

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 11th - Dec 19th

Sat. 5pm	Bill Pearson (Joan Pearson)
Sun. 7:30am	†Scott Patterson (Aunt Teeda)
9am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
Mon. 8am	†Bryon Carter (Dad & Mom)
Tue. 5:30pm	†Julie Grace (Joan Pearson)
Wed. 8am	Fathers Day Novena
Thur. 8am	Cheri Allen
Fri. 8am	†Higinio Munoz (Mary Munoz)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5pm	†Greg Forbes (Max & Cindy Dhooghe)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9am	†Juan & Maria Lopez (Tony Munoz)



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

	12/05/21	07/1/21 - 12/05/21
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$19,942.00	\$310,463.15
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$345.75	\$4525.93
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$ 3000.00	\$27,000.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$23,287.75	\$341,989.08
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	\$402,500.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	\$5,787.75	(\$60,510.92)

AMOUNT OF CONTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTORS	Attention: Due to Covid, we will not be gathering for Las Posadas. We ask that you carry on the tradition within your own families this year. If you are needing books for your family Las Posadas, please call Delores @ 423-5198. Thank you!
\$1 - \$24	10	
\$25 - \$49	26	
\$50 - \$99	33	
\$100 - \$199	26	
\$200 - \$499	26	
\$500 - \$999	3	
\$1000 UP	5	
TOTAL	129	
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN PARISH	531	
% OF HOUSEHOLDS CONTRIBUTING	24.3%	

NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat: Dec. 18th	5:00pm Mass
Servers:	Drew Schibi / Tanner Nolting
Lector:	Chris Allen
Greeters/ Gifts :	Jody & Joan Thompson
Sun: Dec. 19th	7:30am Mass
Servers:	Collin Snider
Lector:	Marena Kirkpatrick
Greeters / Gifts:	Richard & Mary Jo Fitzwater
Sun: Dec. 19th	9:00am Mass
Servers:	Landon Wheat / Aiden Wheat
Lector:	Jeff Perez
Greeters / Gifts:	David & Karen Wheat

Church set-up Crew. ...
Please call John Schibi at (620) 820-1331

Date:	Saturday Cr�w
Dec. 18th	Luke Schibi / Joey Alexander / Paul Yanez
Dec. 23rd	Paul Schibi / Vincent Schibi / Bryan Schibi / Daniel

Adopt-A-Family Tree Reminder—The St. Patrick Pro-Life Committee has adopted five families this year. The Angel Trees are located in the School Gym. After picking a tag, buy, wrap, and return your gift(s) to the Rectory by December 20th. If you don't want to purchase a gift, there are angels with Gift Card options! Purchase your Gift Cards through the SPCS Scrip Card Program (this gives money directly to the school without additional fees on the cards!) Scrip cards may be purchased at the Rectory or from Kristen Bradbury, 778-5084 (she will be at the Religious Articles Sale this weekend, too!). Contact Sonja Schibi at (307)760-2580 with any questions. Thank you in advance! Sonja

Stewardship Bulletin Reflection
December 12, 2021 — Third Sunday of Advent

We have arrived at Gaudete Sunday (Gaudete is the Latin word for "rejoice") this Third Week of Advent, and the Scriptures take on a joyful tone as we continue our preparations for the feast of our Savior's birth.

Our Second Reading gives us cause for joy as St Paul reminds us, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all...." Then he gives us a prescription for maintaining this peace: "In everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Paul's instructions for obtaining peace come as an early Christmas gift. They remind us that we can and should go to God with all our needs and present them to Him along with our thanks. This guidance calls to mind a vital aspect of a stewardship way of life: gratitude to God in response to His great love and countless gifts to us.

The Gospel passage, from Luke, shows us how to live out this sense of thankfulness, making our lives a "Christmas gift" to Christ in joyful response to His love for us. When the crowds hear John the Baptist's message that their Savior is coming, they ask him what they should do to prepare. He responds, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do the same." He tells tax collectors to stop collecting more than is prescribed and soldiers, to be satisfied with their wages. In other words, he tells them to be good and generous stewards of all God's gifts to them!

