

MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 20th - Jan. 28th

Sat 5:00pm	†Betty Schettler (Family)
Sun 7:30am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish
9:00am	†Byron Carter (Mom & Dad)
Tue 5:30pm	No Mass
Wed 8:00am	Fathers Day Novena
Thur 8:00am	†Regina Babcock Edson (Carl & Louise Yockey)
Fri 8:00am	†Chester S. Suchyta (Dianne Yarbrough)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat 5:00pm	†Mary Paula Feess (Bill Feess)
Sun 7:30am	†Jim Simon (Mildred Simon)
9:00am	For the People of St. Patrick Parish

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

Tue Jan.23rd	No Mass	5:30pm
Wed Jan.24th	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	6:00pm
Thur Jan.25th	Mass	8:00am
Fri Jan.26th	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 Jan. 27th	Confessions	3:30pm
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm
Sun Jan. 28th	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

SPCS BASKETBALL  
**1/22/24** Basketball @ Altoona @ 5pm  
**1/25/24** Basketball @ Home vs Elk Valley @5pm

**St. Patrick School PTO - Chili Feed**  
 Saturday January 27th  
 will kick off Catholic School Week with the CHILI FEED & BASKET AUCTION.  
 We will be serving in the Parish Hall from 11am to 7pm  
 purchase tickets from SPCS students or at the door.  
 Tickets are \$8.00 and include all you can eat Chili with a drink.  
 Dessert for donation, and carry out is available.

**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
**Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

	<b>01-21-2024</b>	<b>NEEDED:</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$8,910.10</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Sat: Jan. 27th	5:00pm Mass
Servers:	Blaise Schibi / Noah Varner
Lector:	SPCS students
Greeters /Gifts	Paul & Dana Yanez / JR Allen Family
Sun: Jan. 28th	7:30am Mass
Servers:	Raphael Aita / Will Gorman
Lector:	SPCS Students
Greeters/Gifts	F. & E Chandler / R. Chandler/ D. Brinkman & Phil Gorman Family
Sun: Jan. 28th	9:00am Mass`
Servers:	Micky Manners / Atticus Wilhoft
Lector:	SPCS Students
Greeters /Gifts	Gene Berndt / Jack Martinez / Nodine Family

**St. Vincent de'Paul**  
**is needing someone to help on Mondays and Fridays for the morning and afternoon shifts. If you are interested, please call Larry @ 717-2215 or Tina @ 421-6022**

**The Adoration Chapel**  
**is needing someone to cover Thursday: 1am to 2am**  
**Remember, you can share this hour with others and rotate weeks. Please call the Parish office @ 620-421-6762.**

**March for Life Topeka**  
**January 24, 2024**  
 Join us in going to the March for Life in Topeka! There is a Village Travel bus going, there are still seats open, seats are \$25 each. Bus will depart Church of the Magdalen at 6:15a.m. (be there at 6a.m. to load). Bus returns to Magdalen approx. 6:15p.m. Can sign up via website: MagdalenWichita.com or contact Magdalen office with questions, or call Debbie Wise (316) 841-3225.

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Jan. 25th - Feast Day  
 The Conversion of Saint Paul, The Apostle  
 What was the significance of Saul's conversion to Paul?  
 Paul's conversion was dramatic. He not only stopped persecuting Christians, but he changed his whole life to reflect the teachings of Jesus and made a career out of sharing those teachings with as many people as he could. Paul found grace, love and mercy so deep, that it reached even him; persecutor of Christians.  
 From this point, he took the name Paul, and would become the "Apostle to the Gentiles."

**Acts 13:13** that the gospel author Luke begins to refer to him as Paul - which is in fact, the Greek version of the Hebrew name "Saul."

