



# Saint Patrick Parish

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December 25, 2016 • The Nativity of the Lord

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*A HOLY DAY  
has dawned upon us.  
Come, you nations,  
and adore the Lord.  
For today a great light has  
come upon the earth.*

### 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)

# SAINT PATRICK, MCEWEN

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## 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. We will resume on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

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## YOUTH GROUP

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 15 from 6:30-8:30 PM. 7th-12th Grade.

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## 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*

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## SECOND COLLECTION

There will be a Second Collection on December 31<sup>st</sup> & January 1<sup>st</sup> for the victims of the wildfires in East TN.

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## PILGRIMAGE TO JORDAN AND ISRAEL

Pray at the place Jesus was born. Look out over the Holy Land from the same place Moses did before he died. Go to Mass at the very spot Jesus died and rose from the dead.

The Office of Adult Formation is headed to Jordan and Israel in August of next year.

This is a pilgrimage you will never forget. Space is limited, so email Joan Watson at [joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com](mailto:joan.watson@dioceseofnashville.com) for more information or head over to [TheCatholicTraveler.com](http://TheCatholicTraveler.com) for the itinerary, cost information, and other important details. Find it under, "Pilgrimage to the Holy Land(s) with the Diocese of Nashville."

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## THANK YOU!

SVdP wishes to thank all the volunteers who contributed to the success of our annual Christmas Party, whether it be by donation, angel gifts, cooking, serving, cleanup, etc. We appreciate every one of you. Our folks were very grateful for the pancakes and bacon breakfast. Santa made his appearance and pictures were taken for the parents. Music was furnished by Mr. Bill Rogers and the SVdP musicians. We could not have done this without the orchestration of Miss Barbara Hooper! This is the best time for our Neighbors in Need to feel the love of our ministry and parish. We are truly blessed in our Ministry. We pray for you and ask that you keep us in your prayers.

## 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.

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## 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**

Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen.

**Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”**

**FOOD DRIVE VOLUNTEERS**

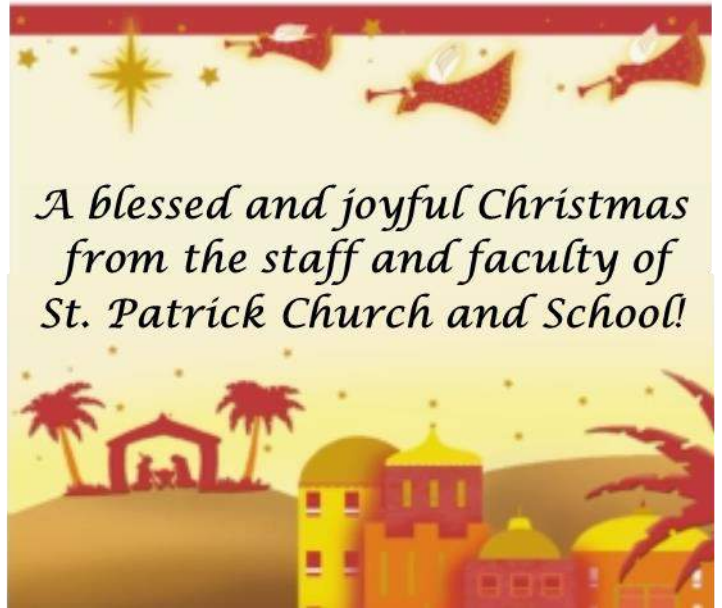
The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is asking for volunteers to help pass out food. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month we have a perishable food route at St. Patrick’s. Please arrive at 12:00 (noon) & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry. December 27. Thank you.



**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.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

**DECEMBER 25, 2016**

**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

*“And the Word became flesh” John 1:14*

Jesus is God’s ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

Last Sunday’s Collection: \$3,319.00  
 Needed Each Week: \$3,700.00  
 For the week : Under Budget (\$381.00)  
 Year to date: Under Budget (\$ 9,338.67)  
 Last Sunday’s Attendance: 88

DATE	12/24	MIDNIGHT	12/25	12/31	1/1
LECTOR	James Ginter	Lou Lomber	Chasity Kindred	Erin Ginter	Lynn Frost
EMOHC	William Minnis	Tom Powers	Mary Chaney	James Ginter	Mary Chaney
	Wade Garmon	Griffin Brewster	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Wade Garmon	Vicki James
	Dan Cesario				Dan Cesario



## 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 Tarry, Tom Powers, Judy Smith, Jane Sparks, Harley Grebner, Vince Richardson, Dennis Claude, Anthony Holland, Walter Holland, Mary Lomber, George Kindred, Ralph Harbison, Asa Smith

**\*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:** Peggy Wallace, all who are served by the SVDP Society, Ray Masen, Jason Lagan, Katherine Perigo, Earl Wright, Gregg Spickard, Betsy Hickman, Michiko Eberle, Tina Cooley, Murphy Copeland, 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 Tarry 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.

## CALENDAR NOTE

No Morning Mass 12/26-31, Father Michael will be on retreat from December 26-30.

# 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><b>Sunday, December 25:</b>  <b>Nativity of the Lord</b>                      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  <b>NO CCD</b></p> <p><b>MERRY CHRISTMAS!</b></p>
<p><b>Monday, December 26:</b>                      Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59                      Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 &amp; 8ab, 16bc &amp; 17                      Mt 10:17-22</p>	<p>NO MASS</p> <p><b>School Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday, December 27:</b>                      1 Jn 1:1-4                      Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12                      Jn 20:1a and 2-8</p>	<p>NO MASS                      Noon SVdP Food Drive  <b>School Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday, December 28:</b>                      1 Jn 1:5-2:2                      Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8                      Mt 2:13-18</p>	<p>NO MASS</p> <p><b>School Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday, December 29:</b>                      1 Jn 2:3-11                      Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6                      Lk 2:22-35</p>	<p>NO MASS</p> <p><b>School Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Friday, December 30:</b>                      Sir 3:2-6, 12-14                      Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5                      Mt 2:13-15, 19-23</p>	<p>NO MASS</p> <p><b>School &amp; Church Office Closed</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday, December 31:</b>                      1 Jn 2:18-21                      Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13                      Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p><b>NO 8:00 am MASS</b>                      5:00 pm Vigil Mass for Special Intention</p>
<p><b>Sunday January 1:</b>  <b>Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God</b>                      Nm 6:22-27                      Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8                      Gal 4:4-7                      Lk 2:16-21</p>	<p>9:00 am Mass for St. Patrick Parish  <b>NO CCD</b></p>