

MASS INTENTIONS—December 3rd—December 11th
Saturday—5pm +Angel R. Sierra & Manuel Sierra
 (Bill & Mary Louise Fuentes)
Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am Betty Blubaugh (Ray & Becky Jacquinet)
Monday—7am Vicki Sallee (Diane Salyers)
Tuesday—8am Patti Findley
Wednesday—7am (Latin) +Gladys Caywood
 (Charlene Stottmann)
 —6:30pm Our Nation

Thursday—7am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 12:05pm Margaret Patterson
 (John & Sonja Schibi)
Friday—7am +Brian Bergkamp (Tim & Linda McMillan)
 Next Weekends Intentions:
Saturday—5pm +Merle & Mildred Westhoff
Sunday—8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
 10am +Aristeo & Transito Fuentes Family

The Catholic Side

Praised Be Jesus Christ!
 This Thursday is the Holy Day of Obligation of our nation's patroness: The Immaculate Conception. She is also the patroness of our diocese, so definitely it is a big feast! We will have Holy Mass on Wednesday evening 7 December at 6:30 and on Thursday at 7am & 12:05 p.m. I will hear Confessions 30 minutes before each Holy Mass. Thursday evening, from 9pm - midnight Friday morning we will have Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament in the church. It is a nation-wide prayer for life. It is a great opportunity to come and pray for the protection of life by law in all its stages: from conception until natural death.

Next weekend, Fr. McElwee will be here during the Holy Masses to hear Confessions. It is a great opportunity to get to Confession to get your soul ready to celebrate Christmas. We will operate this as we have in the past. Leave the first few pews by the East confessional empty so people can wait there until it is their turn. The only time you would refrain from going is during the consecration. Included in this bulletin is the schedule for Advent and Christmas, too. In that schedule there are ample opportunities to get to Confession before Christmas.

On a related note, please notice in the schedule that Christmas and New Year's both fall on Sundays, however, **our Holy Mass Schedule will follow our normal Christmas and New Year's Schedule, not the weekend schedule.**

For Christmas:
Christmas Eve @6pm
Christmas Day @ Midnight
Christmas Day @ 7:30 am Latin Low Mass,
Christmas Day @ 9 am.
For New Year's:
New Year's Eve @ 4pm
New Year's Day @ 9am
New Year's Day @ 10am

Speaking of Christmas, what follows are the addresses of Sr. Bertina, Frs. Jeremy Heppler and Jarrod Waugh, Deacon Labenz, and our seminarians, James Schibi and Trevor Buster. If you have a moment, drop them a little note. I know they would appreciate hearing from you.

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May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the USA and our diocese, pray for us.

Peace in Jesus and Mary,
Fr. Borkenhagen

PARISH NEWS

"IN THE BEGINNING..." *(A journey through the development of a child—a parallel of Christ being formed in the womb from March 25th-December 25th).*
Week 37—Chris is absorbing about a gallon of amniotic fluid per day. Chris is now receiving valuable antibodies from mom to fight off infections. Fat is deposited in Chris' cheeks this week and the muscles that help Chris suck are helping to fill Chris' little face. Chris is about 6 pounds and over 20 inches in length. I'm a little plump but I'm ready for my first picture. Mom is probably seeing the doctor every week and should take a Group B Strep test. *"Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."* Romans 15:7

ADOPT-A-MOM—St. Patrick's Pro-Life Committee is adopting one moms from Hannah's Promise for Christmas this year. We will also be adopting two families from our Parish. A Christmas Tree will be up and decorated in the vestibule of the church early next week. Once you pick a gift—buy it, wrap it, tape the tag to the outside, and return it under the tree by December 18th. Thanks in advance!

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE POTLUCK— Help celebrate the Patron Saint of the Americas and the Unborn on Sunday, December 11th in the Parish Hall after the 10am Mass. Bring your favorite Mexican dish! Table service and beverages will be provided. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us!

RELIGIOUS ARTICLES SALE—The Catholic Culture Committee will be selling Religious Articles after Masses on December 10th & 11th. Please come out and support them! They purchase a variety of beautiful items that make perfect Christmas gifts.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!
Adorers are needed for the following hours:
Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am, Sat 2-3am,
Sat 5-6pm, Sat 6-7pm, Sat 10-11pm,
Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am.

