

December 1, 2019

First Sunday of Advent



WELCOME TO SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH!



"To proclaim the Kingdom of God, and seek it before all else."

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Parish Website: www.st.patsak.org

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tues - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 5:30 p.m.
Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule:

Vigil: 5:30 p.m., Holy Day: 9 a.m. & 7 p.m.

FAITH FORMATION

Sundays during the school year at 9:30-11:00 a.m.

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Stay Awake!

To be Catholic is to be a bit out of sync with modern America. While the rest of the country is beginning the "Holiday Season," we are entering into the Holy Season of Advent. Amid the din and frenetic activity that surrounds us at this time of year, we Catholics are invited to quietly prepare for the coming of the Lord in glory at the end of the age, even as we prepare to celebrate his first coming in humility at Christmas. We do this in a variety of ways.

The color purple—is the color of penitential preparation. Advent is very much a "little Lent" in one sense. The Savior born to us, saves us by the forgiveness of our sins. What better time to take stock of our lives and come to the Sacrament of Reconciliation? All the communal penance services in the Archdiocese are listed in this month's edition of the Catholic Anchor. Our penance service will be held on December 18th at 7:00 PM.

The Advent Wreath—forms a circle representing the eternal love of God for us. The world was in the darkness of sin and death, but the light of Christ dispels the darkness. A candle is lit each week. Like the return of the sun at the winter solstice, the increasing light of each new candle reminds us of the light of Christ which comes into the world.

The Sunday readings—call us in the first three weeks to prepare ourselves for the coming of the Messiah. John the Baptist figures prominently this year. He reminds us of our prophetic role in proclaiming the coming of Christ at the end of the age. We need to be ready.

Advent Calendars—are just plain fun! Some can be purchased, but it's super fun to make them yourself. I have one that is a model house with 25 different windows to open. Some families I know make them treats, but also with special notes inside that say things like, "Today I will hug my sister." or "Today I will pray for a classmate."

The One Percent Challenge!—Can you give one percent of your day to prayer during Advent? We make it easy this year with a little card to jump start your prayer life. Take one and see what happens! - Fr. Leo

Check out the blog! <https://frleowalsh.com>



New to the Parish?

Welcome! Please take a moment to stop by the office! We would love to meet you and show you around.

IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

Retirement Fund for the Religious

Next weekend, second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals, and agencies—often for little or no pay. Now, their religious communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more. Almost 94 percent of donations aid senior religious.

Thank you for your generosity.

Glory Bound Retreat

Join the Glory Bound retreat December 2019: separate high school and middle school sessions! Register at www.stthereseak.com Return to St. Therese's Camp this December for 3 days of fun, faith and friends.

Glory Bound winter retreat provides a great opportunity to reconnect with your faith and the camp community. Our staff leads fun activities including sledding, playing on the frozen lake, snowball fights, music, and more. We will also have Mass, confession, adoration, cabin talks, and a variety of spiritually-focused events.

We are looking forward to seeing you in December.

Contact director Rudy Poglitsch at (907) 232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com with any questions.

Reconciliation Services

SAINT MICHAEL, Palmer
December 10 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

SAINT ANTHONY, 325 S. Klevin St.
December 10 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

SAINT ANDREW, Eagle River
December 11 | Wednesday, 6:30 PM

SAINT BENEDICT, 8110 Jewel Lake
December 11 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

SACRED HEART, Wasilla
December 11 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
CO-CATHEDRAL**
December 17 | Tuesday, 7:00 PM

SAINT PATRICK
December 18 | Wednesday, 7:00 PM

HOLY FAMILY CATHEDRAL
December 20 | Friday, 7:00 PM-9:00 PM

HOLY CROSS, 2627 Lore Rd
December 19 | Thursday, 7:00 PM

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

St. Pat's Seniors

Our St. Pat's Seniors will gather for a Lunch and Meeting this Thursday, December 5th, at noon in the Deacons Hall. Please join us on Thursday for an afternoon of food and fellowship. Please call the parish office for more information.

WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

From Advent to Epiphany the Music Ministry collects warm clothing for Brother Francis Shelter, including new or gently used warm clothing. Unfortunately, thousands of men, women, teens, and children in the Anchorage area—the poor, the homeless—do **not** have clothing suited to our long, cold winters. Someone **needs** what you have stuck away: coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, pants, shirts, sweaters. Even warm socks or outdated long johns can make a difference! As an Advent gift, won't you please dig through your closets and other storage for something your neighbor needs?

Additional Documents Online at www.st.patsak.org

December Parish Calendar
Climate Change Information Sheet
2019 Advent Concert Flyer
Music Ministry News Calendar

My Soul in Stillness Waits Advent Benefit Concert December 6th 7:00 PM



An Evening of Advent
Music and Reflections
\$7 per person or \$20 for a
family of 3 or more

December Baptism Class

Our monthly Baptism Preparation Class for parents of newborns and small children will be offered on **Thursday, December 19th, at 7pm in the Tara Lounge.** Please note the change.

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Advent Candles and Wreaths

Advent candles and wreaths will be available for purchase in the gathering area after all Masses this weekend. The proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase votive candles for the Marian Shrine throughout the year. Help us care for the Marian Shrine by preparing your home for Advent. Have a blessed Advent Season!

Sunday Collections

November Goal	\$56,500.00
<u>Sunday, Nov. 3</u>	<u>\$14,003.23</u>
<u>Sunday, Nov. 10</u>	<u>\$11,072.81</u>
<u>Sunday, Nov. 17</u>	<u>\$11,518.69</u>
<u>Sunday, Nov. 24,</u>	<u>\$10,995.21</u>

Total Collected: \$47,589.94
Short of Goal: \$8,910.06

Special Collection Schedule

This Weekend: Parish Building Fund
Next Weekend: Retirement Fund for the Religious

Men's Ora et Labora

On Saturday, December 14th, the men of our parish will gather for this month's Ora Et Labora. We'll begin with Adoration and Reconciliation, followed by Mass and a talk by this month's speaker, Dr. Grant Sasse, associate professor of psychology at UAA, who will speak about how to process grief and loss. We'll then work together to complete a work project for our parish. See you there!

Music Ministry News

Hymnals and Hymnal Changeover – Thank you to everyone who helped us inventory the Gather Hymnals and get all the new Breaking Bread and Choose Christ hymnals in the pews. Please remember, Breaking Bread and Choose Christ are **not** used from year to year. The use of these books is licensed only to *current* subscribers for use during the *current* liturgical year. St. Patrick's is blessed to have these wonderful resources; let's not abuse the privilege. If you have borrowed a **Gather Hymnal** (Red, hard-bound book), please return it to the Church.

Advent Benefit Concert – 12th Annual Advent Concert: Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. This year's Advent Benefit Concert will help support Catholic Social Services in ending homelessness one family at a time through programs such as Brother Francis Shelter, Clare House, and Homeless Family Services. These programs provide men, women, and children with shelter, meals, case management, and help moving toward self-sufficiency with dignity, care and compassion. Your generous support can make a world of difference in the lives of those served and restore hope to thousands.

Women's Morning of Reflection for December has been cancelled.

Please join us next month on January 11. Fr. Walsh will share with us, "Generations of Faith; Sharing Our Catholic Heritage in Every Age."

Contact Tammy Williamson at (907) 744-7887 or email at tammy.williamson27@gmail.com

Mass with Anointing of the Sick

We will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick next Saturday, December 7th, at the 5pm Mass. If you would like to receive this special Sacrament of healing, please join us to receive the sacrament.

Young Adults!

Monday, December 2nd at 7pm our young adult group will hold their monthly gathering in Deacons Hall. Samantha Yee will give a talk on the power of the Advent season. We'll begin with food, then the talk, followed by Adoration. Everyone 18-35 is invited to attend!

Liturgical Ministries Commitment Forms!

Don't forget to drop your bookmark in the collection basket, in the basket in the Gathering Area, or at the office so that we may contact you.

