

**MASS INTENTIONS : Dec 23rd to Dec 31st**

Saturday	5pm	Isabella Gudde Family (Gary & Judy Harris)
Sunday	8am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
	10am	†Lynn Brinkman ( Lisa Cox)
Sunday	6pm	People of St. Patricks Parish
Mon	12am	†Tony Templeton ( Joe Dwyer)
Mon	9am	Joe Dwyer ( Patty Findley)

Tues	5:30pm	Whitney Jo Brown (Mary Brown)
Wed.	8am	† Brett Middleswart (Adolph & Norma Flax)
Thur	8am	† Pat Dwyer (Joe Dwyer)
Friday	8am	† Lois Bevans (Jim & Janie Schibi)
<b>Next Weekend's Intentions:</b>		
Saturday	5pm	Bill & Mary Louise Fuentez (Marisa Merchant)
Sunday	8am	The People of St. Patricks Parish
Sunday	10am	Margaret George (Lisa Harriger)

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

Sun. Dec 24	*RCIA	8am
	*Mass	8am
	*Mass	10am
	*Church Decorating	11am
	*Christmas Vigil Mass	6pm
Mon Dec 25	*Midnight Mass	12am
	*Christmas Mass	9am
Tue Dec 26	*Parish Offices Closed	
	*Rosary in the Church	5pm
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Mass	5:30pm
	*No K of C Meeting	
Wed Dec 27	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Thur Dec 28	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Fri Dec 29	*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of the Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of Holiness and strength upon the Church.	
	*Kapaun's	5:30am
	*Rosary	7:30am
	*Mass	8am
Sat Dec 30	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Cursillo	7am
	*Confessions	3:30pm
	*Mass	5pm
Sun Dec 31	*RCIA	8am
	*Mass	8am
	*Mass	10am
	*Blessing of the Adoration Chapel - after mass	

**Next Week**

<b>Altar Servers:</b>		
Dec 30	5pm	E Wheat, A Wheat, M Bogner
Dec 31	8am	R Barger, L Forbes, C Snider
	10am	D Ortiz, B Brungardt, L Ortiz
<b>Extraordinary Ministers:</b>		
Dec 30	5pm	Vicki Templeton
Dec 31	8am	Tom O'Hara
	10am	Sherri Martin
<b>Lector:</b>		
Dec 30	5pm	Scotty Zollars
Dec 31	8am	Sophia Zetmeir
	10am	Daniel Schibi
<b>Offertory Gifts:</b>		
Dec 30	5pm	Dan & Teresa Bogner/Millie Bogner
Dec 31	8am	Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier
	10am	Gary & Kim Beachner
<b>Ushers:</b>		
Dec 30	5pm	C VanMieghem /P Yanez/ M McKinney
Dec 31	8am	J Perez / R Jacquinet/ F Chandler
	10am	Gary & Karen Haynes / Mark & Fatima Mall
<b>Money Counters:</b>		
Dec 31		Sue O'Brien / Ray & Becky Jacquinet

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

DEC.16TH - DEC.17TH

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$18,944.84

**ADORATION**

OUR LORD LONGS TO SPEND AN HOUR WITH YOU....

Prayerfully Consider an Adoration Hour. Whether weekly, every other week or once a month.

Sun	3-4am
Mon	12-1am
Mon	1-2am
Tue	6-7pm
Thur	12-1am
Thur	1-2am
Thur	3-4pm
Fri	1-2am

**RE M I N D E R**

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2018 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES IN THE PARISH HALL PLEASE, BE SURE YOUR NAME IS ON THE BOX. THANK YOU.



**Stewardship Reflection:**

December 24th, 2017

“Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.” With those words our Blessed Mother Mary places her total trust in God. We are called to do the same, and this final Sunday of Lent is the time for us to do that, if we have not previously. Mary’s response to God is the same response we need to offer the Lord. It is most appropriate that we hear this message at this time and on this day.

