

MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 2nd - Dec. 10th

Sat	5:00pm	†Lorestine Hemberger (Lynn Robertson Family)
Sun	7:30am	†Jim Simon (Mildred Simon)
	9:00am	For The People of St. Patrick Parish
Tue	5:30pm	†Corky Beachner (Lou & Karen O'Brien)
Wed	8:00am	†Maria Anna Kujawa (Dianne Yarbrough)
Thur	8:00am	No Mass
	5:30pm	†Chester S. Suchyta (Dianne Yarbrough)
Fri	8:00am	†Tom Mansfield (Mary Munoz)
	5:30pm	For the People of Saint Patrick Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat	5:00pm	†Jim Smith (Susie Smith)
Sun	7:30am	†Dennis Brungardt (Rose Brungardt)
	9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish

THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:

Tue	Dec. 5th	Mass	5:30pm
Wed	Dec. 6th	Mass	8:00am
		PSR	5:30pm
		CYM	7:00pm
Thur	Dec. 7th	No Mass	8:00am
		Immaculate Conception Vigil	5:30pm
Fri	Dec. 8th	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.	
		Immaculate Conception Mass	8:00am
		Immaculate Conception Mass	5:30pm
Sat	Dec. 9th	Confessions	4:30am
		Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sun	Dec.10th	Mass	7:30am
		Mass	9:00am
		Penance Service	6pm to 7pm

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
FRIDAY DECEMBER 8TH.

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

Parish Posada:
Los Posadas will begin on Sunday Dec.16th.

When you say the Our Father, God's ear is next to your lips.
— St. Andre Bessette

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

	11-26-2023	NEEDED:
WEEKLY COLLECTION:	\$10,667.51	\$17,500.00

NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sat: Dec. 9th	5:00pm Mass	Advent
Servers:	Tanner Nolting / Cristian Zapatero	
Lector:	Chris Allen	Penance
Greeters /Gifts	Tom & Beth Westhoff & Wade & Kristi Dillinger Family	
Sun: Dec. 10th	7:30am Mass	Service
Servers:	Antonio Aita / Chandler Bastian	
Lector:	Emilio Aita	Sunday,
Greeters/Gifts	Aaron & Terri Saye & Carl Johnson Family	
Sun: Dec. 10th	9:00am Mass	December
Servers:	Cole Manners/ Micky Manners	
Lector:	Denise Fleming	10th
Greeters /Gifts	Mark & Fatima Mall Family	

Immaculate Conception: Holy Day of Obligation

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

December 2023 Prayer List:
Tammy Goodyear, Carilyn Bernd, Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel & 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,

Who is the patron saint for December?
Nicholas of Myra. What was Saint Nicholas known for? Saint Nicholas was known for his generosity and kindness, which gave rise to legends of miracles he performed for the poor and unhappy.

Advance Stewardship Reflection
December 3, 2023
First Sunday of Advent

Today we begin the beautiful and holy season of Advent. With all that we have going on this time of year, it's no wonder Advent that does not always seem to get the attention it deserves. But if we will commit to living this season well, we will experience a deeper conversion to Christ and find real transformation in our lives as Christian stewards. Why? Advent calls us not only to look back in grateful contemplation of Christ's first coming, but it also calls us to look forward in preparation for His Second Coming. Advent is a time to reset and regroup, to repent over any misplaced priorities, to turn our minds and hearts back to God while we still have time. We do so not out of fear or guilt, but rather, out of gratitude for Love Incarnate lying in a manger bed. Whatever we feel God calling us to do this Advent — committing to a daily Gospel reflection, visiting a lonely neighbor, or donating money to those in dire need — there is no time to waste. Jesus makes this clear in our Gospel passage from Matthew. He tells the parable of a man going off on a journey. Before he leaves, he "places his servants in charge, each with his own work." We, of course, are the servants in this parable, each with a mission to accomplish in building the Kingdom of God. Jesus warns us over and over in this passage to remain vigilant to the work He has given us to do because we do not know when we will be called to give an account for it. Our lives are a gift. This holy season is a gift. Let us recommit to living the stewardship way of life. Love came down to us as a Baby. And He is coming again. Be watchful!

Advent Begins kicks off on the **fourth Sunday before Christmas** and ends on Christmas Eve on December 24. This year, it will be observed from December 3 to December 24.

The four candles of Advent represent the four Sundays of Advent, and they respectively symbolize **hope, peace, joy, and love.**

All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Irish Catholic Tradition.
Illuminating a window in your home is an Irish Catholic tradition. The custom symbolises that the homeowner would welcome in Jesus, Mary and Joseph, the holy family, unlike the innkeeper in Bethlehem that turned them away. It is also seen as a welcome to any guests or family members returning from far away.

Labette Community College
Parsons Community Chorus, Orchestra & Band
Christmas Concert
Sunday, December 3rd @ 3:00pm
Parsons High School Auditorium
Free Admission

Please Pray for: Carilyn Bernd and Tammy Goodyear

Advent Wreath and Advent Candles
History: One of the most recognizable Catholic symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. It symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church. The concept of the Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian times when people would gather evergreens and light candles to ward off the darkness of winter and serve as a sign of hope that spring would come. By the 16th century, Catholics in Germany began using the wreath as a sign of Christ's coming. From there the tradition slowly spread throughout the world as Germans immigrated to various countries. **Symbolism of the Wreath:** The circular wreath represents the fact that God has no beginning and no end. The evergreen branches stand for everlasting life. Four candles—representing Christ as the light of the world—adorn the wreath. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, a sign of penance. These candles are lit on the first, second, and fourth weeks of Advent. On the third week a rose candle is lit. This week is known as "Gaudete" Sunday, Latin for "rejoice." The rose candle symbolizes joy. In addition to these four candles, many people place a white candle in the center of their Advent wreath. This candle is called the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Day to represent the birth of Christ. The candles should be lit each day of the appropriate week and for the subsequent weeks. For example, during the third week you will light two purple candles and the rose one.

