

# Saint Patrick Parish

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**December 3, 2017 • First Sunday of Advent**

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*Entrance Antiphon:*

*To you, O God,  
I lift up my soul*



## 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  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sundays: 8:00-8:45 am Saturdays: 4:00-4:45pm  
Also by appointment

### FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION 7 PM PENANCE SERVICE UPCOMING JANUARY 5

**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 the elderly, anyone anticipating surgery or who are seriously ill should receive this sacrament. Please contact Father Zack.

### **Religious Education (CCD):**

Is available for Grades K - 8. 10:15 am on Sunday during the school year.

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

# MASSES & INTENTIONS

**Sunday: December 3**  
*First Sunday of Advent*

**Readings:** Is 63:16B-17,19B; 64:2-7;  
Ps 80:2-3,15-16,18-19; I Cor 1:3-9;  
Mk 13:33-37

**Mass Intentions:** 9:00am Christian Kindred

**Monday: December 4**

**Readings:** Is 2:1-5,Ps 122:1-4BCD-5,5-9; Mt 8:5-11

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Chister & Catherine Daricci+

**Tuesday: December 5**

**Readings** Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2,7-8,12-12,17;  
Lk10:21-24

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00 am Betsy Hickman +

**Wednesday: December 6**

**Readings:** Is 25:6-10A; Ps23:1-3AB,4-6; Mt 15:29-37

**NO MASS**

**Thursday: December 7**  
*Memorial of St. Ambrose,  
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

**Readings** Is26:1-6,Ps118:1,8-9,19-21,25-27A,  
Mt 7:21,24-27

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Betsy Hickman +

**Friday: December 8**

*Immaculate Conception*

**Readings** Gn3:9-15,20; Ps98:1-3ABCD,4;  
Eph1:3-6,11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Mass Intentions:** 8:00am Sister Mary Grace  
6:00pm Irene Weaver+

**Saturday, December 9**

**Readings** Is30:19-21,23-26; Ps147:1-6;  
Mt 9:35-10:1,5A,6-8

**Mass Intentions** 5:00 Marjorie VanFossen

**Sunday: December 10**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

**Readings** Is40:1-5,9-11; Ps85:9-14; Pt3:8-14; Mt1:1-8

**Mass Intentions:** 9:00am St. Patrick Parish

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Holy Day of Obligation, December 8

Mass Schedule:

12/7: 6 PM St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

12/8: 8 AM St. Patrick

6 PM St. Patrick



## Fr. Zack's Corner

### Being a practicing Catholic is an opportunity to serve others.

Christ "came not to be served but to serve." (Mathew 20:28) Serving others through the church shows your love for Christ.

You can serve others by:

- Giving your time to those in need (for example by visiting the ill or elderly or participating in food/clothing drives)
- Giving money and goods to help those in need and to further Christ's mission
- Using your talents and skills to help with church operations (for example, help with repairs around the church)
- Spreading God's words and love through your words and actions

	12/02	12/03	12/09	12/10
<b>LECTOR</b>	Lynn Frost	Kathy Brewster	Lou Lomber	Laura Ross
		Laura Ross	Lynn Frost	Steve Bartlett
<b>EMOHC</b>	Tom Powers	Vince Brewster	Tom Powers	Vicki James
		James Ginter		Barbara Hooper
	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Wade Garmon	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Mary Chaney

**DECEMBER 3, 2017**

**GIFT BEARERS & VOCATION CUP**  
**Daniel Collier Family**



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

**Month of the Holy Souls In Purgatory**

**Monday, December 4:**

- ◆ 11:00 am Book Club

**Tuesday, December 5:**

- ◆ 7:00 pm Book Club

**Wednesday, December 6:**

- ◆ 7:00 pm Becoming Catholic

**Thursday, December 7:**

- ◆ 6:00 pm Vigil St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

**Friday, December 8:**

- ◆ Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)  
8 am & 6 pm Mass

**Saturday, December 9:**

- ◆ Father's Open House 6 pm

**Sunday, December 10:**

- ◆ Second Sunday of Advent

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**BECOMING CATHOLIC**

The preparations for Christmas include buying or making gifts for those whom we love. You can give no better gift than the gift God has given to us: his Son, Jesus. Invite someone who is not Catholic to attend Mass with you at Christmas. For information about our inquiry sessions about the faith, contact Alyssa Ginter at (931) 209-6859.

**YOUTH GROUP**

December 3 at 6:30pm- Advent Vespers with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The Feast days of Juan Diego and Our Lady of Guadalupe are coming up! Following Vespers hear more about this visitation with: *Guadalupe: The Miracle and the Message*. This movie traces the history of this transformative event from the 16th century to the present. This gripping film explores both the inexplicable mysteries behind the image and the continued relevance of the Guadalupe apparition to the modern world.

**THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

This year, Christmas falls on a Monday. Going to Sunday Mass on Christmas Eve will not fulfill both the Holy Day obligation and the regular Sunday obligation.

The Mass schedule for the weekend is as follows:  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:** Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am  
**Christmas Eve:** Sunday 5pm  
**Christmas Day:** Monday 9am

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

**VINCENTIAN MEDITATION**

As we begin Advent we are called to, "Be watchful! Be alert," as we stand in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives.



**Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box will help the poor to celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.**

**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 noon & join your fellow parishioners to help with this ministry. Next Food Drive: December 12 & 26

**ITEMS FOR THE SVDP PANTRY**

Household items needed for the pantry: soap, toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, shampoo, etc.

**GIVING TREE GIFTS**

\*Reminder to have all gifts in by Sunday, Dec. 10.\* Saturday, Dec. 16 is the SVdP party for our neighbors and children in need. We invite the parish to come and be a part of this ministry! For more information call Barbara (615) 337-5189

**SPECIAL COLLECTION, 12/3/17**

The second collection today is for a parish gift of a Chasuble for Anthony Stewart's Ordination.

**OFFERTORY REPORT - NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

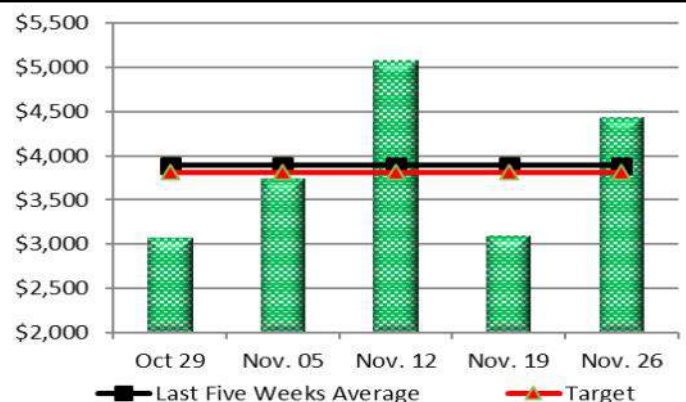
**Collection Summary**

Envelopes & Loose Checks	\$4,099.00
Regular Collection Loose	\$ 338.00
<b>TOTAL—Regular Giving</b>	<b>\$4,437.00</b>

**SVdP Collection N/A**

**Last Week's Attendance: 68**

**The last five weeks' average Regular Giving is \$3,887.00 or 102% of our target of \$3,812 per week.**





## CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is welcome to visit with Fr. Zack in the Rectory on Saturday, December 9, after the 5:00pm Vigil Mass. Please bring a finger food to share. Meet parishioners from St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, eat some snacks, enjoy the decorated Christmas atmosphere and get to know Father outside the Church.

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## FIRST FRIDAY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The next First Friday Eucharistic Adoration is January 5th with a Penance Service at 7:00 pm. Please contact Jamie Epley if you are interested in spending an hour with our Lord or if you are unable to keep your hour this month. All are welcome to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during this time.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Please call the church office if you would like to purchase Altar flowers for the upcoming first Friday Eucharistic Adoration, for a special occasion, or in honor/memory of a loved one.

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## FR. ZACK'S BOOK CLUB

### Joy to the World by Scott Hahn

What could be more familiar than the Christmas story -- and yet what could be more extraordinary? The cast of characters is strange and exotic: shepherds and magicians, an emperor and a despot, angels, and a baby who is Almighty God. The strangeness calls for an explanation, and this book provides it by examining the characters and the story in light of the biblical and historical context. Explore this work in small groups at your homes or at the parish. There will be two sessions running concurrently: one beginning Monday, December 4 at 11am and the other beginning on Tuesday, December 5 at 7pm.

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

During Advent, the opening hymn is replaced by the Entrance Antiphon. It is sung by the cantor and congregation in the same way as the Responsorial Psalm that is sung after the First Reading.

The Entrance Antiphon Response this week is:  
**"To you, O God, I lift up my soul."**

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## MINISTRIES:

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone."  
(1 Corinthians 12:4-6)*

Our Parish offers many different opportunities for returning our gifts of time and talent to God. As stewards of God-given skills and abilities, volunteering in a ministry or organization provides a way to thank God, share our faith with others, and enhance our community.

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## CALLING ALL YOUTH! We need you!

Help show the parish who you are by serving at Mass, particularly the last Sunday of each month. Ministry roles to be filled for this liturgy include Lector, Cantor, Musicians, Gift Bearers, Ushers, Altar Servers, and Choir. The next opportunity is December 31. Please call or text Alyssa Ginter [\(931\) 209-6859](tel:9312096859) to join in.

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## CHRISTMAS AT THE CATHEDRAL:

**December 4-5**, 7:30 p.m., 2015 West End Ave., Nashville. Christmas concert with the Cathedral Choir, 130 Catholic high school choir members, and full orchestra. Free Admission.



## DEAR MILITARY FAMILIES

We would like display pictures of members of our parish family who are currently in the military. Please email pictures of your military loved ones to [Michelle.Minnis@gmail.com](mailto:Michelle.Minnis@gmail.com) so we can remember to pray for them as a parish. Hard copies can be given to Michelle Minnis or the church office to be scanned. We will return them to you.

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## CHRISTMAS ANTICIPATION PRAYER

*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 Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.*

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## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Daack Family  
Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Ginter Family

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