**Advance Stewardship Reflection**  
**January 21, 2024**  
**Third Sunday of Ordinary Time**

Today's readings call us to be decisive in our faith. Simon, Andrew, James, and John demonstrate this decision for us in their response to Christ's calling, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." In both instances, the men immediately abandoned what was before them and followed Christ. Imagine if Simon and Andrew looked at their Savior and said, "Thanks for the offer, but we will finish up fishing and meet you later." That is no way a disciple should respond to Christ's call. Yet, that is how we often respond to Jesus' offer to us, "Come after me." We can easily fall into the misconception that we have plenty of time to live active discipleship. But as faithful stewards of our time, we must change our ways and immediately follow Christ more intentionally, because Christ is calling us to act now. These men became members of Jesus' 12 apostles. They surrendered their entire lives to follow Christ. We, too, are called to surrender our lives to the Lord so that He may work through us. We might think, "God isn't calling me." But indeed, He is. Just as He called four ordinary fishermen, He is calling each one of us. Renewing and reevaluating what God might be asking of us throughout our lives is a key component of our stewardship journey. As we settle into this New Year, let us ponder the ways we can renew our commitment to God. Let us ask ourselves: what are we casting our nets for? And are we willing to leave it behind for something much greater? And if not now, when?

**January 2024 Prayer List:**  
 Owen Ragsdale, 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, Louise 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, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes, Suzi Kuffler, Peggy Pryor, Rob Westhoff, Craig Finney, Mark Avery, Kyle Yockey,

**Why is St Joseph the patron saint of unborn children?**  
 We learn from the angel of the Lord that Joseph is father of the child in Mary's womb by virtue of his marriage, a clear message that it is of the essence of marriage for husband and wife to receive, nurture and bring to birth life conceived in the womb.

**January 22** as a particular day of prayer and penance, called the "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children": "In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 23, shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.

Prayer to St Joseph for the unborn  
 Invoking the intercession of St. Joseph, Patron of the Unborn, let us pray today for all expectant mothers: O Holy Joseph, protector and provider of the Holy Family and all families, through your intercession may God grant all expectant mothers the grace to cherish the new life within their wombs.

Please Pray for: Owen Ragsdale  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him Oh Lord Garry Eckert, husband to Beth. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him, May He Rest in Peace.  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him Oh Lord Randy Westhoff, husband to Lily, and father to Scott (Tabitha). Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him, May He Rest in Peace.

**Fishers of Men**  
 We may ask, is there some meaning in the fact that fishermen were among Jesus' first and most prominent disciples? Perhaps so. Consider that fishermen have some important qualities that are helpful for discipleship:

- 1) Patient: Fishermen often need to wait for many hours, even days, for a catch. Disciples need great patience as do evangelizers.
- 2) Professional: Fishermen need to spend time learning about the types and behaviors of fish, learning to observe the water and navigate, learning the right time of day and the right season to fish. They need to know the right bait, the proper use of the net. All of these traits are good for disciples and are especially helpful in evangelization, which is "job one" for the disciple. Through growing in practical knowledge, we come to know our faith and learn effective ways to be fishers of men.
- 3) Purposeful: When fishermen are out fishing, they are entirely focused on their endeavor. That's all they do; everything is centered on the main task. They are single-minded. Disciples surely need more of this attitude. Every disciple needs to be more single-minded.
- 4) Pursuing: Note that they simply go to the fish, they don't wait for the fish to come to them. The key word for disciples and evangelizers is "Go."
- 5) Partnered: Fishermen work in teams. Thus Jesus sends disciples out, two by two.
- 6) Persistent: If fishermen don't make a catch today, they're back out tomorrow. Disciples surely need to persist, both in their own journey and in making disciples of others. So let us strive to answer the call to be fishers of men by perfecting these traits in our own lives as disciples of Jesus.

**Lenten Parish Mission**  
 Fr. John Broussard, CPM of the Fathers of Mercy will be presenting a parish mission here at St. Patrick, Sunday, February 18th-21st, entitled *Keeping the Faith—Living without Hypocrisy*. Topics will include: humility, obtaining and maintaining our peace, forgiveness, Eucharist, and living the faith in our daily lives. Each evening will begin with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 7pm, followed by the conference, and then concluding with Benediction at 8pm. Additionally, there will be an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Confession each evening, either prior to or after the conference. This mission is open to anyone, so please feel free to invite people from other parishes to attend.

