

**MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 27th - Dec 5th**

Sat. 5pm	The People of St. Patrick Parish
Sun. 7:30am	†Scott Patterson (Paul Forbes)
9am	†Mary Jane Cosby (Joan Pearson)
Mon. 8am	Kris Vitt (Regina Sprague)
Tue. 5:30pm	Mary Paula Feess (Bill Feess)
Wed. 8am	†Mary McMillan (Carl & Donna Treiber)
Thur. 8am	†Shirley Fought (Marilyn Ray)
Fri. 8am	†Raphael Araiza (Turk Family)

**NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS**

Sat. 5pm	Margaret Patterson (John & Sonja)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9am	†Conrado & Katarina Flores (Tony Munoz)

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

Mon Nov. 29	Mass	8:00am
Tue Nov. 30	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Dec. 1	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	6:00pm
Thur Dec. 2	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 3	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 Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	First Friday Mass	8:00am
Sat Dec. 4	First Saturday Confessions	7:30am
	First Saturday Mass	8:00am
	Confessions	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec. 5	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am
	<b>Penance Service</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>

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**

	11/21/21	07/1/21 - 11/21/21
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$10,524.00</b>	<b>\$279,737.15</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$290.90</b>	<b>\$3902.51</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ 6000.00</b>	<b>\$24,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$16,814.00</b>	<b>\$307,639.66</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$367,500.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>(\$686.00)</b>	<b>(\$59,860.34)</b>

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS
\$1 - \$24	13
\$25 - \$49	32
\$50 - \$99	30
\$100 - \$199	24
\$200 - \$499	14
\$500 - \$999	3
\$1000 UP	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>116</b>
<b>NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PARISH</b>	<b>530</b>
<b>% OF HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTING</b>	<b>22%</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat: Dec. 4th</b>	<b>5:00pm Mass</b>
Servers:	Noah McIntosh / Dakota Schneider
Lector:	Annette Bradbury
Greeters/ Gifts :	Paul & Dana Yanez
<b>Sun: Dec. 5th</b>	<b>7:30am Mass</b>
Servers:	Collin Snider
Lector:	Erin Snider
Greeters / Gifts:	Tony & Connie Adams
<b>Sun: Dec. 5th</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>
Servers:	Cole Manners/ Owen Feess
Lector:	Denise Fleming
Greeters / Gifts:	Mark & Fatima Mall Family
<b>Church set-up Crew. ...</b>	
Please call John Schibi at (620) 820-1331	
Date:	Saturday Crew
<b>Dec. 4th</b>	Joel Schibi / Luke Wolgamott / David Wheat Family
<b>Dec. 11th</b>	Robert Barger / John Keene / Peter Kendrick

**TICKETS: Win a 1/2 of Beef**

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MARY BETH VARNER - Secretary | St. Patrick Catholic School

**Advent Penance Service - December 5th, 6pm to 7pm**

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection**

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 —

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Welcome to Advent, the season to prepare with awe and wonder for the Feast of the Incarnation of Jesus — born to us as Savior and Brother. It is a season to prepare for His return at the end of time. It is also a moment to remind ourselves that our individual judgment day is coming, too, when we will be called to give an account for all that God has given to us during our lifetimes. In other words, Advent is a steward's season!

Our readings for the first week of Advent waste no time in calling our urgent attention to these themes of reflection and preparation. They seem to shout, "Wake up! Get ready!" and offer us some practical advice as we enter into this season.

The Gospel, from Luke, warns, "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life." How easy it is to lose focus on our Lord either by too much indulgence in our lives or by too much worry about our lives. During Advent, we Christian stewards must ask ourselves some hard questions. Am I staying faithful to my prayer life? Am I using my energy and skills to serve others? Am I overly concerned about material gain? Am I relying on my "stuff" or my investments as my source of comfort or security? Am I living for the moment or for the coming of the Lord?

Get ready Christian stewards! He's coming!  
Let us prepare with awe and wonder.