This took much more trust in the Lord than we might imagine. Mary agreed to receive a pregnancy that would be seen as suspect in a culture which had a potential death penalty for adultery. Spiritually speaking, there are similarities between the Lord’s work in Mary and His work in all of us. Jesus lives within each of us spiritually. He lived in Mary not only spiritually but also physically.

Jesus was made visible to the world through Mary physically, but He should be made visible to the world through us as well. Who we are and how we relate to and treat others is a sign to the world of Who Jesus is and what a Christian is and should be. Are we showing the world what it means to be His disciple? Is there a better time than this to do so?

The entertainer and comedian Bob Hope once said, “My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?”

**CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING 2017**

“Let us remember that love lives through sacrifice and is nourished by giving. Without sacrifice, there is no love”

..... St. Maximilian Kolbe

Please consider a gift this year to Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the education of seminarians and our retired priests.

**CHURCH DECORATING**

If you would like to help decorate our beautiful church for Christmas, you will have the opportunity to do so. Sunday, Dec. 24, after the 10:00am mass we will do all the “behind the scenes” work, such as carrying everything into the church, sorting and placing things in the approximate vicinity of where it is to be used, setting up the trees, etc. Then we will do all the detailed decorating and putting on all the finishing touches.

Many hands make light work.....

**Please Join Us.**

We’re celebrating the 50th Wedding Anniversary, In Honor of Mike and Florence Keal. The festivities will be Friday December 29th @ The Wall Family Center at 2605 Main Street, Parsons, Ks. from 5:00-7.30pm. Cake & Punch will be served. HAPPY ANNIVERSARY ....

**Blessing of the Adoration Chapel**



Following the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 31st, we will have the blessing and opening of the new adoration chapel.

There once was a young man who found himself on a warm desert night kneeling in a small tent with a dirt floor, not quite sure what he was doing there, but there he was on his knees. The date was December 24th, 2000 and this small tent that this young man found himself in was located at an Air Base just outside of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia where he was stationed as an Air Force officer. Now prior to this night it had been nearly 7 years since this young man had consistently practiced his faith. During those years he seldom went to Mass, frequented the sacraments, or prayed for that matter. And it was probably out of boredom or perhaps a longing to be with family during the holidays that he found himself in this small dirty chapel tent, yet there he was on his knees at Christmas Eve Midnight Mass.

It was in the humble setting of this chapel tent, that as the priest elevated the host during the Eucharistic prayer that this young man came to realize the beauty of God’s gift of Himself that we celebrate at Christmas. It was in this brief moment, which seemed to the young man to last several minutes, that he finally realized the great love that God had for him despite his years of distance from God. He realized the depth of God’s love for him in the way He chose to enter into the world at that first Christmas and the way that He was coming once again at that Christmas Eve Mass under the form of Bread and Wine for an encounter with him.

It was coming in this humble way, as on that first Christmas, that God finally broke through all the barriers and obstacles this young man had spent years building. And as a result Jesus was able to be born once again in this young man’s heart and his life was forever changed. And Jesus is coming to us and asking us the exact same thing this very night/day. He is once again making His love for us known through this celebration of His Nativity and the celebration of this Mass. He is asking us to open our hearts to His love so that He may enter in and dwell there. And like that young man, if we do this He will greatly bless us and change our lives.

This I am most certain of because of the great gift that I received from Him. For this Christmas is exactly 17 years from the day that I found myself as that young man kneeling in that small dirty chapel tent in Saudi Arabia. And I will once again encounter the Lord in all His lowliness when He comes to me, when He comes to us, under the humbling appearance of bread and wine into these weak and unworthy hands. If we open our hearts to Him, if we tear down the obstacles that we have put up, He will certainly change our lives. So let us pray that we may be able to open our hearts this Christmas and allow Him to enter into them so that we may experience the depth of His Christmas and Eucharistic love for us. Merry Christmas~~Fr. Curtis



**MASS SCHEDULE**

SUN DEC 24	*CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS	6PM
MON DEC 25	*CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS	12AM
MON DEC 25	*CHRISTMAS MASS	9AM