

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec.12th - Dec.20th

Sat. 5pm	†Urban Freiss (Jim & Janie Schibi)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9:00am	†Charlene Taylor (Mary Brown)
Mon. 8:00pm	†Fr. Kent Hemberger
Tue. 5:30pm	†Dan Allen
Wed. 8am	Cheri Allen
Thur. 8am	†Higinio Munoz (Mary Munoz)
Fri. 8am	Mothers Day Novena

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:00pm	The People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun. 7:30am	†Fr. Jerry Best
9:00am	Jackson Pegues

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon Dec. 14	Mass	8:00pm
Tue Dec. 15	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Dec. 16	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	600pm
Thur Dec. 17	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 18	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 Sprits gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	Mass	8:00am
Sat Dec.19	Confession	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec. 20	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

Just so you know..... At the concession table are.. Missalettes please take and keep one... Bulletins
2021 Church Calendars
Magnificat-Advent Companions

Please pick-up your 2021 Contribution envelopes
2021 Contributions envelopes are in the Concession Stand. Make sure its YOUR name on the box. If you would like to pick them up at the rectory, please call Carilyn or Elaine and we will have them, here for you.

Forgot to pick-up a Bulletin....., no worries....it is online @stpatricksparsons.org or I will have extra at the Rectory.

Masses:
If you are wishing to have a Mass said for your loved one / family for 2021, please call soon... dates are filling up.. Thanks... Elaine

WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 3:30pm
Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

	12/06/20	07/01/20 - 12/06/20
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$18,899.00	\$292,978.00
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$60.00	\$2456.52
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$4,000.00	\$16,500.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$22,959.00	\$311,934.52
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	402,500.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	\$5,459	(\$90,565.48)

St. Patrick Parishioners:
All Masses will be in the St. Patrick School Gym.

Want to finish your Christmas shopping?
Call Carilyn or Elaine at the rectory for all your Scrip Card (gift card) needs. We have most of your favorite gift cards... right here. Get your Christmas shopping done early, come see us.

New retailers available from the Scrip program:
Sonic (\$10) and Freddy's (\$25)
For a limited time, \$10 Amazon and Walmart cards are available. To order, please contact Kristen Bradbury 620-778-5084. The last day to order Scrip cards before Christmas is December 15.

Adopt-A-Family Tree Reminder
We have a few tags left, please buy, wrap, tag and return your gifts to the rectory by December 18th... You can still get Scrip cards at the Rectory, along with a few new merchants to chose from, which helps our school.. Thank you for all your kind hearts, making Christmas special for all..

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

Christmas Call to Sharing 2020
One of the greatest blessings in the Diocese of Wichita is that a young man is free to enter the seminary without worrying about the cost of his private education.
Please consider a gift this year for Christmas Call to Sharing to support our 33 seminarians and 17 retired priests.

The Year of St. Joseph began December 8th.
Bishop Kemme added that St. Joseph is called the Most Chaste Spouse.
"That sense of chastity and purity in a time when impurity is rampant in our society and in our world, to be able to look to St. Joseph to reclaim purity of heart, mind, and body and work toward a more chaste life – for us who are celibate men to be chaste and for fathers, husbands, and single men to practice the virtue of chastity – is really important and life-changing. It will have a

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Dec. 24th	Midnight Mass	Midnight
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day	9:00am

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
December 13, 2020 – Third Sunday of Advent

Today we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. "Gaudete" is a Latin word, meaning "rejoice." The Christian steward should be characterized by a spirit of rejoicing.

Our First Reading, from Isaiah, expresses a fitting motto for us. "I rejoice heartily in the Lord, in my God is the joy of my soul." It is God Who is the source of our joy and contentment – not things or achievements or comfort, but our relationship with God.

This is why stewards can share so freely of their time, talents and material possessions – because ultimately, we are not attached to these things. We recognize them as good gifts from our loving Father, but we are attached to the Giver of the gifts, not the gifts themselves. This allows for great freedom in life and the capacity for great joy in the Lord.

We can become like John the Baptist, in today's Gospel passage from the Book of John. We read this description of the prophet: "He came for testimony, to testify to the light... He was not the light but came to testify to the light." This is our calling too – to testify to the Light, our wonderful Savior – by the way we make use of the time, talent and treasure He has entrusted to our care.

When God Himself is the source of our joy, it cannot be taken away from us. There is still time, this Advent season, to clear away any "clutter" in our lives that may take our focus away from Him. Let us strive to detach from any of these things so that we can be free to truly rejoice in God on Christmas Day.

December - 2020 Prayer List
Mary Paula Feess, Doris Sweeney, Tommie Forbes, Stacie Forbes Groff, Darlene Johnsen, Jim Gordon, Bill Fuentes, Vickie Rike, Matt Rogers, Charlotte Friess, Carl Yockey, Carl Johnson, April Stanton, Caleb Thaddeus Fent, Lorie Nutter, Howard and Barbara Westhoff, Judy Cupp, Gage Cupp, Kerri Heiskell, Jack Finnerty, Esther Ponce, Martha Davenport, Tim & Chris Hurley, Jim & Janie Schibi, JoAnn George LaForge, Donna George, Liz Turner, Dave Turk, Julie O'Bryan Grace, Joe Heppler, Jack Watson, Micah Martin, Heather LaRue, Jean Lowe, Caron Sue Kuffler, Nicon Nordquist, Dave Larsen, John R. Holland, Kayleen McCullough, Mike & Sandy Womeldorff, Charlie Joslin, Mary Brooks, Juanita Wilkerson, Aubree Brunner, Brandon Knight, Terri Sehr, Sherry Perkins & Melissa Thomeson, Ed Nance, Bronwyn Strom, Kris Vitt, Charles Fowler, Salvador Benavidez-Quirarte, Rosemary Crager

In Poinsettias the bright red flowers were known as the 'Flores de Noche Buena', or 'Flowers of the Holy Night'. The shape of the poinsettia flower and leaves are sometimes thought as a symbol of the Star of Bethlehem which led the Wise Men to Jesus. The red colored leaves symbolize the blood of Christ. The white leaves represent his purity. -whyChristmas.com

Prayers Answered...
Our Adoration Chapel will open Monday, December 14.

