

MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 13th to Jan 21st

Saturday 5pm †Merlin Gottschalk (Ilene Ritz)
 Sunday 8am The People of St. Patricks Parish
 10am †Angela M. Santos (John & Gay Santos)
 Mon 8am †Doris R Farrell (Steve Farrell & family)
 Tues 5:30pm Wendy Nutt (Dr. Steve Miller)

Wed 8am †Gertrude McKinney (Charlene Stottmann)
 Thur 8am Isabella Gudde Family (Margaret Patterson)
 Friday 8am †Carmen Lopez (Phyllis Pracht)
Next Weekend's Intentions:
 Saturday 5pm †Feliz Alvarez Sr. (Marlene LaForge)
 Sunday 8am The People of St. Patricks Parish
 Sunday 10am Chance Ray (Marilyn Ray)

Father Curtis, will be away for the March for Life pilgrimage Jan 17th (after Mass) through Mon. Jan 22nd. While he is away, he will offer his Daily Masses for the Intentions on Jan 18th, 19th & 22nd., listed above.

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

Sun. Jan 14 *RCIA 8am
 *K of C Free Throw Shoot 1pm
 Mon Jan 15 *Rosary 7:30am
 *Mass 8am
 Tue Jan 16 *Rosary 5pm
 *Cursillo 5:30pm
 *Mass 5:30pm
 *Stewardship Council Meeting 6:30pm
 *PTO Meeting 7pm
 Wed Jan 17 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am
 *Mass 8am
 *PSR 5:30pm
 *Edge 6pm
 *CYM 7pm
 Thur Jan 18 *Rosary 7:30am
 *No 8am Mass
 *Altar Society Meeting 6pm
 Fri Jan 19 *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
 *Kapaun's 5:30am
 *Rosary 7:30am
 *No 8am Mass
 Sat Jan 20 *Rosary 6:30am
 *Cursillo 7am
 *Confessions 3:30pm
 *Mass 5pm
 Sun Jan 21 *RCIA 8am
 *Mass 8am
 *Mass 10am

Next Week

Altar Servers:
 Jan 20 5pm **K Nance, D Ortiz, M Bogner**
 Jan 21 8am **A Nibarger, B Johnston, C Snider**
 10am **B Brungardt, L Schibi, C Manners**

Extraordinary Ministers:
 Jan 20 5pm **Vicki Templeton**
 Jan 21 8am **Don Alexander**
 10am **Mark Martin**

Lector:
 Jan 20 5pm **Mike Carson**
 Jan 21 8am **Stephanie Reitemeier**
 10am **Emma Feess**

Offertory Gifts:
 Jan 20 5pm **Rick & Tammy Goodyear**
 Jan 21 8am **Carl & Sheryl Johnson**
 10am **Joe & Laura Stringer**

Ushers:
 Jan 20 5pm **T & B Westhoff / W Cupp /P Yanez**
 Jan 21 8am **D & Karen Wheat / John & Maggie Keene**
 10am **Keith & Leslie Keller/ Sherri Martin**

Money Counters:
 Jan 21 **Gary & Judy Harris / Pat & Janet Leech**

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:
 JAN. 6TH - JAN. 7TH
 NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$16,400.00

REMINDERS

* If you would like a Printout of your 2017 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call the rectory.
 * Please pick up your 2018 Contribution envelopes in the parish hall. Make sure YOUR name is on the box.
 * The monthly prayer list will begin anew Feb 1st - with a clean slate. If there is a prayer intention you'd like to see remain on the monthly list, please call the rectory so it can be added to the new list. Thank you

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK UPDATE

Enrollment for the 2018-19 school year officially opens Sunday January 28, which is the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. There will be an insert in next week's bulletin with details about Catholic Schools Week, including the Annual PTO Chili Feed. However, there will not be an Open House that weekend. Current school families, and any interested or new families, may pick up enrollment information after each of the weekend Masses January 27 & 28. Also, anyone is invited any time to contact the office (620-421-0710) or come by the school for a tour, enrollment information, or even just to say hello. We love visitors!!!

