

**MASS INTENTIONS—January 21<sup>st</sup>—January 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday—5pm** Chance Ray (Marilyn Ray)  
**Sunday— 8am** +Michael Jacquinot  
 (Kenneth and Marilyn Jacquinot)  
**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**Monday—8am** Ethan Merchant  
 (Bill & Mary Louise Fuentez)  
**Tuesday—8am** Mother's Day Novena

**Wednesday—8am** +Mary Jo Severt  
 (Lowell & Tina Wells)  
**Thursday—No Mass** Michael A. Forbes  
 (Marlene LaForge)  
**Friday—No Mass** Bill Treiber and Family  
 (Mary Greenough)  
**Next Weekends Intentions:**  
**Saturday—5pm** +Paul F. Habiger  
**Sunday— 8am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**10am** SPCS Students, Staff & Families



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**  
 Dr. Steve Miller, Darrel Keller

**PARISH NEWS**

**“E-C-H-O... It's me, “Echo”... your favorite little friend coming to you from inside my mother's womb. She calls it a “womb,” but it's more like my room, complete with my very own hot tub. Most of the time in here, I'm just kicking back... literally. I'm trying to outmaneuver the sonogram paparazzi. That's why I call myself ECHO. Sonograms! Imagine... a bunch of giants trying to get a look at your private parts; just so they'll know whether to buy pink baby clothes or blue ones. I kinda like the little suit I've already got, I was saving it for my birthday... Oops, got to go, gotta brace myself for a fresh load of mom's favorite food these days – pickles and ice cream. Where does she find all those gherkins!**

**SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!**

*Adorers are needed for the following hours:*  
**Wed 3-4am, Tues 10-11am,**  
**Thur 3-4pm, Sat 2-3am,**  
**Sat 5-6pm (every other weekend),**  
**Sat 6-7pm (every other weekend),**  
**Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am, Sun 5-6am.**

**MARCH FOR LIFE**—Pray for the St. Patrick Catholic Youth Group, sponsors and Fr. Borkenhagen as they leave for Washington D.C. this Wednesday for the March for Life. This year's march is taking place Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**9 DAYS FOR LIFE NOVENA**—The U.S. bishops annual novena starts January 21<sup>st</sup> and goes through the 29<sup>th</sup>. Pray for the respect and protection of all human life. Download the novena online, or participate through Facebook, email, text message or an app. Join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)! There are some printed handouts with the daily prayers and penances in the back of the church.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE**—

The Fourth Degree Assembly #2496 will host an Exemplification on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in joining the Fourth Degree, this is a perfect opportunity to do so in Parsons. The cut off date to join is March 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Supreme Knight Rick Goodyear at 423-4417.

**MRS. O'BRIEN'S GUIDE TO THE GOLDEN RULE!**—

Straight from the stage in Chicago to Independence, KS this comedy is sure to leave you laughing all the way home! Mrs. O'Brien, a former nun, has recently got her own show on cable television and she is letting her viewers know how she feels about everything from their red lipstick to their iPhones. The event is January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Proceeds benefit St. Andrew Catholic School. Tickets are \$30 and include appetizers and beverages during intermission. For ticket info. contact St. Andrew Catholic School (620) 331-2870.

**WINTER SUMMIT 2017**—On Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> Jared Dees, renowned writer on how to teach religion, will be at the Cathedral for a day filled with practical resources, teaching strategies, and collaboration time. This is a free event, runs from 10am-2:30pm and includes lunch. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/j49b5wn> by January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Stewarding our Gifts...**

**“GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE.”**  
*Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

The coming of a savior who is a light to the nations continues to be the theme of the readings. Isaiah exhorts the Israelites to be glad and exult because they will bask in the glory of the Redeemer. When Jesus' ministry of preaching and healing began, his actions fulfilled the Old Testament prophecy. When St. Paul delivered the Gospel to the Gentiles he had to remind them that Christ was the focal point, not himself. Our human nature leads us to more easily embrace human things than heavenly things. The Holy Spirit gives us grace to see God's glory and redirect our focus toward Heaven. Our search for God's kingdom leads us to Jesus, the Light of the world. May we fully discover the depth of God's mercy and share our discovery with all.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**

