

**MASS INTENTIONS—February 18<sup>th</sup>—February 26<sup>th</sup>**

**Saturday—5pm** +Michael A. Forbes  
(Jim & Priscilla Lubbers)

**Sunday— 8am** People of St. Patrick's Parish  
**10am** +Edward Lind  
(Steve & Julia Wadkins)

**Monday—7am** Tracy Stover (Mary Greenough)

**Tuesday—8am** +Sheila Miller (Dr. Steve Miller)

**Wednesday—6pm (Latin)** Isabella Gudde Family  
(Lou Jones)

**Thursday—(Prison Mass)** +Mary Hogan (Cheryl Kennedy)

**Friday—8am** Lowell Wells (Tina Wells)

Next Weekends Intentions:  
**Saturday—5pm** +Pat Journot  
**Sunday— 8am** +Charlie Steinbacher  
**10am** People of St. Patrick's Parish



**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** John Findley,  
Kathy Ryan

**PARISH NEWS**

"You have heard that it was said, an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." "...then the whole world would be blind and toothless!" Well, that second quote is from Reb Tevye, the lead character in one of my favorite movies, *Fiddler on the Roof*. Anyway, Quiz Bowl has officially begun. Wednesday afternoon we will host the second Mineral Belt League Quiz Bowl competition of the season. As Track and Field season approaches we are still looking for a coach. Also, we have an open part-time position in the daycare. Hours are 3pm-5:30pm Monday through Friday. Applications are available in the school office. Lastly, in just a few weeks, on Wednesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting a VBRD Family Night for the whole parish. Lynne Lang, the founder of Virtue Based Restorative Discipline, will be our main speaker. There will be activities for children, and then families together as well. Food will be available at 5:30 and activities begin around 6pm. Thank you to Jane Alexander, Mrs. Yoakam, and the other teachers, volunteers, and parents helping to plan this evening.  
*God Bless, Emilio Aita*

**SKATE FOR BABIES**—Hannah's Promise invites you to Skate for Babies on Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Silver Wheels Skating Rink from 2-4pm. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 for families with 4+ kids. Concessions will be available and there will be door prizes. Come enjoy some awesome christian Music while you skate!

**K OF C FREE THROW CHAMPS**—The following people qualified for the Regional Free Throw Competition in Chanute, KS on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 1pm:  
**Boys:** Age 9—Drew Schibi Age 10—Zavier Phillips  
Age 11—Gabriel Lunsford  
Age 12—Pake Morin Age 13—Mark Bogner  
**Girls:** Age 9—Claire McElroy Age 10—Riley Dunlay  
Age 12—Aubrey Lassen, Age 13—Jasmine Perez

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BIG XII RAFFLE**—Win tickets to the Big XII basketball tournament! K. of C. members are selling chances on two lower level premium tickets for all sessions of the 2017 tournament at the Sprint Center in K.C. Chances are \$25 for one ticket or \$50 for three. Drawing will be Tues. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Rick at 423-4417 or contact any Knight for more information.

**SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!**  
*Adorers are needed for the following hours:*  
**Wed 3-4am, Wed 7-8am, Sat 2-3am,**  
**Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am,**  
**Sun 5-6am, Sun 10-11pm.**

**ESTATE PLANNING FOR CATHOLICS**—The Diocesan Office of Planned Giving is hosting an informative meetings in Southeast Kansas on Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, at St. Mary's Colgan H.S. Auditorium from 9:30-11:30am. Travis A. Pearson, Esq., will be speaking about "Planned Giving: Combine your family financial planning and your stewardship" and Kevin Mitchelson, Esq. will present on "Wills, Trusts, and Estate Planning: powerful tools to take care of your family, minimize taxes, and implement your planned giving desires."

**Stewarding our Gifts...**

**"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."**  
*Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*

The message today is one of love. It's not a Valentine's Day kind of love, but rather a consuming *agape* kind of love. When we allow this kind of love to fill our hearts from top to bottom, there is room for nothing else. Today, we open with a reading from the book of Leviticus—an instruction book, of sorts. In this first reading, God leads with a direct command, saying there is no room for hate in the God-loving heart. No hatred, no revenge, no grudges. Love your neighbor as yourself. As we move into the second reading, St. Paul reminds us that the body is a temple, a sacred space. It was never meant to house sin and hate. "If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person." Finally, in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus bridges the gap from the Old Testament to the New by explaining the kind of love that was driving the teachings of Moses. He negates the old ways of thinking with new ways of acting. His words are challenging in times of angst and division. This was true for the disciples and it is still true today. Do not allow the political disputes of our day lead you into sinful anger and hatred. Rather, always strive to share the perfect love of the Father with one another.

