

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec.19th - Dec. 27th

Sat. 5pm	The People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun. 7:30am	†Fr. Jerry Beat
9:00am	Jackson Pegues
Mon. 8:00am	Fathers Day Novena
Tue. 5:30pm	World Peace (Diane Salyers)
Wed. 8am	†Fr. Kuykendall
Thur. Christmas Eve 5pm	The People of St. Patrick Parish
Midnight Mass	†Moler Family
Fri. Christmas Day 9am	†Joe Dwyer

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5:00pm	For conversion of sinners. (George Family)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9:00am	Joe Heppler (Diane Salyers)

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon Dec 21	Mass	8:00am
Tue Dec 22	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Dec 23	Mass	8:00am
Thur Dec 24	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Dec. 24	Midnight Mass	midnight
Fri, Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Mass	9:00am
Sat Dec 26	Confession	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec 27	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

The Parish Office will be closed at noon on Dec. 23rd and all day December 24th & 25th

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

Please pick up your 2021 Contribution envelopes
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 in advance and Carilyn or Elaine will have them, here for you. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the office. The gym is locked except for masses. Thank you.

Did you know... that some Catholic churches ring their bell tower... bells three times a day (at 6 a.m., noon and 6 p.m.), summoning the faithful to recite the Lord's Prayer.

Hey.....What did Santa's reindeer say to the football player ? Your Blitzen days are over..... falalalala lalala laaa

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

	12/13/20	07/01/20 - 12/13/20
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$13,743.00	\$306,721.00
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$33.00	\$2489.52
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$.00	\$16,500.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$13,776.00	\$325,710.52
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	420,000.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	(\$3,724.00)	(\$94,289.48)

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

Advent Penance Schedule:
Sunday December 20th: 2pm to 3pm
Tuesday December 22nd: 6pm to 7pm
Wednesday December 23rd: 6pm to 7pm



THE CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL MASS WILL BE LIVE STREAMED

Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5:00pm
	Lector: Erin Snider	
	Greeters: Mark Mall Family	
Dec. 24th	Midnight Mass	Midnight
	Lector: John Keene	
	Greeters: Maggie Keene Family	
Dec. 25th	Christmas Day	9:00am
	Lector: Jeff Perez	
	Greeters: Frank & Elaine Chandler	

Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule

Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass:	Dec. 31st @ 5:30pm
Lector:	Leslie Keller
Solemnity of Mary Mass:	January 1st @ 9:00am
Lector:	Tony Munoz

THE ADORATION CHAPEL
will close at Noon on Thursday December 24th
and reopen at 7am Monday December 28th.

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
December 20, 2020 — Fourth Sunday of Advent
There are just five days left until the celebration of Christmas begins. Let's live these last days of Advent well.
We read in today's Gospel passage from Luke the wonderful words of the Blessed Mother's "fiat," her "yes" to God's plan. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." These are among the most beloved words in the Gospel. But the next sentence is also important for the Christian steward.
After Mary's fiat, we read, "Then the angel departed from her." Our Blessed Mother was left with a lot of unexplained details about God's plan for her! Yet, she followed God's will perfectly. She gave herself and her life fully to God as a gift. She was the first disciple. We are called to follow her example today.
This Christmas let us resolve to make our whole life a gift to the One Who has given us everything. He will give us all the help and strength we need.

Epiphany Door Chalking
The practice is called "chalking the doors" because priests traditionally would bless the house and then use chalk to write above the main entrance the specific year, separated by the letters C, M and B (e.g., 20+C+M+B+20, for the 2020 blessing).
The letters have two meanings. First, they represent the initials of the Magi — Caspar, Malchior, and Balthazar — who came to visit Jesus in His first home. They also abbreviate the Latin phrase, Christus mansionem benedicat: "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross, and the "20" at the beginning and the "20" at the end mark the year. Taken together, this inscription is performed as a request for Christ to bless those homes so marked and that He stay with those who dwell therein throughout the entire year.

Here we go, Wassailing.... 🎵 🎵
Have you ever wondered why people go door to door singing carols? The tradition is based on the English custom of wassailing, which was a tradition to toast to someone's good health and fortune. St. Francis of Assisi took this tradition and converted it to the modern form of caroling.