January 14<sup>th</sup>–January 15<sup>th</sup>

**NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$10,282.50**

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

Sun Jan 22	*RCIA Class – Anointing of the Sick; Redemptive Suffering; Reconciliation	9:15am-12pm
	*Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition–SPCS Gym	1pm
Mon Jan 23	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Parish Library Work Evening –Parish Hall	6:30pm
Tue Jan 24	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:30pm
	*Knights of Columbus Meeting	7pm
	*Columbian Home Meeting	
Wed Jan 25	*Rosary in the Church	7:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets	5:15pm
	*K-5 PSR	5:30pm
	*Middle School EDGE	6:30pm
	*Stewardship Meeting –With Apostolate Leaders in Parish Hall	6:30pm
	*CYM Meeting–Parish Hall	7pm
Thur Jan 26	*Rosary in the Church	8am
	*Theology on Tap–Kitchen Pass	6:30pm
Fri Jan 27	*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	
	*Rosary in the Church	8am
Sat Jan 28	*Rosary	6:30am
	*Cursillo Group Meets–Hall	7am
	*SPCS Chili Feed –See bulletin insert for details	11am-7pm
	*Confessions	3:30pm
Sun Jan 29	*RCIA Class– –Dignity of the Human Person; God's Call	9:15am-12pm
	*Catholic Schools Week Open House –St. Patrick Catholic School–there will be cookies, donuts and juice!  –If you haven't been to the school lately, go check it out! Lot's has changed!	9am-12pm

**2017 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES**—are in the back of the church. Contact the office at 421-6762 if you have questions regarding your envelopes.

**If you'd like a print out of your 2016 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call the Rectory.**

**STEWARDSHIP PACKETS**—Please drop your Stewardship packets in the collection plate at your earliest convenience!

**Altar Servers:**

Jan 28—5pm Z Collins/K Nance/B Brungardt  
 Jan 29—8am A Nibarger/R Barger/C Westhoff  
 10am Dylan G/Z Johnston/Schibi/L Ortiz

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Jan 28—5pm Teresa Bogner  
 Jan 29—8am Max Dhooche  
 10am Harry Heppler

**Lector:**

Jan 28—5pm SPCS School Children  
 Jan 29—8am SPCS School Children  
 10am SPCS School Children

**Offertory Gifts:**

Jan 28—5pm SPCS School Children  
 Jan 29—8am SPCS School Children  
 10am SPCS School Children

**Ushers:**

Jan 28—5pm McKinney/Ritz/M & J Carson  
 Jan 29—8am Aaron and Terry Saye Family  
 10am G & K Haynes/M & F Mall

**Money Counters:**

Jan 28 & Jan 29—Dan and Cheri Allen  
 Doug and Tracy Holzem

**The Catholic Side**

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

I receive a mailing from a group called “One More Soul.” They are dedicated to spreading the good news about the Church's teaching on marriage and family. They have done much good work over the decades to promote this key teaching for the betterment of the family and society. In their recent mailing, they had a little twist off of President Trump's slogan, “Make America Great.” One More Soul asked, rather, “What is preventing America from being great?” Here are their answers:

1. Killing children in the womb, Petri dishes, fertility clinics and stem cell labs.
2. Killing old people by euthanasia and physician assisted suicide.
3. Killing people with brain trauma for vital organs.
4. Ignoring women dying during abortion and due to cancer caused by abortion, hormonal birth control, and hormone replacement therapies.
5. Sterilization and birth control that disable healthy procreative systems in women, men, and girls.

Obviously this is a much different take from the major talking points of many politicians. So often our problems are reduced to mere economic issues. Economic issues can be real problems. However, when one-third of each of the last three generations is killed, the economy as a problem pales to the real problem. Edward Cardinal Egan, the predecessor to Cardinal Dolan in New York, once wrote a little pamphlet entitled, “Just Look.” In this pamphlet, he said, “Just Look at a being that has been within its mother for 20 weeks and answer three simple questions, “Have you any doubt that it is a human being? If you do not have any such doubt, have you any doubt that it is an innocent human being? If you have no doubt about this either, have you any doubt that the authorities of a civilized society are duty-bound to protect this innocent human being if any one were to wish to kill it?” He went on to say, “It (abortion) is wrong, and it cannot—must not—be tolerated. It is high time to stop pretending that we do not know what this nation of ours is allowing—and approving—with the killing each year of more than 1,600,000 (2008) innocent human beings within their mothers. There is nothing at all complicated about the utter wrongness of abortion, and making it all seem complicated mitigates that wrongness not at all.”

As I mentioned back in October, we need to continue to pray for our nation, and offer sacrifices for the overturning of this most hideous of court cases—Roe vs. Wade (and Doe vs. Bolton), so that life will be protected from conception until natural death. Only when this is reality will we truly be able to make our country great again.

Speaking of prayer, please keep in your prayers the pilgrims who are leaving for the March for Life this Wednesday from our parish. We will travel out to Washington, D.C. (hopefully without any blizzards or snowmageddons) to take part in the 43<sup>rd</sup> March for Life (and hopefully our last one!). It is a powerful trip for our young people and for the sponsors, too. Pray for our safety in traveling there and back and for our prayers and sacrifices of all profilers to bear fruit in our nation.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, pray for us. St. Joseph, protector of the family and the Church, pray for us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, protectress of life, pray for us.

Peace in Jesus and Mary,  
*Fr. Borkenhagen*