



# Saint Patrick Parish

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## Irish & More Store

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## Prayer Intentions:

Marcella Moran (931) 296-4399

*John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!"*

*It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said:*

*"A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths."*

*-Matthew 3:1-3*



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

## 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:

Why do God use material things to accomplish spiritual purposes? Why are the sacraments necessary for salvation? How are the sacraments, sacraments of Christ? Please join us for refreshments this Wednesday, December 7 at 7pm as we look into the Sacramental Economy. We'll meet in the Teen Hall, and all are welcome.

## YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting is this Sunday, December 4 at 6:30 PM, and we will begin with Vespers in the Church. 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. 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.

## 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.



### ADVENT WREATH

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

### PENANCE SERVICES NEARBY

**St. Christopher's, Dickson, TN:**

December 5 at 7 PM

**St. Mary's, Camden TN:**

December 14 at 6 PM

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tennessee Ridge, TN:**

December 20 following Noon Mass

### CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL

The Fifth Annual presentation of Christmas at the Cathedral will take place Monday December 5 and Tuesday December 6 at 7:30 PM, at the Cathedral of the Incarnation, 2015 West End Avenue Nashville, 37203. More than 130 students from all three of our Nashville area Catholic High Schools will join the Cathedral Choir and a full professional orchestra for this evening of beautiful seasonal music. Presented by the Diocese of Nashville, admission is free.

### OPEN HOUSE

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



### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, December 8

Holy Day of Obligation

Mass Times:

Dec. 7 at 6pm

Dec. 8 at 8am & 6pm

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. **Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.**



**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. 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.

**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.

Please remember to take an ornament from the Giving Tree. There are many neighbors in the community who could not have Christmas without your generosity. Gifts must be returned by December 11. Please write your name next to the corresponding number of your ornament on the list by the tree. 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.

**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	12/03	12/04	12/10	12/11
LECTOR	Flo Petrie	Terry Coleman	Lynn Frost	Susan Eaton
EMoHC	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Vince Brewster	Tom Powers	Kathy Brewster
	Lou Lomber	Kathy Brewster	Lou Lomber	Vince Brewster
		William Minnis		Vicki James

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**DECEMBER 4, 2016**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."  
Matthew 3:10*

Do you bear good fruit for Christ? Or, do you spend your time, talent and treasure constantly acquiring more toys, clutter and junk. Our time, our talent and our treasure are gifts that God has given us. What we do with them is our gift back to God. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,960.00  
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00  
 For the week : Over Budget \$260.00  
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 8,840.05)  
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 138



## 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, William Johnson

## 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.



# 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, 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>	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><b>Monday, December 5:</b>                      Is 35:1-10                      Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14                      Lk 5:17-26</p>	8:00 am Mass for Neil Wilson +  St. Nicholas Day
<p><b>Tuesday, December 6:</b>                      Is 40:1-11                      Ps 96:1-2, 3 &amp; 10ac, 11-12, 13                      Mt 18:12-14</p>	8:00 am Mass for Special Intention 6:30 pm Parish Council Meeting
<p><b>Wednesday, December 7:</b>                      Is 40:25-31                      Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10                      Mt 11:28-30</p>	6:00 pm Holy Day Vigil Mass for Neil Wilson + 7:00 pm RCIA  Church Office Closed
<p><b>Thursday, December 8:</b>  <b>Immaculate Conception</b>                      Gn 3:9-15, 20                      Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4                      Eph 1:3-6, 11-12                      Lk 1:26-38</p>	8:00 am Mass for Special Intention 6:00 pm Mass for Lea Eichhorn  <b>Holy Day Obligation</b>
<p><b>Friday, December 9:</b>                      Is 48:17-19                      Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6                      Mt 11:16-19</p>	8:00 am Mass for Brandon Large
<p><b>Saturday, December 10:</b>                      Sir 48:1-4, 9-11                      Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19                      Mt 17:9a, 10-13</p>	8:00 am Mass 9-10 am Pastores Dabo Vobis Discussion 4:00 pm Confession 4:30 pm Rosary 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for St. Patrick Parish
<p><b>Sunday, December 11:</b>  <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>                      Is 35:1-6a, 10                      Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10                      Jas 5:7-10                      Mt 11:2-11</p>	8:00 am Confession 8:30 am Rosary 9:00 am Mass for John Peeler + 10:30 am CCD 6:30 pm Vespers Youth Group