

Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Christ Mass, Spy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday

MASS INTENTIONS—April 8th—April 16th

Saturday—5pm +Vera VanMieghem
(Charlie VanMieghem & Cathy Taylor)
Sunday— 8am People of St. Patrick's Parish
10am Scott & Nikkii Rosenstiel Family
Monday—8am David Greenough (Mary Greenough)
Tuesday—No Mass +Olivia Craig
(Mike & Florence Keal)

Wednesday—12:05pm Ethan Merchant
(Bill & Mary Louise Fuentez)

Thursday—7pm +Richard & Ethel Finnerty
(Pat O'Hara)

Friday—No Mass Matins and Lauds at 8am

Next Weekends Intentions:

Saturday—8:30pm RCIA Catechumens & Candidates

Sunday— 8am +J.J. Potocnik

10am People of St. Patrick's Parish



*Eternal Rest Grant Unto him, O Lord: **James B. Foster**, father of Jane Blackburn and husband, Sean. And Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon him. May he Rest in Peace. Amen.*

THE CATHOLIC SIDE

Praised Be Jesus Christ!

You might remember from last summer that Sonja Schibi and Jackie Gorman are both training to become certified Natural Family Planning teachers. With the demands of the program, Sonja wants to be able to devote more time to becoming a FertilityCare Practitioner. Therefore, after three years of working in the parish office, she has resigned from her position as parish secretary. Please keep Sonja in your prayers in this transition, and also Jackie, as they both work in this apostolate to married couples.

Sonja's last day will be April 28th. Vicki Templeton has kindly agreed to step in for several weeks until I get a committee together to evaluate the position before we begin a search process to fill the position. Any time a classified position opens up, I like to look at what the needs of the parish are and see what the best way to fulfill those needs in this particular position are. This helps to keep us on our toes and make sure that we are adapting to the needs we have at this time. Please pray for our committee as they begin this important work.

Here is a reminder about fasting and abstinence on Good Friday: All people over 14 are to abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent (and all Fridays except solemnities throughout the year, unless another penance is substituted) and all people 18-59 are to fast on Good Friday. Fasting means not eating between meals, and that you are allowed to eat one normal meal and two small meals that do not equal one normal meal. It is a small sacrifice to make considering the event we are commemorating—the Crucifixion of our Blessed Lord.

Remember, the schedule for the Sacred Triduum is: Holy Thursday at 7pm, Good Friday at 3pm, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 8:30pm. **There is no 5pm Holy Mass on Holy Saturday.**

This Monday evening at 7pm, Bishop Kemme will offer a special Holy Mass to install lectors and acolytes, men who are in their 1st or 2nd year of seminary. Numbered among them this year is Trevor Buster. Trevor has lived in Parsons for about two years, and is currently in 1st Theology at St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL. Everyone is invited to come to this Holy Mass to pray with and for Trevor as he takes this step towards the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ.

Speaking of steps to the priesthood, James Schibi will be ordained to the Order of Deacon on May 20th. The whole diocese is invited to the Holy Mass, which will be offered at the Church of the Magdalene in Wichita. It will be quite a momentous day for St. Patrick's. James will be the first diocesan vocation from Parsons since Fr. Floyd McKinney. If you are not able to make the Ordination Mass, please make sure to keep James in your prayers as he takes this step, and as he begins his ministry as a deacon this summer.

Finally, our deacon from last summer, Rev. Mr. Andrew J. Labenz will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 27th. In June, he will return to St. Patrick's to offer the Holy Masses on the 10th—11th. In the past, our parish has given our deacons a gift, usually a cassock (the black robe priests wear). That is what Deacon Labenz would like, too. So, if you are interested in donating to this gift, just drop your donation by the rectory or in the collection basket (make sure it is marked for Deacon Labenz' gift). You will be able to see the new cassock when he come to St. Patrick's in June.

May our holy patron, St. Patrick, intercede for us. Our Lady, Mother of Sorrows, pray for us. Peace in Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Borkenhagen

Why Do Catholics...?

...Make the sign of the cross?

(from <http://www.hsccatl.com/WhyDoThat.aspx>)

The sign of the Cross is common among both Catholics and Orthodox. It is considered a sign of reverence and a remembrance that Jesus died on the Cross to bring salvation to the world. It simply fell out of use among other churches following the Protestant Revolt.

PARISH NEWS

New Children's Movies on **FORMED.ORG**—11 Award-Winning Children's Movies now on FORMED. The *Saints and Heroes* series is available in English and Spanish. *Saints and Heroes* movies use comedy, song, captivating illustrations, and heartwarming emotion to tell the tales of some of the great saints and epic heroes of the faith. Logging on is even easier now: go to the parish website at www.stpatricksparsons.org and click on the FORMED banner in the center of the page!

"Do you or someone you know need a little extra help with maintaining your home?" Crews of Catholic teens and chaperones will be in the area this summer to joyfully assist you in getting on top of these tasks. The teams are equipped to weed, mow, trim, and clear overgrowth. They can also prep and paint smaller (1 or 2 story) houses, garages, sheds, fences and decks. Many hands make light work. Let these energetic young people demonstrate their care for you in this practical way. Contact the Rectory for more information."

