

MASS INTENTIONS: Nov. 25th - Dec. 3rd

Sat 5:00pm	†Corky Beachner (Rosemary Steeves)
Sun 7:30am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish
9:00am	†Dennis Brungardt (Dale & Arnona Bogner)
Tue 5:30pm	Mothers Day Novena
Wed 8:00am	†Paul Heady (Sonny & Diane Johnson)
Thur 8:00am	Suzi Kuffler (Rick & Kathi Bussinger)
Fri 8:00am	†Patrick Duffy (Class of 1971)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat 5:00pm	†Lorestine Hemberger (Lynn Robertson Family)
Sun 7:30am	†Jim Simon (Mildred Simon)
9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Tue Nov. 28th	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Nov. 29th	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	6:00pm
Thur Nov. 30th	Mass	8:00am
Fri Dec. 1st	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. 2nd	First Saturday Confessions	7:30am
	First Saturday Mass	8:00am
	Confession	4:30pm
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sun Dec. 3rd	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

**Advent always starts four Sundays before Christmas. This year, in 2023, Advent starts Sunday, December 3.**

The First Sunday of Advent marks the new Liturgical Year, and the Church shifts into a new Lectionary Cycle for Sundays, with 2023-24 returning to **Cycle B, the Gospel of St. Mark**. In the Sunday Gospel (Mark 13:33-37) Jesus invites us to recognize the signs of the last days. This is a reminder that Advent is not just looking back at the first coming of Christ at Christmas, but our personal preparation for His Second Coming: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." -catholicculture-

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Closed Holy Days and Holidays.

<b>YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH</b>		
	11-26-2023	7-1-23 TO 11-26-23
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$9,435.00</b>	<b>\$275,667.00</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$262.25</b>	<b>\$6,736.29</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>\$17,100.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$9697.25</b>	<b>\$299,505.29</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>\$367,500.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>(\$7,802.25)</b>	<b>(\$67,994.71)</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

		<b>Advent</b>
Sat: Dec. 2nd	5:00pm Mass	
Servers:	Blaise Schibi / Noah Varner	<b>Penance</b>
Lector:	Jane Blackburn	<b>Service</b>
Greeters /Gifts	Ilene Ritz, Beth Allen & Vicki Templeton	<b>Sunday,</b>
		<b>December</b>
Sun: Dec. 3rd	7:30am Mass	<b>10th</b>
Servers:	Noah McIntosh / Will Gorman	<b>6:00pm</b>
Lector:	Marena Kirkpatrick	
Greeters/Gifts	Richard & MaryJo Fitzwater & Brian & Marena Kirkpatrick Family	<b>to</b>
		<b>7:00pm.</b>
Sun: Dec. 3rd	9:00am Mass	
Servers:	Owen Feess / Jr Mall	
Lector:	Anne Brewer	
Greeters /Gifts	Rod & Denise Fleming	

**Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation**

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Dec. 7th - Vigil Mass @ 5:30pm</b>
Servers:	Antonio Aita / Sebastian Aita
Lector:	Annette Bradbury
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception @ 8:00am</b>
Servers:	Mickey Manners / Raphael Aita
Lector:	Jeff Perez
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Dec. 8th - Immaculate Conception @ 5:30pm</b>
Servers:	Adrian Ortiz / Cole Manners
Lector:	Marena Kirkpatrick

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**  
**FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH.**

**Join us**  
December 10th  
Our Lady of Guadalupe Pot Luck Dinner  
In the Parish Hall, Noon to 2:00pm.

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe:**  
Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**Advance Stewardship Reflection**  
November 26, 2023

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe  
Today we come to the end of the liturgical year, celebrating the magnificent feast of the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Our readings provide contrasting images of this King of ours — He has authority over all, and yet, He is humble and tender in His care for us, especially the most vulnerable.

How can we properly honor and love such a King?  
By offering Him our very lives through the stewardship way of life. The Gospel passage from Matthew shows us how. The passage begins with Christ's own description of His Second Coming, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him." Then the moment of judgment will come. Some will be invited into the Kingdom of Heaven — the others to eternal punishment.

This judgment will be based not on how influential we became in society, how high we climbed the corporate ladder, or any "worldly" achievements. Rather our judgment will be based on how we treated the least of those around us, whom Jesus calls His brothers. "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." To make His point very clear, Jesus gives specifics — feeding the hungry, giving drink to the thirsty, showing hospitality to the stranger, and caring for the ill and imprisoned. The more deeply we embrace the stewardship way of life, the more closely our priorities will align with His.

**December 2023 Prayer List:**

Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristol & Reagan Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Terry Payne, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Loise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicon Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Drabenstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling, John & Nell Ball, Richard Martinez, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Sherlina Brown, David Pyles, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes, Suzi Kuffler

**Entering into the Mystery of the Heart of Mary – An Advent Retreat**  
**Friday, Dec 8, 6:00 pm through Saturday, Dec 9, 4:00pm - Janet Moore**

"But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart." - Luke 2:19  
Come away on retreat to "treasure all these things." Enter into this most blessed time of Advent with our Mother Mary as your guide and inspiration, to find peace and rest amid the pressures and busyness of this season.