Advent Penance Service
"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths". This is the message that John the Baptist preached to the people to lead them to a life of conversion and prepare them for the coming of Jesus. These words should also resonant with us this Advent Season as we prepare for Christmas and are reminded of the need to prepare ourselves for the second coming of Christ in our lives. May we too, recognize the need for conversion and repentance in our lives and make straight the path this season by visiting our Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To assist you in making that straight path in your life, we will have an **Advent Penance Service on December 10th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm.** There will be several Priests present for you to choose from, to hear your confession. So mark your calendars.

- Four Reasons to go to Confession
1. 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.
 2. Housekeeping for the soul. It feels good to be able to start a clean life all over again. It's nice when clutter is removed — even if it's your own.
 3. 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.
 4. Low cost therapy. It's free.

Adopt-A-Family Tree
The St. Patrick's Pro-Life Group is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family Christmas Tree.
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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
Weekdays 30 minutes before Holy Mass

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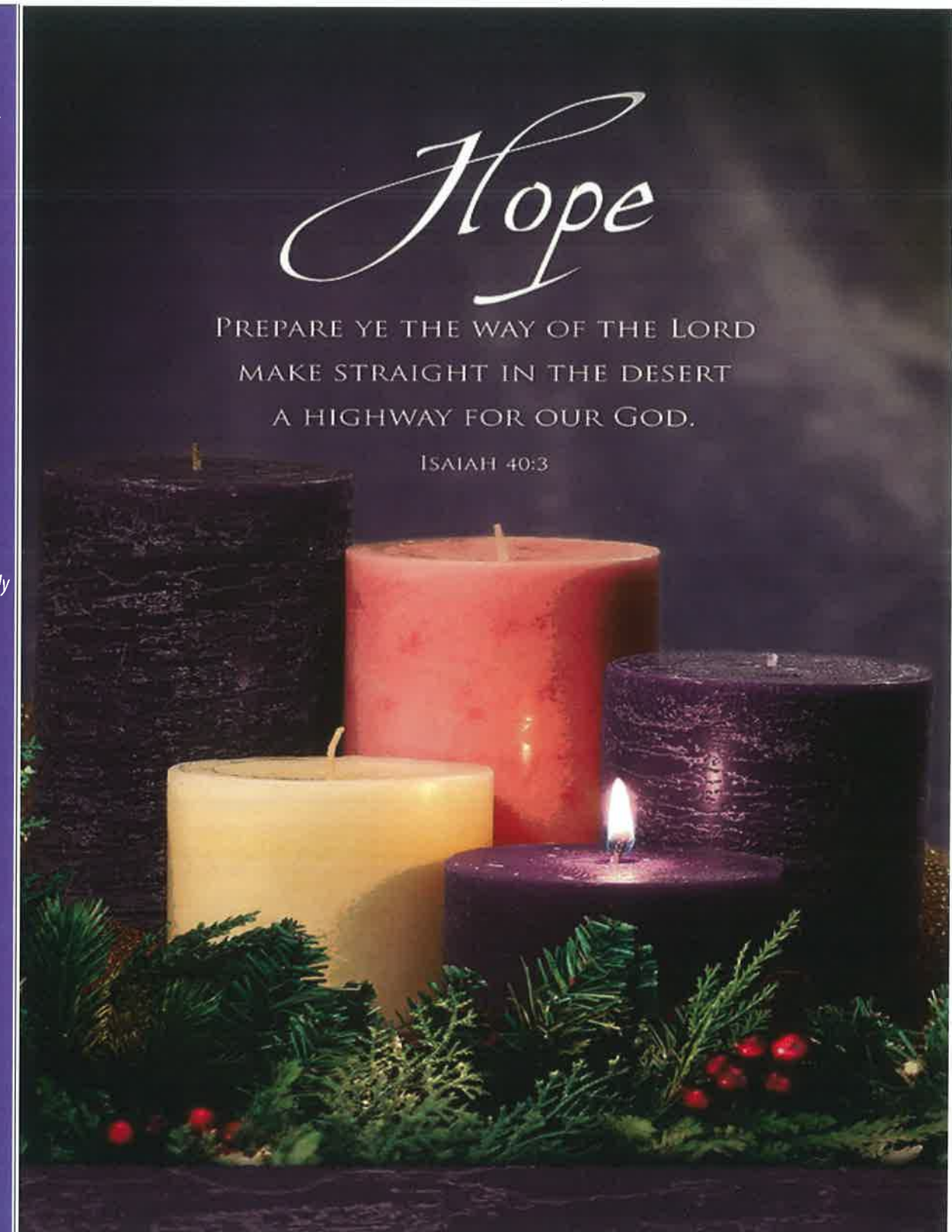
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MAKE STRAIGHT IN THE DESERT
A HIGHWAY FOR OUR GOD.

ISAIAH 40:3



St. Patrick parish family, grounded and united in our love of Jesus Christ, seeks to Know, Love, and Serve God through prayer, education, worship at the Holy Mass, hospitality, stewardship, and evangelization of our community.