Reminder: Liturgical Ministry trainings begin after Christmas! Stay tuned for details.



Get your Message Out!

We welcome contributions by ministries and organizations of the parish. To be included in the bulletin, items must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. the previous Wednesday. Items normally appear for up to two weeks.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, December 1, 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
CGS Afternoon Session	1:00pm - CGS Atrium
YM- 10 Girls Sm. Group	2:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd
YM- 9/10 Boys Sm. Group	2:45pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
YM- 11/12 Boys Sm. Group	3:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Rd

Monday, December 2- Parish Office Closed

SPRED Community	6:15pm—Chapel, Hosp Rm
Young Adult Gathering	7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Tuesday, December 3

Legion of Mary	6:15am - Cenacle
R.C.I.A.	6:30pm - Tara
Praise Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm - Church
CGS Catechist Prep	7:00pm - CGS Atrium

Wednesday, December 4

CSSI Adult Faith Study	10:00am - Hosp Rm
YM - 9 Girls Sm. Group	5:00pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Loc
Folk Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - Church
YM - 11/12 Girls Sm. Group	6:30pm - Kaladi Brothers - Tudor Loc
Knights of Columbus	7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Thursday, December 5

Adult Faith Study Group	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Seniors' Group Lunch & Meeting	Noon - Dcns Hall
Eucharistic Adoration	6:00pm - Chapel
YM Core Team Meeting	6:30pm - Tara
Rehearsal - Advent Benefit Concert	7:00pm - Church

Friday, December 6

Advent Benefit Concert	7:00pm - Church
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Saturday, December 7

Soul Core Exercise Group	9:30am - Cenacle
Drew Koop Funeral	11:00 - Chapel, Church
YM - Social Saturday	10:30am - TBD
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	3:45pm - Church
Confessions	4:00pm - Recon Room
KofC Rosary	4:30pm - Chapel
Mass w/Anointing of the Sick	5:00pm - Church
Samoaan Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Church
AA	8:00pm - Tara



READINGS

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IS 2:1-5; Psalm 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5,6-7, 8-9; ROM 13:11-14; MT 24:37-44.

Monday

IS 4:22-6; Psalm 122:1-2,3-4B, 4CD-5 6-7, 8-9; MT 8:5-11

Tuesday - Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest

IS 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-2; LK 10:21-24

Wednesday

IS 25:6-10a, ; Psalm 23:1-3A,3B-4, 5, 6; MT 15:29-37

Thursday

IS 26:1-6; Psalm 118:1 & 8-9, 19-21,25-27A; MT 7:21, 24-27

Friday

IS 29:17-24; Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14; MT 9:27-31

Saturday - Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

IS 30:19-21, 23-26; Psalm 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5A, 6-8

Next Sunday - December 8 - Second Sunday of Advent

IS 11:1-10; Psalm 72: 1-2,7-8,12-13,17; ROM 15:4-9; MT 3:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat:	5:00pm	Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary
Sun:	8:30am	Barbara Huck, R.O.S.
		Ronald Wege, R.O.S.
	11:30am	Olive Corack, R.O.S.
		Shane Anderson, Birthday Blessings
	5:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon:	5:30pm	Tricia Cole, Birthday Blessings
Tues:	5:30pm	Olive Corack, R.O.S.
Wed:	5:30pm	Maria Koop, Birthday Blessings
Thurs:	5:30pm	Ben Robar, R.O.S.
Fri:	5:30pm	Michael L. Waldroop, R.O.S.

BIRTHDAYS!

Sun:	Jheus Ray Anastacio, Desean King
Mon:	Jaiden Chernikoff-Davis, Gabriel Novero
Tues:	Cassidy Broberg, Anna Maria Kinney
Wed:	Wyatt Broberg, Maria Koop, Belicia Manuel
Thurs:	Michael Blomburg, Leo Bowe, Alexander Brooks, Antonio Escalante, Gabrielle Winsor, Colette Zidek
Fri:	Ellie Cullison
Sat:	Rebecca Fisher, Lilly Kocurek

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