FORMED.ORG DECEMBER FEATURE: GOD IS WITH US—"Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel (which means, God with us)" [Matthew 1:23] Why did He do it? Why did God become one of us? St. Athanasius gives a startling answer to that question: "For the Son of God became man so that we might become God." In other words, the transforming effect of God's grace made available to us through Jesus Christ literally makes us more divine, more like God. Understanding this expands our understanding of salvation. Jesus became one of us to save us from something, our sin, but also to save us for something, participating in divine life! What a gift! Log on to formed.org and enter parish access code N4XHFG to access these excellent resources!

GET ON TRACK WITH NFP—Have you been wanting to learn a method of Natural Family Planning (NFP) but didn't want to make the drive out of town to find an instructor? Now, there are two instructors at St. Patrick's! Jackie Gorman teaches the Marquette Model II. To register for her next class, please call (316)641-5446 or email jackie.mmnfp@gmail.com. Sonja Schibi teaches the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System and has an Introductory Class coming up on Tuesday, December 13th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. To register please call (307)760-2580 or email sonja.cmfc@gmail.com.

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Second Sunday in Advent

In the Church the season of Advent prepares us to celebrate Christmas, the birth of Jesus, the Messiah. We listen as Isaiah describes a world of peace and justice. St. Paul encourages us to follow his example and live in harmony with Christ's teachings. John the Baptist warns that for those who do not acknowledge their sins and repent, judgment will be harsh. When we turn toward God and accept the love he freely offers, we open ourselves to the truth and can share it with our brothers and sisters. May we seek forgiveness for our sins and accept God's abundant mercy and likewise extend mercy to our neighbors.

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 November 26th-November 27th

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$10,755.31

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:

Sun Dec 4	*RCIA Class—Baptism & Confession	9:15am-12pm
Mon Dec 5	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Ultreya—Parish Hall	7pm
	—Mike Keal will be the witness speaker; bring a snack and a friend!	
	*School Council Meeting—Rectory	7pm
Tue Dec 6	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Parish Library Work Day	6:30pm
Wed Dec 7	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 Family Night—Parish Hall	5:30pm
	*CYM	7pm
Thur Dec 8	*Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	—Holy Day of Obligation	
	*Parish Offices Closed	
	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	6:30pm
Fri Dec 9	*Rosary in the Church	6:30am
	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of holiness and strength upon the Church	
Sat Dec 10	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Latin Mass	7am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	7:40am
	*Church Cleaning	8am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
	*Religious Articles Sale—Parish Hall	6pm
Sun Dec 11	*RCIA Class—The Eucharist/The Mass	9:15am-12pm
	*Religious Articles Sale	9 & 11am
	*Our Lady of Guadalupe Potluck	11am
	—Parish Hall; Bring your favorite Mexican dish and come celebrate!	

ANOTHER SMART USE OF YOUR IRA—While you may initially appreciate the income from your IRA, as time goes on the higher withdrawal requirements may push you into a higher tax bracket, increasing your taxes. Last year, Congress made the IRA charitable rollover permanent. This allows taxpayers who are required to withdraw money from their IRAs to give directly to their parish. Because the distribution counts toward your required minimum distribution, but does not count as income, making an IRA gift to your parish is a great way to reduce your taxes. While you won't receive an income tax deduction for this, you also won't pay any income tax on the transfer.

Requirements for making an IRA rollover:

- You must be age 70 ½ or older.
- You must transfer money directly from your IRA to your parish.
- You can give up to \$100,000 annually from your IRA.

The transfer only works for IRAs and not other retirement accounts. However, you may be able to roll over your 401k or other plan into an IRA and take advantage of this opportunity. Check with your tax advisor.

Altar Servers:

Dec 10—5pm K Nance/Ka Waun/Ky Waun
 Dec 11—8am A Nibarger/R Barger/M Bogner
 10am J Forbes/L Wolgamott/O Feess/E Hess

Extraordinary Ministers:

Dec 10—5pm Steve Ramsey
 Dec 11—8am Ellie Montee
 10am Tracy Holzem

Lector:

Dec 10—5pm Amanda Archambault
 Dec 11—8am Stephanie Reitemeier
 10am Allison Colson

Offertory Gifts:

Dec 10—5pm Rick and Toni Martinez
 Dec 11—8am Zach and Stephanie Reitemeier
 10am Harry and Cathy Heppler

Ushers:

Dec 10—5pm M & J Carson / T & B Westhoff
 Dec 11—8am Montee/Crabtree/O'Hara/Simon
 10am Richard and Mary Jo Fitzwater Family

Money Counters:

Dec 10 & 11—Ray and Mary Feess
 Zach and Stephanie Reitemeier