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*LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE*  
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Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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

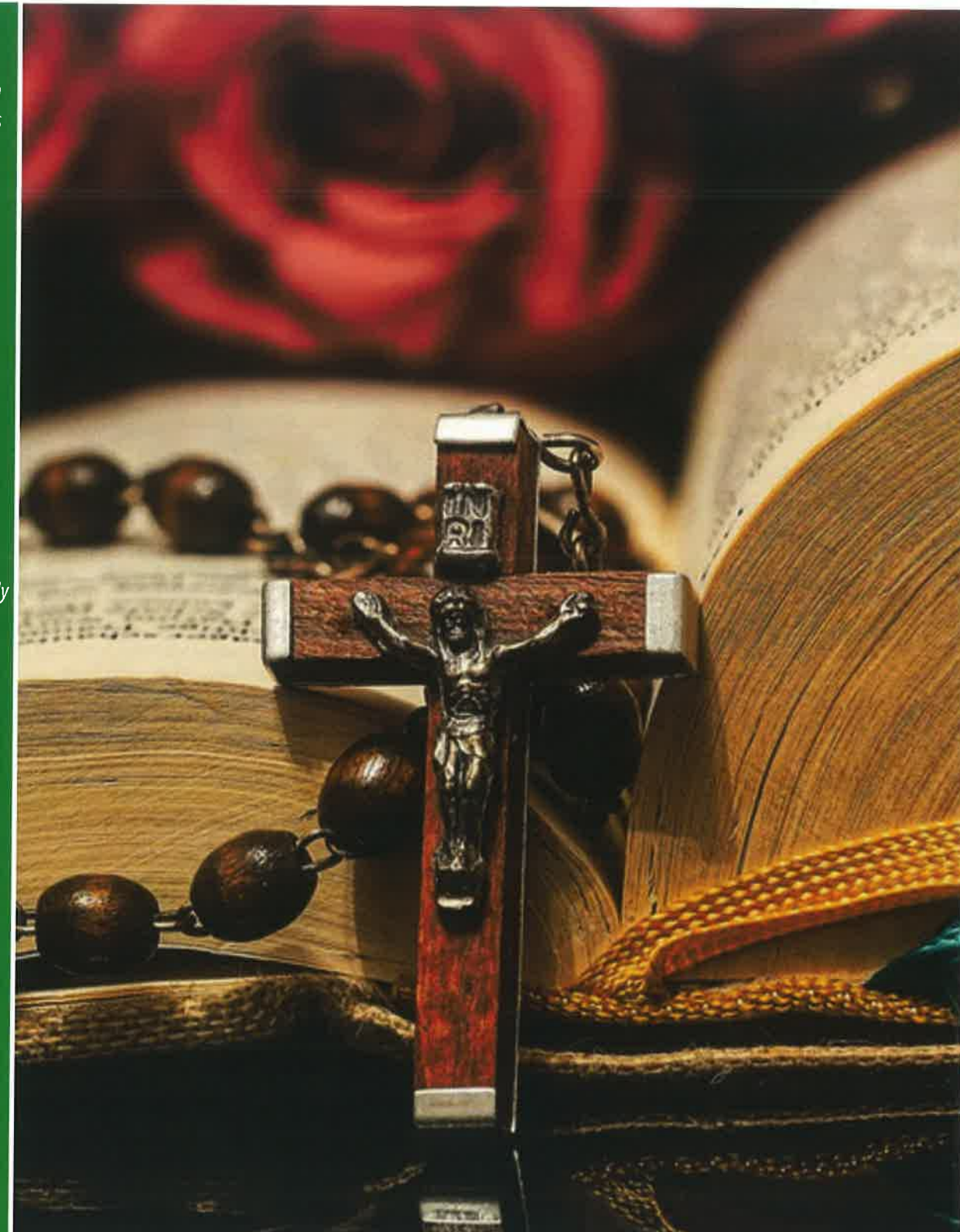
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