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>DEC. 7TH VIGIL MASS</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>DEC. 8TH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>DEC. 8TH IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>

**Save the Date: December 12th**

**K of C Council #760 Benefit Breakfast :**  
**K of C will be hosting a benefit breakfast for Mark & Diane Harper on Sunday December 12th from 8am to 11:30am at St. Francis Parish Hall in St. Paul Kansas. Dine in or carryout, hotcakes, sausage, eggs, biscuits & gravy.**

**Five Benefits of Confession**

- Confidentiality guaranteed. There's nothing like confessing your sins to someone guaranteed not to tell anyone else. Sometimes you need to talk in absolute confidence. Even under subpoena, a priest can't tell anyone what's said to him in confession. He can't even hint at it. Now that's confidentiality.
- Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. Like going into a sparkling living room in your home, it's nice when clutter is removed — even if it's your own.
- A balm for the desire for revenge. When you have been forgiven you can forgive others. If the perfect Jesus forgives me, who am I to want to avenge the slights in my life. Think: "Why did they promote him over me?" or "Mom played favorites"
- Low cost therapy. It's free, which makes it cheaper than a psychiatrist for dealing with guilt.
- Forced time to think. Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. To examine our lives and acknowledge failings marks the first step of making things right with God, others and ourselves. Life can be more worth living when you ponder the meaning of your own life.

Please Pray for: the end of abortion and all sins against life. Eternal Rest Grant Unto her Oh Lord, Merleen Ellis, wife of Gary and sister to Vicki Morris. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest in Peace.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

Treasure, particularly money, is more personal than probably anything else in our lives. We don't speak in public about how much money we have in the bank or what our house is worth. It is just too personal. Jesus knows how personal it is and thus spent half of His ministry warning people about material possessions. Faith in the Lord Jesus transforms all aspects of our lives, including this very personal one. In speaking frequently about this issue, Jesus reiterated the teaching of Moses: "When you have come into the land which the LORD, your God, is giving you as a heritage and have taken possession and settled in it, you shall take some first fruits of the various products of the soil which you harvest from the land the LORD, your God, is giving you; put them in a basket and go to the place with the LORD, your God, will choose as the dwelling place for his name." (Det 26:1-2). Stewardship of Treasure then invites us to ask this question: What are "some first fruits" of our labor, resulting from the blessings that we have received from the Lord? Let's offer some first fruits as a way of giving thanks to the Lord. Remember Scripture speaks of the "first fruits" not the "leftover fruits". Stewardship of Treasure is not about awaiting until one has a surplus to give. It is not an equal gift but equal sacrifice. Jesus reminds us in his observance of the widow putting money in the temple treasury (Mk 12:41-44).

**Value Them Both: What About Current Laws Around Taxpayer Funded Abortion?**

- Value Them Both would ensure that the state of Kansas cannot force you to pay for abortions through your tax dollars. The legislature passed a law in 2013 to protect your state dollars from paying for abortion. However, because of recent court rulings, this restriction could soon be struck down and you could be forced to pay for abortion with your tax dollars
- Value Them Both has no effect on federal funding. The Hyde Amendment currently protects federal Medicaid dollars from being used for abortion, but it does NOT affect state dollars. However, there are members of Congress, along with President-elect Biden, who are calling for the overturn of the Hyde Amendment. If this happens, it will be even more important that we protect our state dollars with Value Them Both.

**2022 Contribution Envelopes**

The 2022 contribution envelopes will be distributed differently than in the previous years. The envelopes will be mailed to parishioners quarterly. This is a more expensive alternative, but is due to the difficulty with distribution while we are in the gym. We have ordered envelopes for those who seem to use them regularly. We did not order for those who contribute through ACH or other methods.

You should receive envelopes for the first quarter by the last week of December. If you want the envelopes and did not receive them, please call the parish office. We will order them for the following quarters. If you receive them and do not need them because you are changing to ACH or some other reason, please call the office, we will cancel for the following quarters.

It is still perfectly fine to put a loose check in the collection, bring directly to the office, place cash or check in some other envelope or whatever method you prefer to make contributions. If you have any questions please call the parish office.

