

Saint Patrick Parish

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December 17, 2017 • Third Sunday of Advent

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Entrance Antiphon:

**Rejoice, rejoice
in the lord; for
He comes.**



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASS

Saturday Vigil - 5:00 pm
Sunday - 9:00 am

HOLY DAYS

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

MASSES & INTENTIONS

Sunday: December 17

Third Sunday of Advent

Readings Is 61:1-2A,10-11; Lk1:46-50,53-54;
1Thes 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8,1-28

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

Monday: December 18

Readings: Jer 23:5-8, Ps721-2,12-13,18-19, Mt1:18-25

Mass Intentions: 8:00am - Tyler Hooper

Tuesday: December 19

Readings Jgs 13:2-7,24-25A, Ps 71:3-4A4-6B,16-17, Lk1:5-25

Mass Intentions: 8:00am - Bailey Hooper

Wednesday: December 20

Readings: Is 7:10-14, Ps 241-4AB,5-6, Lk 1:26:38

NO MASS

Thursday: December 21

Readings: Sg2:8-14, Zep3:14-18A,Ps33:2-3,11-12,20-21, Lk 1:39-45

Mass Intentions: 8:00am - Joseph Blain Hooper

Friday: December 22

Readings Sm 1:24-28,Samuel 2:1,4-8ABCD,Lk 1:46-56

Mass Intentions: 8:00am - Kelly Lagan +

Saturday, December 23

Readings Mal 3:1-4,23-24, Ps24:4-5AB,8-10,14
Lk 1:57-66

Mass Intentions 5:00pm - Chasity Kindred

Sunday: December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Readings 2 Sm 7:1-5,8B-12,14A,16, Ps89:2-5,27,28,
Rom 16:25-27, Lk 1:26-38

Mass Intentions: 9:00am - St. Patrick's Parish

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please pray for Janet Hunter, the sister of Steve Hooper & Danny Hopewood, the cousin of Barbara Hooper.

Please also pray for JoAnn Wilson.



Fr. Zack's Corner

ACTIVE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP HELPS BUILD A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

The church is a family – growth takes work, commitment, support and love. But working together can provide a feeling of togetherness, as well as a sense that you are part of something larger than yourself. "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

LEARN HOW YOU CAN BECOME MORE ACTIVE IN THE CHURCH.

- ◆ Talk with ministry leads about how you (and your loved ones) can take a more active role in the church.
- ◆ Worship and pray regularly, and attend Book Club, Bible Study, RCIA, and Youth as often as you can.
- ◆ Consider what you can give to the church- and celebrate what it can give you.

	12/16	12/17	12/23	12/24
LECTOR	Lou Lomber	Wayne Hooper	Lou Lomber	Kathy Brewster
	Lynn Frost	Maleah Epley	William Minnis	Terry Coleman
EMOHC	Tom Powers	Barbara Hooper	Tom Powers	Barbara Hooper
	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Wade Garmon	Cathy Abou-Sakher	Vince Brewster
		Jennifer Koski		Dan Cesario

WEEK AT A GLANCE

December is dedicated to the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 18:

- ◆ 11:00 am Book Club

Tuesday, December 19:

- ◆ 10:30 am Early dismissal
- ◆ 11:00 am Church Office Closed
- ◆ 7:00 pm Book Club

Wednesday, December 20:

- ◆ 5:00 pm Make arrangements for the Church
- ◆ 7:00 pm Becoming Catholic Session Postponed

Thursday, December 21:

- ◆ N/A

Friday, December 22:

- ◆ N/A

Saturday, December 23:

- ◆ 9:00 am Hang arrangements, polish brass, etc.

Sunday, December 24:

- ◆ After Mass set up nativity and final touches

Monday, December 25:

- ◆ Christmas Day

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 17 - Our pre-Christmas Party begins with Vespers at 6:30pm. All 7th-12th graders are invited to attend - bring a friend! Bring a gift (under \$10) if you'd like to participate in the gift exchange game. There will be games, food, Christmas shows and more. Snacks, drinks or Christmas cookies are welcome! Anyone wishing to help decorate should come to the teen hall at 6pm.