33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY: A DO-IT-YOURSELF RETREAT FOR MARIAN CONSECRATION—starts this Monday, April 10th. This will be a parish-wide consecration to the Blessed Virgin. It will culminate on May 13th, the 100th anniversary of the apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. Books are available in the Church for a suggested donation of \$3.

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA PRAYER INTENTIONS—

DAY 1 (Good Friday)—All mankind, especially sinners
DAY 2 (Holy Saturday)—The souls of priests & religious
DAY 3 (Easter Sunday)—All devout and faithful souls
DAY 4 (Easter Monday)—Those who do not believe in Jesus and those who do not yet know Him
DAY 5—The souls of separated brethren
DAY 6—The meek/humble souls & the souls of children
DAY 7—The souls who especially venerate and glorify Jesus' mercy
DAY 8—The souls who are detained in purgatory;
DAY 9—The souls who have become lukewarm.
For prayers in their entirety, go to
<https://www.ewtn.com/Devotionals/mercy/novena.htm>

TOTUS TUUS HOST FAMILIES NEEDED—St. Patrick's Parish will be hosting Totus Tuus June 24th—30th. Housing for two young men and two young women is needed. If you are interested in hosting please contact the Rectory at 421-6762.

SPEND ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD!

Adorers are needed for the following hours:

**Wed 3-4am, Thur 9-10am,
Thur 11am-12pm, Fri 8-9am
Sat 2-3am, Sat 10-11pm, Sun 12-1am.**

Stewarding our Gifts...

"GO IN PEACE, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY YOUR LIFE."
Holy Week: Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord

Stewardship is an act of faithful obedience. We are taught to do and give with joyful hearts, but certainly there are times when that is incredibly difficult. Today's scripture readings give us Jesus as the definitive example of stewardship. We see him willfully offer his life in obedience to the Father's will. The reading from Isaiah proclaims, "Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear, and I have not rebelled..." As Christian Stewards, we must do the same. Do we listen for God's call? Do we hear his call with an open heart? Or do we succumb to our doubts and fears, rebelling against God's wishes? As we meditate on the Passion of our Lord, let us learn from his obedience. Let us be reminded of his sacrifice and of his merciful compassion. And finally, let us respond to God's call with similar love and obedience.

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

Sun Apr 9 *RCIA Class 9:15am-12pm
—Holy Week Preparations!!!

*Men's Basketball in the Gym 8:30pm

Mon Apr 10 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am

*Holy Week Confessions 12-1pm

*Parish Library Work Evening 6:30pm

Tue Apr 11 *Rosary in the Church 7:30am

*Cursillo Group Meets 5:30pm

*RCIA First Confessions 5:45pm

*Holy Week Confessions 6-7pm

*Knights of Columbus Meeting 7pm

*FertilityCare Services Intro Class 7pm

—Parish Hall; Sonja Schibi, FertilityCare Practitioner Intern

Wed Apr 12 *Holy Week Confessions 11am-12pm

*Rosary in the Church 11:30am

*Cursillo Group Meets 5:15pm

*K-5 PSR 5:30pm

*MS Edge 6pm

*Holy Week Confessions 6-7pm

*CYM Meeting 7pm

Thur Apr 13 *Holy Week Confessions 12-1pm

*Adoration Chapel closes 4pm

—Remains closed until 11pm Saturday

*Rosary in the Church 6:30pm

*Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm

—Confessions after, until all are heard

*Parish Adoration 9pm-Midnight

—Last name: A-J 9pm; K-R 10pm; S-Z 11pm

Fri Apr 14 *DAY OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING*

*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 5:30am

*Rosary in the Church 7:30am

*Matins and Lauds 8am

*Divine Mercy Novena Starts 8:30am

*Holy Week Confessions 9am

*Stations of the Cross 12pm

*Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

—Confessions after, until all are heard

Sat April 15 *Rosary in the Church 6:30am

*Cursillo Group Meets 7am

*Matins, Lauds, Divine Mercy Novena 8am

*RCIA Rehearsal/Retreat 8:30am

*Easter Vigil 8:30pm

Sun Apr 16 *RESURRECTION OF THE LORD!!!

—Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!!!

Stewardship of Treasure

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:

April 1st—April 2nd

NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: \$16,908.00

Altar Servers:

April 15—8:30pm Frassati Servers

April 16— 8am Frassati Servers

10am Frassati Servers

Extraordinary Ministers:

April 15—8:30pm RCIA

April 16—8am Phyllis Pracht

10am Harry Heppler

Lector:

April 15—8:30pm RCIA—John Schibi

April 16— 8am Jeff Perez

10am Nick Pfeifer

Offertory Gifts:

April 15—8:30pm Rod & Darlene Hughes

April 16— 8am Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier

10am Bill & Denise Sears

Ushers:

April 15—8:30pm RCIA

April 16— 8am R & B Barger Family/P O'Hara

10am R & MJ Fitzwater/J Heppler

Money Counters:

April 15 & 16—Ray and Becky Jacquinot

Mike and Janice Duloherly