Retreatants will pray with, in, and through Scripture and Our Blessed Mother's revelations throughout the centuries; imploring her to help us enter into the mysteries of God through Mary's Heart. This is an invitation to take time to journey with Mary this Advent, helping us to prepare and increase our longing for Jesus' coming ever anew into our hearts and lives. This retreat will include an evening Mass on Friday and a morning Mass on Saturday. Opportunities for Confession will be available. Please bring a Bible and a journal. Call (316) 744-0167 to register,

Please Pray for: Suzi Kuffler

**Christianity is not the Enemy**

Many critics of the Church blame Christianity for the evils of the modern world: war, racism, sexism, etc. But the truth is just the contrary. The only culture in which those things are recognized as evils is precisely the culture that was formed by Christianity - western culture. Only through Christianity did the human family gradually come to realize that all people share the same human dignity and have the same basic human rights. Only through Christianity, for example, was slavery recognized as an injustice and gradually eliminated - in fact, in non-Christian cultures even today slavery persists. We must not believe the lie that popular culture wants us to believe: that all religions are the same, and our faith in Christ should not overflow into the laws and customs of our communities.

That is the lie that today's Feast was established to expose. If we exclude Christ and Christian values from public life, we will only give more room for anti-Christian values to flourish. As Pope Pius XI wrote in 1925, reflecting on the recent world crises of the time: "The empire of Christ over all nations was rejected. The right which the Church has from Christ Himself, to teach mankind, to make laws, to govern peoples in all that pertains to their eternal salvation, that right was denied." "Then gradually the religion of Christ came to be likened to false religions and to be placed ignominiously on the same level with them. It was then put under the power of the state and tolerated more or less at the whim of princes and rulers. Some men went even further, and wished to set up in the place of God's religion a natural religion consisting in some instinctive affection of the heart." "There were even some nations who thought they could dispense with God, and that their religion should consist in impiety and the neglect of God." "The rebellion of individuals and states against the authority of Christ has produced deplorable consequences." (Quas primas, #24)

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

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

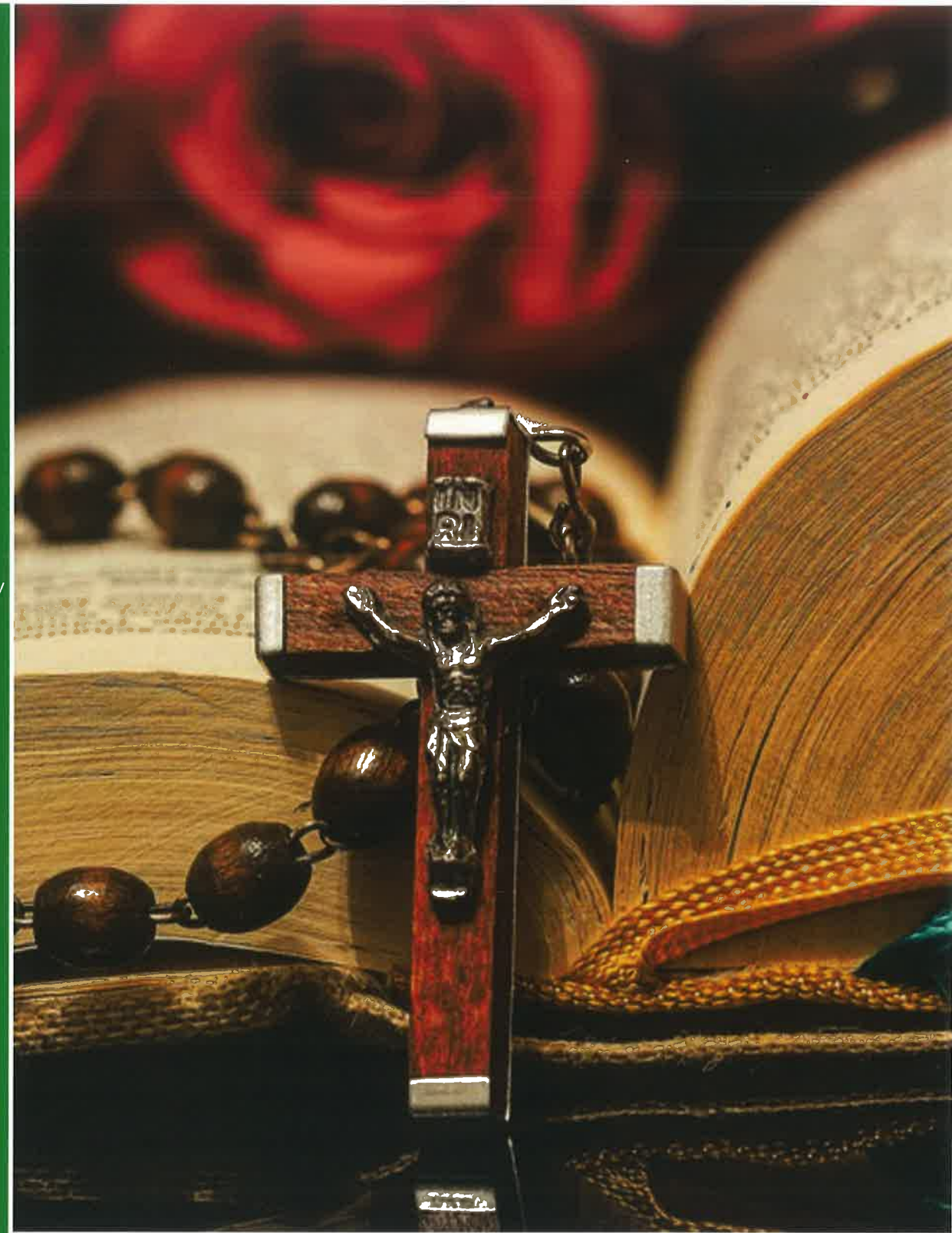
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