



Saint Patrick Parish

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*All this took place to fulfill
what the Lord had said
through the prophet:
Behold, the virgin shall
conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him
Emmanuel, which means
"God is with us."*

-Matthew 1:22-23



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.

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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. (No meeting this Wednesday.)

YOUTH GROUP

Our Christmas party is this 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 game. We will also be taking up a collection for the victims of the East TN wildfires. 7th-12th Grade.

BLESSING OF THE NATIVITY SCENE

The blessing of the Christmas manger or nativity scene may take place on the Vigil of Christmas or at another suitable time. When the manger is set up in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another family member.

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

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

R/. Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the leader reads a text of sacred Scripture, for example, Luke 2:1 (lines 1-8) or Isaiah 7:10 (lines 10-15, the birth of Emmanuel).

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The leader prays with hands joined:

God of every nation and people,
from the very beginning of creation
you have made manifest your love:
when our need for a Savior was great
you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary.
To our lives he brings joy and peace,
justice, mercy, and love.

Lord,
bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Savior of all,
and who lives and reigns forever and ever.

R/. Amen.

—From USCCB'S *Catholic Household Blessings & Prayers*

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. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Tennessee Ridge, TN:
December 20 following 6:00 pm Mass

DECORATE ST. PATRICK'S

Time to Deck the Halls of St Patrick's

We will be moving Christmas decorations down Wednesday evening, the 21st, after the 6:00 p.m. Mass. Many hands make light work --- and less trips up and down the stairs.

Thursday morning, the 22nd, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, we will be setting up the Nativity and decorating the Church. All ages are welcome---kids can help trim the tree. This is a happy task. Come join the fun!

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.

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Christmas Mass Times:

-Vigil at 5:00 PM

-Midnight Mass

-Christmas Day at 9:00 AM

ALTAR FLOWERS

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



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel we hear that Jesus will be named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." The mystery of the birth of Jesus is supremely a mystery of love. May each Christmas find us more and more like him: more humble, more holy, more happy, and more full of God.



In the month of December, through your gifts the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to help the poor and suffering to face their hardships and fears, by assisting families with food, gifts and help with utilities.

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 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.

SVDP SECOND COLLECTION

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

DATE	12/17	12/18	12/24	MIDNIGHT	12/25
LECTOR	Lou Lomber	Chastity Kindred	James Ginter	Lou Lomber	Flo Petrie
EMOHC	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Mary Chaney	Kathy Brewster	Tom Powers	Mary Chaney
		Jennifer Koski	Vince Brewster		
	Wade Garmon	Vicki James	Dan Cesario	Griffin Brewster	Cathy Abou-Sakher

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.

OPEN HOUSE

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



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

DECEMBER 18, 2016

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

Last Sunday's Collection: \$3,450.38
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00
 For the week : Under Budget (\$249.62)
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 8,957.67)
 Last Sunday's Attendance: 185

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, Walter Holland, 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, Leonard Brewster.

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 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 Juan Flores + 10:30 am CCD 6:30 pm Vespers Youth Group Christmas Party</p>
<p>Monday, December 19: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for William Minnis School Closed</p>
<p>Tuesday, December 20: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Ralph Harbison School Closed</p>
<p>Wednesday, December 21: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45</p>	<p>6:00 pm Mass for Christopher Bertoni NO RCIA School Closed</p>
<p>Thursday, December 22: 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Patel Family School Closed</p>
<p>Friday, December 23: Mt 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66</p>	<p>8:00 am Mass for Daniel Cesario School & Church Office Closed</p>
<p>Saturday, December 24: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Lk 1:67-79</p>	<p>NO 8:00 am MASS 5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Special Intention Midnight Mass</p>
<p>Sunday, December 25: Nativity of the Lord Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish NO CCD Holy Day of Obligation MERRY CHRISTMAS!</p>

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 week-end masses or by appointment.