Please Pray for: St. Patrick Church

Plenary Indulgences During the Year of St. Joseph
Make a pilgrimage to the sacred places named for St. Joseph in the Diocese of Wichita and receive plenary indulgences for yourself or your loved ones. There are four St. Joseph's parishes in SEK (Arma, Yates Center, Humboldt, and Baxter Springs) which you can visit to gain a plenary indulgence, provided the necessary conditions are met.

PLENARY INDULGENCES EXPLAINED

1. This is how an indulgence is defined in the Code of Canon Law (can. 992) and in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (n. 1471): "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints."
2. In general, the gaining of indulgences requires certain prescribed conditions (below, nn. 3, 4), and the performance of certain prescribed works.
3. To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
4. A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace:
 - have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin;
 - have sacramentally confessed their sins;
 - receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required);
 - pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.
5. It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope's intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an "Our Father" and a "Hail Mary" are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.
6. For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin).
7. Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

Prayer to St. Joseph
Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit, welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith: as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One, help us to say our own "yes" to the urgent call, as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus. Mother of the living Gospel, pray for us. Amen. Alleluia!

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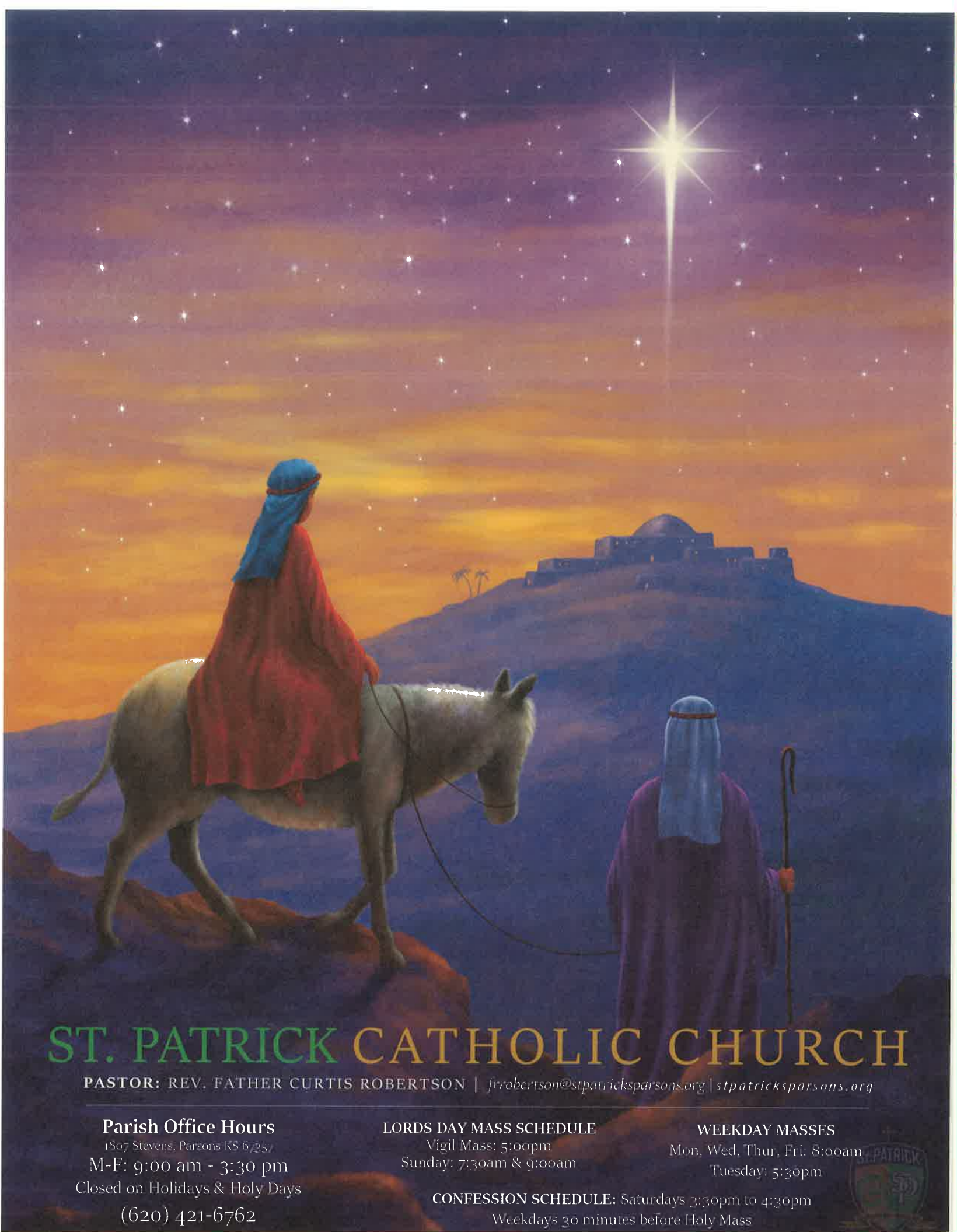
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Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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Tuesday: 5:30pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm
Weekdays 30 minutes before Holy Mass