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:
4th Sunday of Advent: Saturday 5pm, Sunday 9am

Christmas Eve: Sunday 5pm
Christmas Day: Monday 9am

**DECEMBER 17, 2017
 GIFT BEARERS & VOCATION CUP**

The Wayne Hooper Family



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

VINCENTIAN MEDITATION

In today's Gospel John the Baptist says, "I am the voice of one crying in the desert; make straight the way of the Lord." Let us ask for the grace to help others to know the love of the Lord.



Christmas is a time of love and gift giving.. please give to the SVdP so that those who do not have clothes and food can share in the blessing of 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 Dates: January 9 & 23

ITEMS FOR THE SVDP PANTRY

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

IT'S TIME TO DECK THE HALLS OF ST PATRICK'S FOR CHRISTMAS!

You are invited to come prepare the Church for Christmas!
Wednesday, Dec. 20th, 5:00 pm -
 We will be gathering to make arrangements. Come when you can after work!
Saturday, Dec 23rd after the 8:00 am Mass -
 We will be hanging the arrangements, polishing brass, and getting the church ready. Men with ladders - we especially need you on this date!
Sunday, Dec 24th after the 9:00 a.m. Mass -
 We will be setting up the Nativity and making finishing touches as needed.
 Please come when you can, even if only for half an hour. Your help is more than appreciated!
 Contact Lynn Frost 931 622-1458 for more information.

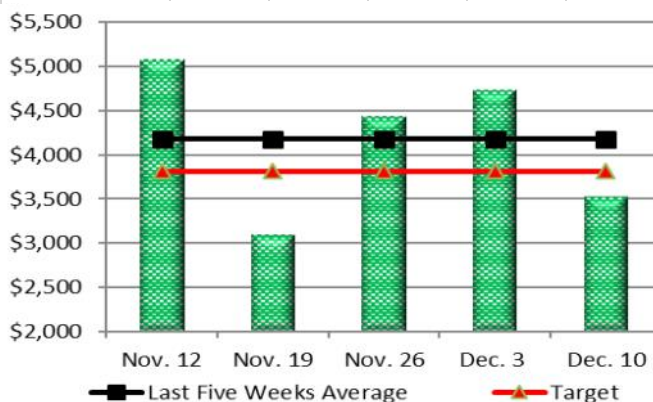
OFFERTORY REPORT - DECEMBER 10, 2017

Collection Summary

Envelopes & Loose Checks	\$3,453.00
Regular Collection Loose	\$ 78.00
TOTAL—Regular Giving	\$3,531.00

Immaculate Conception Collection \$354.00

The last five weeks' average Regular Giving is \$4,176.00 or 110% of our target of \$3,812 per week.



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.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Devotions are held the First Saturday of the month. The next devotion is Saturday, January 6 following 8:00 am Mass. All are welcome!

THIRD 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:

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord; for He Comes"

NOW SEEKING COLLEGE AGE ADULTS FOR THE TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY POSITION

Come spend your summer building up the Kingdom of God in Nashville! Throughout the summer, you will help young people encounter Jesus Christ through prayer, relationship, and catechesis.

As college-aged students, Totus Tuus missionaries have a unique opportunity to accompany young people in their lives of faith.

MISSIONARY APPLICATIONS:

<https://www.dioceseofnashville.com/totus-tuus>

ARE YOU SOMEONE WITH A MUSICAL TALENT?

The Saint Patrick's choir invites all who want to use their musical talents for Christ to join them! Cantors, singers, pianists, and guitarists are all welcome. For more information or if you wish to join, contact: Susan Eaton [text or call: (615)828-5667] Eddie Bozman [email: bozmance@yahoo.com] Chrissy Cesario [call: (615)763-0246 or email: christinacesario@aol.com].

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 at [\(931\) 209-6859](tel:9312096859) to join in.

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.*

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Saturday, December 16th - The Hopkins Family
Sunday, December 17th - The Kindred Family

CALENDAR CORRECTIONS

"Becoming Catholic" will not meet for their regular sessions on December 20th & 27th. There will be CCD on the 10th & 17th.

WANTED:

Liturgical Art for Ordinary time between Christmas and Lent. Submit by January 1 to the Church Office. Contact Michelle Minnis (931) 582-7782 for more Information.