

Third Sunday of Advent, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Saint Lucy, Saint John of the Cross

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 10th - Dec. 18th
Sat 5:00pm †Bill Fuentes (St. Patrick Choir)
Sun 7:30am For the People of St. Patrick Parish
9:00am †Gary Ellis (Lavin Family)
Tue 5:30pm Mothers Day Novena
Wed 8:00am †June Baker (Stan & Rita Schauf)
Thur 8:00am †Corky Beachner (Prairie Mission Friends)
Fri 8:00am Cheri Allen
NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS
Sat 5:00pm †Julie Grace (Bill & Joan Pearson)
Sun 7:30am †Chick Chandler
9am For the People of St. Patrick Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Tue Dec. 13th	Mass	5:30pm
	K of C	7:00pm
Wed Dec. 14th	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE & CYM	6:00pm
Thur Dec. 15th	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 16th	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. 17th	Confessions	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec. 18th	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

Christmas Mass Schedule
5:30pm Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
 Altar Servers: M. Bogner, C. Snider, Zach Collins & Tanner Nolting
 Lector: Annette Bradbury
 Usher/Gifts: Mark Mall Family
Midnight Christmas Midnight Mass
 Altar Servers: Aidan Wheat, Landon Wheat & Drew Schibi
 Lector: John Keene
 Usher / gifts: David & Karen Wheat
9:00am Dec. 25th Christmas Day
 Altar Servers: Cole Manners & Owen Feess
 Lector: Jeff Perez
 Usher/ gifts: Frank Chandler Family

Attn: Don't forget to pick-up your 2023 Calendar, and Advent Companion, they are available by the Missalettes in Church.

Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm
Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH

	12/04/22	07/1/22 - 12/04/22
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$17,214.00	\$298,020.45
LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:	\$130.00	\$3,949.24
OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:	\$1,000.00	\$27,500.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:	\$18,384.00	\$329,469.69
BUDGET:	\$17,500.00	\$400,000.00
OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:	\$844.00	(\$70,530.31)

NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat: Dec. 17th	5:00pm Mass	Adorer's Needed for the following hours: Friday 2pm to 3pm & 8pm to 9pm Please call the Parish office.
Servers:	Zach Collins	
Lector:	Chris Allen	
Greeters /Gifts	Paul & Dana Yanez	
Sun: Dec. 18th	7:30am Mass	
Servers:	Tanner Nolting	
Lector:	Jeff Perez	
Greeters /Gifts	Aaron & Terri Saye	
Sun: Dec 18th	9:00am Mass	
Servers:	Owen Feess	
Lector:	Denise Fleming	
Greeters/Gifts	John & Maggie Keene	

Date: Saturday Crew
Please call John Schibi at 820-1331 for any questions or if you would like to sign-up on a crew.
 Dec. 17th Chris Allen / David Wheat / Mark Mall
 Dec. 24th Luke Schibi / Joey Alexander / Paul Yanez
 Dec. 31st Emilio Aita/ Ross Harper/ Adam Myers

Our Lady of Guadalupe is celebrated on December 12th. Juan Diego's Vision.
 On December 9, 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego on Tepeyac Hill while he was on his way to Mass. She asked him to approach the bishop and request that a shrine be built to her there, where she would bless those who called upon her. However, when Juan Diego requested this of the bishop, the bishop demanded proof of the vision.
 Juan Diego returned to the hill, where roses were blooming, though it was almost winter. He picked some of the flowers and brought them in his cloak to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, the flowers fell out and an image of the Blessed Mother was imprinted on it. The Bishop then gave his blessing, and a chapel was built on the hill.
 Juan Diego's cloak was placed in the chapel, and he lived in a small dwelling near the chapel for the rest of his life, serving as its caretaker, greeting pilgrims, and spending time in prayer and devotion. In 1548, he passed away and was buried in the chapel.

Dearest Lady of Guadalupe, fruitful Mother of holiness, teach me your ways of gentleness and strength. Hear my humble prayer offered with heartfelt confidence to beg this favor _____
 Then follow with 1. Our Father..... 1. Hail Mary 1. Glory Be...
 In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen

Stewardship Reflection
 December 11, 2022
 Third Sunday of Advent

Good news, Christian stewards — we are gaining ground on our Advent mountain climb and it is time to take a moment to rejoice in the Good News that our Savior will come again in triumph one day. Today's readings on this Gaudete ("Rejoice") Sunday are filled with reminders of God's final victory over suffering and injustice, and encouragement to remain steadfast in our mission to live as faith-filled disciples.
 Such a day almost seems too good to be true, especially when we look around at the dire circumstances we face in our world at present. But by faith, we know this day is coming. Lest we grow weary as we await the glorious day of Christ's return, St. James, in our second reading, offers wise counsel. "Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord... Make your hearts firm... Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged."
 This is excellent advice for us Christian stewards as we face the challenges of everyday life in our broken world, especially in the hectic days that precede Christmas when stress can make us and those around us less than our best selves. St. James reminds us that we can choose our response to both the great strains and the minor annoyances of life. In other words, we can be good stewards of our attitude, "making our hearts firm" by practicing patience with others and refusing to give in to the temptation to complain.
 We can choose to see and rejoice in God's presence with us, no matter the circumstances surrounding us.

An Irish Blessing for Christmas
 May peace and plenty be the first to lift the latch on your door, and may happiness be guided to your home by the candle of Christmas.

During Christmastime, Irish Catholics would light a candle in the window (especially on Christmas Eve) and leave the door unlocked, allowing priests to slip into their home safely to say Mass.
 When the British questioned the Irish about the candles, they said that it was a way to welcome Joseph, Mary, and the Baby Jesus during Christmas time. The candle was traditionally lit by a daughter named "Mary" or the youngest girl in the house. "Mary" was also called upon to extinguish the candle.

Candles
 The candle itself was given a mystical meaning: the beeswax symbolized the pure flesh Christ received from his Virgin Mother, the wick symbolized his soul, and the flame his divinity.

Angel Tags - The St. Patrick Pro - Life Group is sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree. Angel Tags are available by both entrances to the gym. You may bring your wrapped Angel gifts to the Parish Office. Thank you! Sonja & Becky

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

A certain lady who spent her time working for the Lord—visiting the sick and the bedridden, helping the elderly and the handicapped—was diagnosed of a knee problem needing surgery.
 The surgery was not a success and so left her in constant pain and unable to walk. It seemed the Lord had ignored the prayers of this woman and her friends for a successful surgery. This was a woman who considered herself a personal friend of Jesus. And was she disappointed? Her otherwise cheerful disposition turned into sadness and gloom.
 One day she pulled herself together and shared with her confessor what was going on in her soul. The confessor suggested that she go into prayer and ask her friend Jesus why he has treated her this way. And she did.
 The following day the priest met her and saw peace written all over her face in spite of her pain. "Do you know what he said to me?" she began. "As I was looking at the crucified Jesus and telling him about my bad knee, he said to me, 'Mine is worse.'"

SERIES: CREATOR, CREATION, & COSMOS
 January 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st; 7pm - 8:30pm.
 Dr. John G. Brungardt
 This four-part series led by Dr. Brungardt of Newman University will delve into the theology of Thomas Aquinas and how his understandings of the created universe relate to modern scientific discoveries. Kick off the new year with the SLC during these evening meetings! \$40.
 - see www.slcwichita.org for more information.

December 2022 Prayer List: Please Pray for:
 Mandy Venegas, Isela Lupita Ayala, Jen Thompson, Raef Stanford, Bristol Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Malissa Forbes, Terry Payne, Wayne Cupp, Judy Cupp, Gauge Cupp, Kerri Heiskell, Danny Cain, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Tommie Forbes, Kris Vitt, Rita Schauf, JoAnn George LaForge, Donna George, Sam Blubaugh, Jim Vitt, Linda Crabtree, Rosario & Ben, David Moreno, Darlene Johnsen, The Robertson Family, Tom Forbes, The King Family, Marge LaRue, Joy Cervantes, Gloria Cervantes, Priscilla Lubbers, Juanita Alloway, Brad Woodworth, Kathy Thurman, Loise Lubbers, Dr. Ron Jordan, Joaquin Castellanos, Valerie Carnahan, Charlotte Friess, John Santos, Mark & Kathy Avery, Joe Cervantes, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Regina Edson, Charlie Smith, Kathy Chips

Christmas Call to Sharing 2022
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Preserving our Heritage • Strengthening our Faith and our Future
Capital Campaign Prayer
Heavenly Father,
By your Divine Will and Providence,
you established our parish under the patronage of St. Patrick 150 years ago.
Throughout these years you have provided for and guided our parish with your Grace in every moment of need. With confidence we call upon your Divine Assistance once again, to guide us and lead us, to give us generous hearts open to Your Will, as we work to repair our Church.
So that through our efforts and your Grace we may preserve our heritage, strengthen our faith, and our future, providing a holy place for generations to come to encounter and grow in the faith and love of Jesus Christ. We ask this, and all things, through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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Vigil Mass: 5:00pm
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm
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