**Substitute Teachers Needed!**

If you are available and interested in being a substitute teacher, please contact Mary Beth Varner or Autumn Carson at the school office @ 421-0710  
Autumn Carson - Principal St. Patrick Catholic School

**SUNDAY DEC. 5TH**  
**K OF C DRIVE THRU HAMBURGER FRY**  
**WE ARE GRILLING UP 300 HAMBURGERS**  
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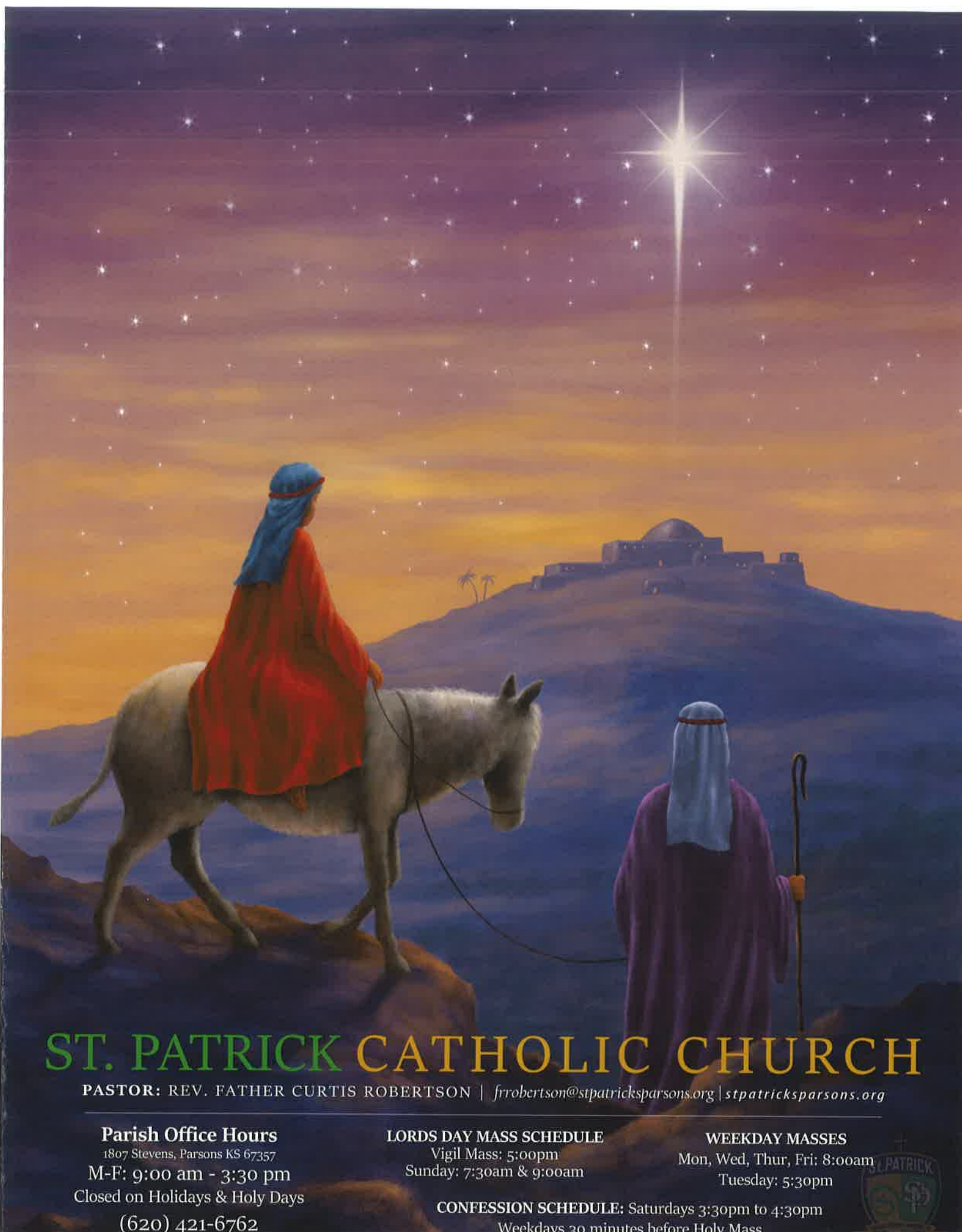
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**LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

**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