Christmas Prayer
Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Please Pray for: the end of abortion and all sins against life.
Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord, Dottie Ludwig, mother to Mark (Carol) Ludwig. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest in Peace.

A Christmas Reflection
I know I have shared this before, but on the soon to be 20th Anniversary of this event I feel compelled to share it once again. 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 20 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

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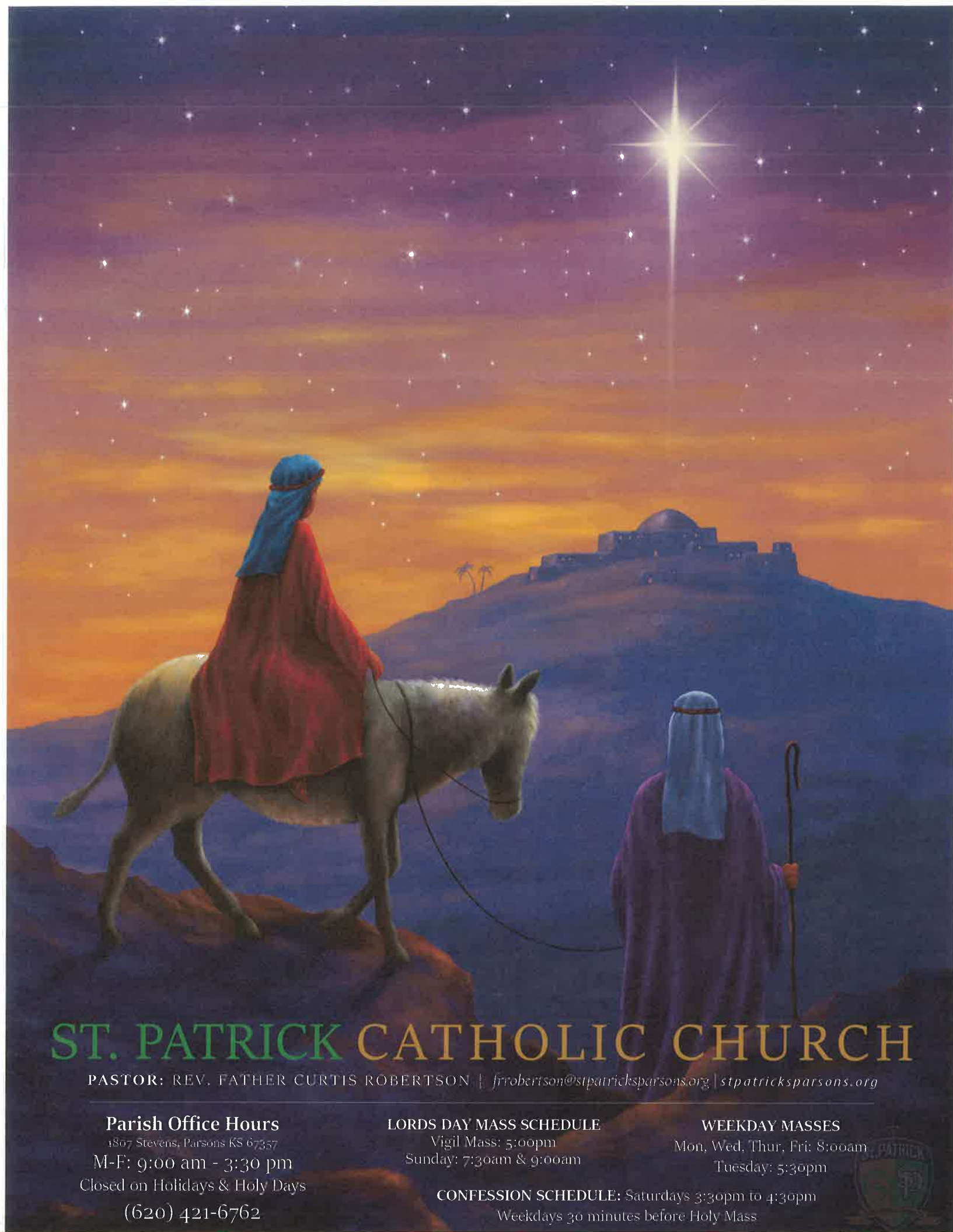
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LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

WEEKDAY MASSES
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:00am
Tuesday: 5:30pm

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