>Wednesday, February 17: Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Donald Hill + 7:00 pm Year of Mercy Bible Study</p>
<p>Thursday, February 18: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Lomber Children</p>
<p>Friday, February 19: Ez 18:21-28 Ps130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for People in Purgatory 6:30-6:55 pm Rite of Reconciliation, 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>Saturday, February 20: Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48</p>	<p>8 00 am Mass for Special Intention 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Mass for Neil Wilson +</p>
<p>Sunday, February 21: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14 Phil 3:17—4:1 Lk 9:28b-36</p>	<p>8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick's Parish 10:30 am CCD</p>

SUMMIT NASHVILLE NIGHT OF WORSHIP

(February 18, March 17, April 21), 7-9 p.m., Catholic Pastoral Center, 2800 McGavock Pike, Nashville. For those who need a little extra Praise and Worship time to nourish their souls, and are seeking a faithful and positive community, we are hoping to help fill that need for you. The night will begin with upbeat music, led by PJ Anderson, continue with a talk by Father John Sims Baker this month, and conclude with a time of Eucharistic Adoration and Confession. This is open to all ages. Childcare will be provided. Info: www.summitmusiccity.com or <https://www.facebook.com/summitmusiccity/>.