As the great feast of Christmas draws near, let us rejoice in Christ's extravagant love. Let's avail ourselves of the peace He longs to give us. And let's look carefully at our lives to make sure we are indeed making of them a gift fitting for Him.

December 2021 Prayer List:

Gary Harris, Jennifer Hunter, Reagan Bernd, Raef Stanford, Carter Graham Stephens, April & Natalie Stanton, Jim & Janie Schibi, Priscilla Lubbers, Rita Schauf, Kyle Templeton, Mary Paula Feess, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Connie Rhodes, Gary Woolard, Kris Vitt, Nicon Nordquist, Wayne Cupp, Judy Cupp, Gauge Cupp, Kerri Heiskell, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Wilmetta Alderman, Ron McDaniel, Caren Kuffler, Gloria Cervantes, Juanita Wilkerson, Nancy Davis, Darlene Johnsen, Chris & Tim Hurley, Judy Tedstrom, Martha Davenport, Malissa Forbes, Howard & Barbara Westhoff, Garrick Hudson, Terry Payne, Sam Lenati, Ramona Carnahan, Terri Fehr, Craig Forbes, Caleb Beckerman, Sam Blubaugh, Monica Cervantes, Mike Jackson, Mark Harper, Tommie Forbes, Barbara Rouse, Jolene Smith, Bob Dwyer, Sherry Perkins, Gloria Kerr, Marietta Munding, Barbara Kyle, Michael Wilkerson, Dave Cox, Matthew Carrillo, Nora Manier

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. -why

Remember St. Patrick Church and School in your will.

Please Pray for: the end of abortion and all sins against life.

Do You Think It Will Ever Stop?

One morning, as Mark Twain (Samuel Clemens: 1835-1910) and a companion were walking home from Church, they heard a loud rumble of thunder and almost immediately rain began to fall heavily. As they scurried for shelter, Twain's friend asked, "Do you think it will ever stop?!" "It always has", quipped the author. Twain's healthy optimism underscores the necessity of seeing things as they are. Rather than exaggerate life's little difficulties into enormous disasters and thereby end up "drowning in a teacup", optimistic people cultivate a perspective which helps them to cope sensibly as circumstances arise.

When Paul challenged the believers in Philippi to develop a similar optimism, he was also quick to remind them of the advantages that were theirs. They could, indeed, rejoice and even rejoice always, not simply because they had learned to exercise a positive outlook toward life, but because God, the source of all peace was near!

Christmas Call To Sharing 2021

We can't fully practice our Catholic faith without the life and ministry of priests.

You will soon receive an invitation to consider a gift to the Christmas Call to Sharing - a gift of gratitude to support retired priests and the education of seminarians. God has blessed us this year with 29 men in the seminary and continues to bless us with so many retired priests who serve the Church in many ways. I would ask that you be as generous as you possibly can be at this most holy time of year.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Frassati: Zach Collins, Mark Bogner, Tanner Nolting	
Lector: Julia Bradbury	
Greeters: Mark Mall Family	
Dec. 24th Midnight Mass	Midnight
Frassati: Antonio Aita, Dakota Schneider, Landon & Aiden Wheat	
Lector: John Keene	
Greeters: Maggie Keene Family	
Dec. 25th Christmas Day	9:00am
Frassati: Collin Snider, Cole Manners & Owen Feess	
Lector: Jeff Perez	

Just a reminder: 2022 Contribution Envelopes

The 2022 contribution envelopes will be distributed differently than in the previous years. The envelopes will be mailed to parishioners quarterly.

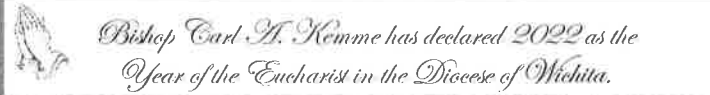
Knights of Columbus wants to say:
Thanks to all who made our cheeseburger drive thru, a huge success. What a blessing our St. Patrick Parish Family is...