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

Sun Feb 19	*RCIA Class —Commandments 4, 5, 6 & 9	9:15am-12pm
Mon Feb 20	*Rosary in the Church *Stewardship Council Meeting *Parish Library Work Evening	6:30am 5:30pm 6:30pm
Tue Feb 21	*Rosary in the Church *Cursillo Group Meets	7:30am 5:30pm
Wed Feb 22	*Cursillo Group Meets *Rosary in the Church *PSR K-5 *MS EDGE *CYM Meeting—Parish Hall *Bible Study—St. John's Gospel —Taught and Led by Fr. Borkenhagen	5:15pm 5:30pm 5:30pm 6pm 7pm 7pm
Thur Feb 23	*Rosary in the Church *Bible Study—St. John's Gospel —Taught and Led by Fr. Borkenhagen *Theology on Tap—Kitchen Pass	7:30am 1pm 6pm
Fri Feb 24	*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 *Kapaun's Men—Parish Hall *Rosary in the Church	5:30am 7:30am
Sat Feb 25	*Rosary in the Church *Latin Mass *Cursillo Group Meets—Hall *Confessions *Bake Sale in Parish Hall— —Delicious homemade pies & other baked items—Hosted by the Altar Society	6:30am 7am 7:40am 3:30pm 6pm
Sun Feb 26	*RCIA Class— —Commandments 7, 8, & 10 *Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast —Hosted by the Altar Society: home-made biscuits, gravy, scrambled eggs, juice, coffee. Best breakfast in town! Carry-out available! *Bake Sale in Parish Hall— —Delicious homemade pies & other baked items—Hosted by the Altar Society *Men's Basketball	9:15am-12pm 7am-12pm 8:30pm

*The Altar Society is in need of homemade desserts for their bake sale next weekend! If you'd like to show off your baking skills, bring a dessert to the hall before 5pm Mass next weekend. Thanks in advance for your help!*

**Stewardship of Treasure**  
**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**  
February 11<sup>th</sup>—February 12<sup>th</sup>

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$11,804.27

**Altar Servers:**

Feb 25—5pm B Brungardt/C O'Hara/K Nance  
Feb 26—8am R Barger/C Westhoff/J O'Hara  
10am Schibi/Wolgammott/Johnston/J & L Forbes

**Extraordinary Ministers:**

Feb 25—5pm Teresa Bogner  
Feb 26—8am Carl Treiber  
10am Sherri Martin

**Lector:**

Feb 25—5pm Sheila Simmons  
Feb 26—8am Stephanie Reitemeier  
10am Lupe Ponce

**Offertory Gifts:**

Feb 25—5pm Scotty Zollars  
Feb 26—8am Jack and Therese Flynn  
10am Mark and Sherri Martin

**Ushers:**

Feb 25—5pm T & B Westhoff/McKinney/P Yanez  
Feb 26—8am Swearengin/Perez/Jacquinot/Chandler  
10am G & K Haynes / M & F Mall

**Money Counters:**

Feb 25 & 26—David and Robie Martin  
Gary and Judy Harris

**THE CATHOLIC SIDE**

Praised Be Jesus Christ!  
We had a good beginning to the Bible study on the Gospel of St. John. All totaled, it will be a six part series (five more from this week). If you weren't able to make the first session, feel free to listen to it on our website, [www.stpatricksparsons.org](http://www.stpatricksparsons.org). It is posted on the right hand side of the page under the Summer School for the Soul tab.

One of the points I proposed for us to ponder in the first session is having a renewed sense of awe in the reading of the Gospel. This is a key element to deepening our faith. Sometimes we can become dulled by the powerful works of the Lord. We become so used to hearing the different miracles and works of our Savior that we don't always allow ourselves to step back and say, "Wow!" Make sure to pray for that awe when you read the Gospels (or any of the Sacred Scriptures, for that matter).

Another point I made was actually a challenge to those who came. It was a two fold challenge. First, make sure that some part of your day has real silence. No phone, computer, iPod, iPad, tablet, tv, radio or any other noise maker. The purpose for this challenge comes from the reality that God speaks in the silence of the heart. What happens when there is no silence? The devil loves the modern devotion to "white noise." I remember one time pulling up to get gas in Chicago several years ago, and on every pump there was a small television blaring its shows. It drove me crazy! Even getting gas became a noise-filled time. We need silence. It doesn't mean we have to be monks, but we do need silence, especially if we are going to fulfill part two of the challenge. The second challenge was to enter into adoration of the Lord seven times each day. I suspect reading that might almost scare some people, eliciting a gut reaction that this is not possible. But it is! It isn't even that difficult. Right off the bat, you have 5 opportunities built into your day: 1. when you get up. 2. before breakfast. 3. before lunch. 4. before supper. 5. before you go to bed. See, right there are five opportunities to enter into adoration. That means you need to just find two more opportunities (on the way to work and on the way back). Entering into adoration doesn't mean that you have to stop at the adoration chapel (although there would be nothing wrong with this, but perhaps not so practical for most people). It means adoring the Lord in your heart and mind. Offer a prayer - memorized or spontaneous, and then continue on with your day. So, as I challenged those who came to the Bible study, so I challenge everyone; make room for silence in your day and find seven times to enter into adoration of the Lord each day, too.

On a different note, I would like to close with a prayer written by the first bishop (and archbishop) of the United States; John Carroll. It is a beautiful prayer for our national and state leaders as well as the leaders of the Church. He wrote it at the time of President Washington's inauguration. Here it is:

*We pray, Thee O Almighty and Eternal God! Who through Jesus Christ hast revealed Thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of Thy mercy, that Thy Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of Thy Name. We pray Thee, who alone art good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal, and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, Pope N., the Vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, N., all other bishops, prelates, and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise amongst us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct Thy people into the ways of salvation.*

*We pray Thee O God of might, wisdom, and justice! Through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with Thy Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness, and be eminently useful to Thy people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality. Let the light of Thy divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety, and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.*

*We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by Thy powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.*

*We recommend likewise, to Thy unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of Thy most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.*

*Finally, we pray to Thee, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of Thy servants departed who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives, and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech Thee, a place of refreshment, light, and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. St. Joseph, pray for us. Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, patroness of the United States of America, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

*Fr. Borkenhagen*