ADORATION

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

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

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

Stewardship Reflection:
 January 14th, 2018

"Speak, for your servant is listening." With those few words Samuel humbles himself and declares his loyalty and obedience to God. There are perhaps for many of us challenges in those words. Initially Samuel responds "Here I am," but thinks it was Eli who called him. The idea of being a servant and the willingness to serve are what may be trials for us in terms of how we live.

Samuel does not recognize the voice of the Lord. That, too, may be a problem for us. First we need to be listening. Are we, or are we merely going through the motions? Responding to God with "Here I am" is a magnificent way to react to God. It is not that God does not know where we are, but saying that can serve as a reminder to us that we are stewards, servants to Him, and it implies we are prepared to hear what He wants us to do.

"Here I am" is said numerous times by those in the Old Testament including Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Isaiah, and by Ananias in the New Testament. When Jesus says, "Come follow me," as He does to us, do we hear Him, and even more important do we respond and do we follow? In order to do that properly we have to be prepared to serve Him and others.


Thus, like Samuel, we need to listen, and then we need to serve. At a recent papal audience, Pope Francis said, "Love and charity are service, helping others, serving others. When you forget yourself and think of others, this is love!"

SPCS - PTO
Chili Feed / Basket Auction
All you can eat - Homemade Chili
JANUARY 27, 11AM - 7PM SERVING IN THE PARISH HALL.
TICKETS ARE \$4.00. PURCHASE FROM ANY SPCS STUDENT, OR AT THE DOOR. CARRY - OUTS AVAILABLE

TURKEY & NOODLE DINNER
ST FRANCIS PARISH, ST. PAUL
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH
11:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.
FREE WILL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED

9 DAYS FOR LIFE: The U.S. bishops' annual 9 Days for Life Novena takes place Thursday, January 18 – Friday, January 26. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life with new intentions, brief reflections, and more each day. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message, or an app. Join at www.9daysforlife.com!

The family of Joe Carson would like to thank everyone for their Masses, calls, cards, plants, flowers and all expressions of sympathy at the time of the loss of our father. A special thank you to Fr. Curtis, the Altar Society and the Knights of Columbus. We appreciate the love and sympathy our parish family has shown to us. *Thank you*

 *Eternal rest grant unto her Oh Lord, Ruth Durkin, grandmother of Bryan Durkin and wife Mary Jo, great grandmother to Ava & Mick, and let Perpetual Light shine upon her, may she rest in peace. Amen*


Advertise the Faith

How often do we "advertise" the faith? What I mean is that we quite often throughout our week do a lot of advertising, without even thinking about it.

How often do we talk about or suggest a movie someone should see, or a restaurant someone should try, or a store they should shop at, etc.? While sharing these things can effect and benefit a person's day or save them some money, they don't impact their eternity. But faith does! Should we not more eagerly share and advertise it? It can be as simple as sharing our experiences with someone else, such as how much of an impact spending an hour in adoration or going to confession has been for us. It can be sharing or loaning a good spiritual book that we have found helpful in our own lives or in a particular situation.

It can be inviting them to simply "come and see", by bringing them to Mass. Or it can be as simple as living and practicing our faith, such as always praying before meals, even when in public or dining with a non-Catholic. Like John the Baptist or St. Andrew in today's gospel, all we have to do is foster or initiate an encounter for them with Jesus and He will do the rest.

By virtue of our baptism we are all called to do this, because we are all called to be missionary disciples whether that be to other practicing Catholics, lapsed Catholics, or non-Catholics. So today let us seek to renew our commitment to this call and begin "advertising" the faith, so that we can help impact others lives not only here and now, but for eternity!

The CYM, Fr. Curtis and adult sponsors will be on a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 17-21. Please pray for this group to have safe travels, good health, and the end to abortion. 

ALTAR SOCIETY
6:00 pm Thursday, Jan. 18 – Altar Society mtg, we will have taco salads followed by a short program on formed.org.

St. Vincent de Paul;
Is in need of large papers sacks with handles (e.g Braums bag)
Please, drop off at St. Vincent's 1122 Main St, Parsons, KS.
Between: 10am - 12am and 2pm - 4pm. Thank you

Thank You!!!—The Pro-Life Committee would like to thank everyone who helped fulfill the needs on the Adopt-A-Mom/ Adopt-A-Family tree. We can only imagine the joy you brought to these moms and families during this Christmas season. May you continue to share the light of Christ as we enter 2018!