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Mon Dec. 13	Mass	8:00am
Tue Dec. 14	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Dec. 15	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	Edge	6:30pm
	CYM	7:00pm
Thur Dec. 16	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 17	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.	
	Mass	8:00am
Sat Dec. 18	Confessions	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec. 19	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

Want to finish your Christmas shopping?
Call or come see 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.

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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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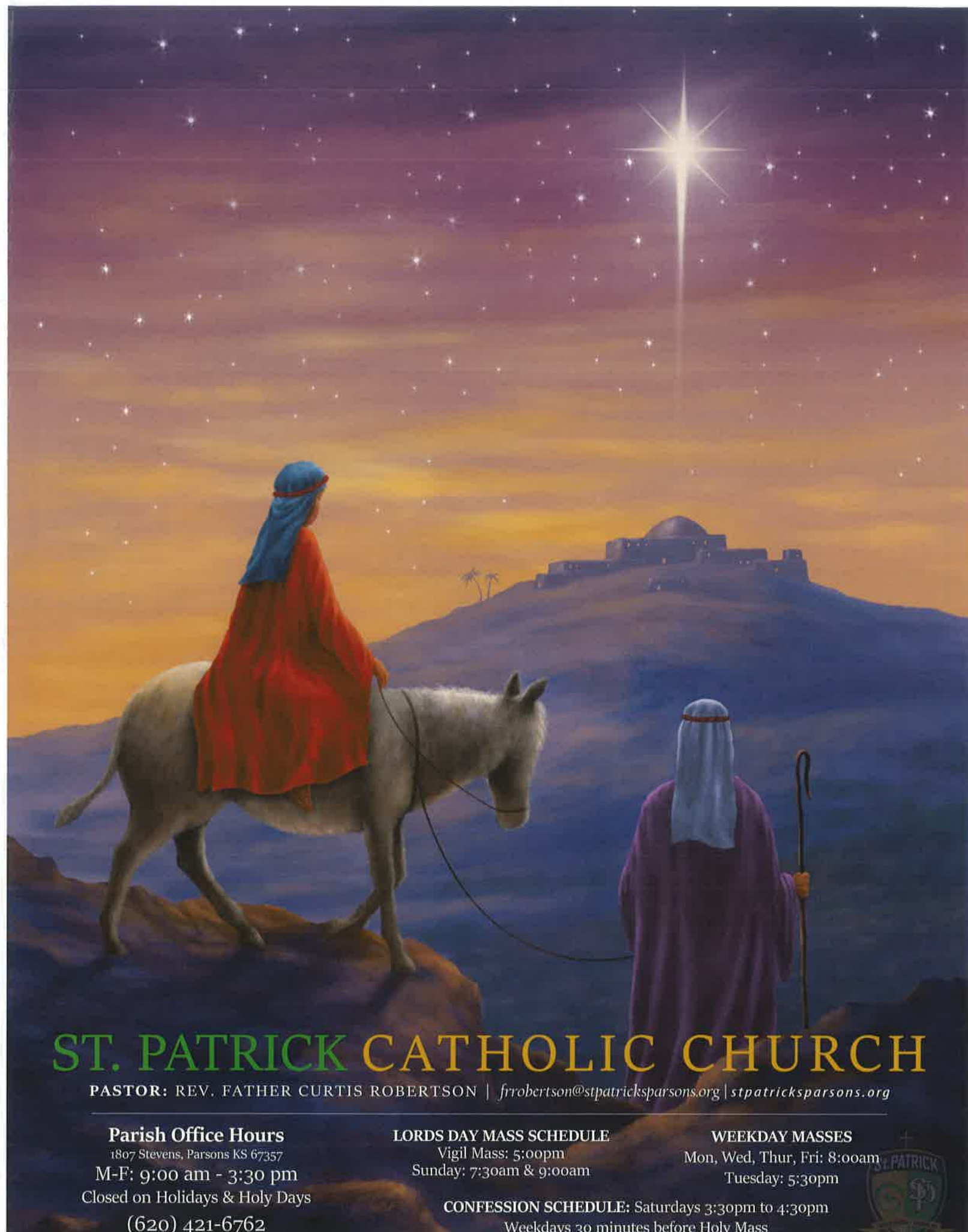
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LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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