

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Saint Peter Canisius, Saint John of Kanty

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Dec. 17th - Dec. 25th  
 Sat 5:00pm †Julie Grace (Bill & Joan Pearson)  
 Sun 7:30am †Chick Chandler  
 9:00am For the People of St. Patrick Parish  
 Tue 5:30pm Fathers Day Novena  
 Wed 8:00am †Bryon Carter (Mom & Dad)  
 Thur 8:00am †Hugh Ozier (Carl & Donna Treiber)  
 Fri No Mass †Norman Ritz & Leo Gottschalk Families  
 living and deceased (Ilene Ritz)  
**NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS**  
 Sat 5:00pm †Moler Family (Mary Munoz & Dan O'Rouke)  
 Sun Midnight For the People of St. Patrick Parish  
 9am †Joe Dwyer

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


Tue Dec. 20th	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Dec. 21st	Mass	8:00am
	No PSR	5:30pm
	No EDGE & CYM	6:00pm
Thur Dec. 22nd	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 23rd	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.	
	No Mass	8:00am
	Parish office closed	
Sat Dec. 24th	Christmas Eve Mass	5:00pm
	Midnight Mass	Midnight
Sun Dec. 25th	Christmas Day Mass	9:00am

**Angel Tags -**  
 There are plenty of Angel Tags available by both entrances to the gym. You may bring your wrapped Angel gifts to the Parish Office, on Dec. 20th.  
 Thank you! Sonja & Becky

**New St. Patrick's gear**  
 Get your St. Patrick's apparel including VINTAGE Pixie & Our Lady of Victory gear.. A portion of the sales will go to the Church renovation project.  
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**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
 Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm  
 Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

<b>YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH</b>		
	12/11/22	07/1/22 - 12/11/22
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	\$12,674.85	\$310,695.30
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	\$156.00	\$4,105.24
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	\$5501.15	\$33,001.15
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	\$18,332.00	\$347,801.69
<b>BUDGET:</b>	\$17,500.00	\$417,500.00
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	\$832.00	(\$69,698.31)


 **Let your Voice be heard..**   
**Please join us as**   
**we are in need of some vocalists for the Christmas 9:00am Mass.**

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

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



**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. 24th Luke Schibi / Joey Alexander / Paul Yanez  
 Dec. 31st Emilio Aita/ Ross Harper/ Adam Myers  
 Jan. 7th Paul Schibi / Vincent Schibi / Bryan Schibi / Daniel S.

 **Mark your calendars!**  
**The St Patrick Catholic Church's 150th Anniversary Celebration & the All-School Reunion will coincide with St. Patrick's Day this year.**  
 There will be several events over the course of the weekend and opportunities for sponsorships to help cover the cost of the celebration will be available, as well. Look for more information in the bulletin in the coming weeks!  
 Follow us on the St. Patrick's Parsons Alumni & Friends Facebook page for information on the event.

**Stewardship Reflection**  
 December 18, 2022 —  
 Fourth Sunday in Advent

As our Advent preparations draw to a close and Christmas fast approaches, it is fitting that today's readings demonstrate the intensity of the Father's perfect and passionate love for each of us, culminating in the gift of His own Son, Jesus Christ, on Christmas Day.

In response to such an overwhelming gift, what can we do except offer our lives as gift in return, embracing a stewardship way of life with all the love and strength we have to give?

In our Gospel passage from Matthew, we find an unparalleled example of one who embraced this way of life in St. Joseph, as he obeys God's call to him through the message of an angel.

We never hear St. Joseph speak, but the Scriptures tell us he was always listening, attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit for his family. It was Joseph who found the stable where the baby Jesus would be born. No doubt it was Joseph who cleaned it up and prepared it for Mary and Jesus since we know that Mary was about to give birth. Joseph protected the family, guarded them, and tended to their safety, their comfort, and their well-being at the expense of his own plans and preferences. Though we do not hear any words from St. Joseph his actions clearly show that he offered himself, his whole life, as a gift to his family through his strong guidance, protection, and service.

Let us imitate St. Joseph, then, as good stewards, giving our very lives to those around us in love and gratitude to God, who has given us everything we have, especially His own Son, Jesus Christ.

*Christmas Call to Sharing 2022*  
*"The Priesthood is the love and heart of Jesus.*  
*When you see a priest,*  
*think of our Lord Jesus Christ."*  
*Please consider a gift this year to*  
*Christmas Call to Sharing for the benefit of the*  
*education of seminarians and 21 retired priests.*

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**  
**SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

<b>Sat: Dec. 31st</b>	<b>5:00pm Mass</b>
Servers:	Noah McIntosh / Zach Collins
Lector:	Chris Allen
Greeters /Gifts	Beth Allen & Max Sharp
<b>Sun: Jan 1st</b>	<b>7:30am Mass</b>
Servers:	Collin Snider
Lector:	Marina Kirkpatrick
Greeters /Gifts	Richard & MaryJo Fitzwater
<b>Sun: Jan 1st</b>	<b>9:00am Mass</b>
Servers:	David Ortiz & Adrian Ortiz
Lector:	Rick Goodyear
Greeters/Gifts	Rod & Denise Fleming

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

A kindergarten teacher told her class the Christmas story of the Shepherds and the Three Wise Men. At the end she asked them, "Now tell me, Who was the first to know about the birth of Jesus?"  
 A little girl raised up her hand and answered, "Mary." Of course, Mary. How could anyone miss that. But adults miss that because adults tend to expect more complicated answers. The child's answer is so simple and obvious that we miss it! We have this tendency to associate God with the phenomenal and the spectacular, such as the host of angels or the guiding star, so much so that we fail to notice God's presence and action in the ordinary and normal things of life, such as in pregnancy and birth.  
 This child's inspired answer reminds us to take a second look at the "ordinary things of life" that we take so much for granted and see God's hand in them

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
 Looking ahead...next year, Bishop Kemme will be coming to our parish for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 15, 2023. The Sacrament will be offered for children in the 6th and 7th grades. Classes will begin in January. More information will soon be coming.

From a 1780 English Children's Book,  
 There's a theory that the lyrics to "The Twelve Days of Christmas" contain a hidden message about Christianity. Basically, it's been said that the song was a way for Christians to secretly preach their faith without being punished. According to the theory, this is what each lyric represents:

- The partridge in a pear tree = Jesus Christ
- 2 Turtle Doves = The Old and New Testaments
- 3 French Hens = Faith, Hope and Charity, the Theological Virtues
- 4 Calling Birds = the Four Gospels and/or the Four Evangelists
- 5 Golden Rings = The first Five Books of the Old Testament, the "Pentateuch," which gives the history of man's fall from grace
- 6 Geese A-laying = the six days of creation
- 7 Swans A-swimming = the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, the seven sacraments
- 8 Maids A-milking = the eight beatitudes
- 9 Ladies Dancing = the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit
- 10 Lords A-leaping = the ten commandments
- 11 Pipers Piping = the eleven faithful apostles
- 12 Drummers Drumming = the twelve points of doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

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

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Tuesday-Friday: 8am - 3:30pm  
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LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE  
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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**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.