

Fr. Curtis will offer his daily Mass for these Intentions. There are NO Masses @ St. Patrick Church until further notice. per: The Diocese of Wichita

MASS INTENTIONS: Mar. 28th - April 5th

Sat. 5pm Allison McIntosh (John & Betty Schettler)
 Sun. 8am Salyers Family (Diane Salyers)
 10am The People of St. Patricks Parish
 Mon. 8am Noah Varner
 Tue. 5:30pm †Richard "Dick" Giefer (Stan & Rita Schauf)
 Wed. 8am, Chad McColm (Mary Brown)
 Thur. 8am Jaidyn Shultz (Mom & Dad)
 Fri. 8am †Marilyn Jacquinot (John Jacquinot)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat 5pm †John Gottschalk (living & deceased family) (Irene Ritz)
 Sun 8am The People of St. Patricks Parish
 Sun 10am †Mike Giefer (Brett Giefer)

3 Ways to watch Mass online, with Fr. Curtis

Live Mass can be watched either on our "St. Patrick Catholic Church" Facebook page OR go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for "St. Patrick Catholic Church Parsons, Ks" and hit "subscribe"
 In addition, a recorded version (not live) will be posted each day to our parish website stpatricksparsons.org

**Stewardship Reflection
03/29/2020**

At this point in our Lenten journey, it is tempting to grow weary of the spiritual disciplines we have taken on. Today's readings inspire us to remain faithful, in grateful response to a God who loves us so much.
 In our first reading, the prophet Ezekiel speaks God's own words to us. "I will put my spirit in you that you may live... I have promised and I will do it, says the Lord." Our God wants to be so closely united to us that we are one with Him. And He has promised He will do it. But only if we make room for Him by making Him THE priority of our lives. Putting God first is a grateful response that is very pleasing to Him.
 How can we do this? Our second reading, from Romans, tell us. "Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh... you are in the spirit if only the Spirit of God dwells in you."
 The disciplines of Lent and a stewardship way of life are wonderful gifts that free us from too great an attachment to "the flesh." The sacrifices we make as Christian stewards are not meant to restrict our freedom and joy. Quite the contrary. They are tools to help us find the real freedom and joy that only come when we make room in our lives for God.
 As we journey closer to the Passion of our Lord, let us intensify our Lenten resolutions and our stewardship way of life, inviting the Holy Spirit to take over more and more of our lives. By Easter, we will be freer to rejoice in Him and truly pleasing to God.

Please Pray for: Those affected by this crisis.



St. Patrick Parishioners, you may mail, or please use the mail slot as well, at the rectory, for your church contributions and your candle donations. Thank you..

Free Online Prayer Resources:

Word Among Us: <https://wau.org/meditations/>
 Magnificat: <https://us.magnificat.net/free>
 Eucharistic Adoration: <https://www.ewtn.co.uk/live/adoration>

Rediscover the Saints!

You can join us on Facebook and discuss from home at your leisure! For more information or to request to join the Facebook page, call or text Jane Alexander at 620-423-5288 or email jalexander@stpatricksparsons.org

IF YOU NEED HELP TO GET ON SITES

TO WATCH FR. CURTIS CELEBRATE MASS

PLEASE CALL ELAINE, AT THE PARISH OFFICE.

This Year we will be hosting Totus Tuus and it would be a Blessing for our YOUTH and Parish .

St. Patricks will be hosting Totus Tuus: June 22nd thru June 26th. We are in need of two host families, (they are there, pretty much to sleep) and meals for the Totus Tuus group. Please pray thoughtfully to be a host family. More details to follow. Please, call the Parish office (if you can help) or with any questions. Thank you.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

	03/22/2020	07/01 - 03/22
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$7429.00	\$488,054.63
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$ 0	\$13,302.25
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 2500.00	\$80,407.28
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$9928.00	\$591,764.16
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	\$665,000.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	(\$7571.00)	(\$73,235.84)

I arise today
 Through God's strength to pilot me:
 God's wisdom to guide me,
 God's ear to hear me,
 God's word to speak to me,
 God's hand to guard me.
 God's shield to protect me.

The Prayer of St. Patrick - Anonymous

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ST. VINCENTS IS CLOSED.



**ST. PATRICK CHURCH
IN PARSONS, KANSAS SINCE 1872**

Act of Spiritual Communion

It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things and I desire to receive you in my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally,

Come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

And unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

Rosary Gem

"The rosary is a weapon in our hands with which we can overcome the devil's attacks..." "The rosary is the weapon that wins all battles..." "Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today"~

St. Pio of Pietrelcina

LENTEN BABY SHOWER.

Shower babies and mommas in need this Lent! Bring diapers (size 4 & 5 needed most), wipes, formula (12 ounce cans), bottles, baby clothes (toddler size 2T-5T needed most), toddler socks, etc. to the collection boxes **in the vestibule of the church.** Collection will take place from Ash Wednesday to the Monday of Holy Week. Items will be delivered to Midwest Pregnancy Care Center of Independence and Coffeyville, KS and Safe Haven Outreach Mission in Parsons.

Attention:

If you are not set up with Flocknotes (it's free) please call the office and I will get you signed up...

Sincerely, Elaine

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Next Sunday, April 5th, is Palm Sunday, which unfortunately we will not be able to celebrate together as a parish family in the Church, but will rather have to celebrate at a distance online as we have been doing. At that Mass I will still be blessing palm branches and they will be available in the back of Church for pick up on Sunday afternoon. I would ask that when you come to pick them up that you please be considerate to others who may come after you, meaning be reasonable in the number that you take.

New Way to Tithe

During this time when public Masses are suspended, and of course, when people are not here every Sunday, our collections decrease while our bills continue to come in. As I mentioned in the March 18th letter to the parish, we are doing our best to cut cost where we can, but there is only so much we can cut. So I ask that you please remember the Church during this time. You can mail your tithe to the parish office or you can drop it in the rectory mail slot at anytime. But there is now an additional way in which you can tithe during this time, and into the future if you so choose, and that is through an online donation. The Diocese has created a page on their website (<https://catholicdioceseofficials.org/parish-online-offertory>) where you can select our parish from a list and make your donation there. I thank you all in advance for your sacrifices and generosity during this difficult time.

Additional Confessions

In addition to the "normal" Confession times, this week the Sacrament of Confession will also be offered at the following times.

Wednesday, April 1st from 6-7pm

Thursday, April 2nd from 11:30am-12:30pm

Friday, April 3rd from 6-7pm

Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help or sought thy intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, We fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins my Mother; to thee do we come, before thee we stand, sinful and sorrowful; O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer them. Amen.