

November 3, 2019

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



**WELCOME TO
SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**
"To proclaim the Kingdom of God, and seek it before all else."



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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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A Hospital for Sinners

I enjoy bumper sticker theology and pithy church sign sayings. Sometimes they incorporate different eras of pop culture. Who would not be moved by: "The fact that there is a 'Stairway to Heaven' and a 'Highway to Hell' tells you a lot about anticipated traffic numbers." They may be exhortative. What self-righteous church goer would not be knocked off their pedestal by: "Acting perfect in Church is like dressing up for an X-ray." They may also take an eschatological bent. This one for passing motorists: "Honk if you love Jesus. Text if you want to meet him now." Some of them are just darn good theology. My favorite is one reminiscent of one of Pope Francis' early talks: "The Church is a hospital for sinners, not a rest home for saints."

In the next few weeks, you will note a decided shift of emphasis in the readings. As we near the end of Ordinary Time, the Church invites us to get our spiritual house in order so that we may be prepared for the glorious second coming of Christ at the end of the age.

The first step is to remove any and all obstacles that come between us and Christ. I'm talking about sins. When we stand honestly before Almighty God, we have to admit that wherever we are on the moral spectrum, we all are in need of conversion, repentance, and reconciliation.

Conversion is the initial moment when we turn back to God. The Greek word for this turning back is "metanoia." It's a navigational term. When they were traveling across the desert, sometimes they would get off the right path. So they had to "turn back" to get back on track. Conversion is that initial turning back to the Lord.

When our hearts turn back to the Lord, repentance for sin is the next logical step. We realize that some of our actions or inactions have harmed our relationship with God, self or others. We need to set those aright. I am comforted by the insight from the Book of Wisdom that reminds us that we typically don't get hit full-force by all of our sins at once, but rather that God will "rebuke offenders little by little." (Wis 12:2)

Reconciliation is the process by which are restored to communion with Christ and His Church. This involves a good examination of conscience, sacramental confession, absolution, and satisfaction of one's penance.

Fall is a great time to get rid of clutter in one's life. What a great opportunity to get rid of the spiritual clutter as well. Christ will come. Let us prepare well. Or as the bumper sticker says: "Jesus is coming...Get busy!"

- Fr. Leo



New to the Parish? Welcome!

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

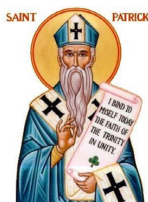
IN THE ARCHDIOCESE AND AROUND TOWN

Military Archdiocese Special Collection

Next weekend we are holding a special collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA. This unique archdiocese relies on the generosity of Catholics from around the country so that it may continue to minister to the men and women of the US Armed Forces wherever they are stationed. One of our seminarians, Madison Hayes, is co-sponsored by the Archdiocese for the Military Services. Please consider contributing to this important collection.

St. Pat's Seniors Lunch & Meeting

Our St. Pat's Seniors will gather for a Lunch and Meeting this Thursday, November 7th, 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.



Christ The King Celebration

To celebrate the end of the liturgical year, we will have a Christ the King parish picnic on Sunday, November 24th in Deacons Hall between the 8:30am and 11:30am Masses. Bring your favorite dish to share with our parish community.

12th Annual Advent Benefit Concert Save the Date!

This year's Advent Benefit Concert will be Friday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. What a wonderful time of the year! Please join us for this prayerful concert of Advent music, poems, and stories to guide us through the waiting and watching.

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 Contact director Rudy Poglitsch at (907) 232-2066 or campdirector@stthereseak.com with any questions. See you this December at camp!

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

This Week:

Sunday, November 3 - 10:00-11:20 AM - Traditional Choir Practice
Tuesday, November 5 - 7:30 PM - Praise Choir Practice
Wednesday, November 6 - 6:15 - 8:30 pm - Folk Choir Practice
Thursday, November 7 - 7:00 PM - Traditional Choir Practice

Coming:

Thursday, November 28 - 10:00 AM - Thanksgiving Day Mass
Saturday, November 29-30 - Hymnal Changeover
Friday, December 6 - Advent Concert with dress rehearsal Thursday, December 5

New Lector Workbooks

The beginning of the new liturgical year is just around the corner, and our Lector Workbooks for 2020 have arrived. All lectors are invited to pick up a copy from the table in the sacristy. Thank you to all who proclaim the Word of God for our community!

Additional Documents Online at [www:st.patsak.org](http://www.st.patsak.org)

November Parish Calendar
Bishop's Military Archdiocese Collection Letter
Climate Change Information Sheet
2019 Advent Concert Flyer
Thanksgiving Blessing 2019

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults meets Tuesdays at 7pm in the Deacons Hall. For more information please contact the parish office. 337-1538

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES

Young Adult— Josef Rutz Presentation Monday

Our young adult group (ages 18-35) is meeting this Monday at 7pm in Deacons Hall. This month's speaker is Josef Rutz, founder and director of Urban Hearts Missions, a new Catholic ministry whose mission is to know, love, and serve the poor here in Anchorage. His talk is entitled "Seeking Saintly Virtue." We'll begin with food and socializing, followed by a talk and adoration.

Men's Ora Et Labora

Next Saturday 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.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

During the month of November, our parish Book of Remembrance and All Souls Days envelopes are available in the gathering area. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the foot of the altar on All Souls Day. The envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November as we keep our deceased loved ones in Prayer.

Music Ministry News

Ever want to sing with a choir? Be a part of a fun, active group? There are many opportunities for you to enrich your spiritual life through music. There are the Feast Days Choirs, Thanksgiving Choir, hymnals changeover, Advent Concert, and Christmas choirs. Simply sign up, show up for rehearsals, and sing (instruments are always welcome).

The Christmas schedule is coming soon! Watch for it on the St. Patrick's web page and Facebook (like us on Facebook!). Mark your calendars now to help with the hymnal changeover. Questions? Talk to any choir director or email the St. Patrick's Music Director, Margaret Simmons, at queenowrites@arctic.net.

Sunday Collections

October Goal \$56,500.00

Sunday, October 6 \$12,782.54

Sunday, October 13 \$10,862.69

Sunday, October 20 \$12,713.17

Sunday, October 27, \$11,054.49

Collected Thus Far: \$47,412.91

Short of Goal: 9,087.09

Special Collection This Weekend:
Parish Building Fund

Cloister Memorial Walls

We will soon be celebrating All Souls Day when we remember our deceased relatives and friends in prayer. This is a wonderful time to plan to add their names to our Memorial Walls in The Cloister. The engraving will not be done until next summer, but now is a good time to start the process. Please leave your name and phone number with the parish office and you will be contacted soon. Consider setting up a family plot to recognize parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Take a look at the walls and you will see that there are several family plots now. Please consider this opportunity to remember your loved ones on our Memorial Walls in this holy place.

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 10

Faith Formation	10:00am - All Rooms
CGS Morning Session	10:00am - CGS Atrium
Traditional Choir Rehearsal	10:45am - Church
CGS Afternoon Session	1:00am - CGS Atrium
Praise Choir Rehearsal	3:00pm - Church
Youth Ministry	3pm - Hall
SPRED Mass	5:00pm - Church

Monday, November 11 - Veterans Day - Parish Office Closed

CSSI Adult Faith Study Group	6:00pm - Tara
NO MASS TODAY	
SPRED Catechist Prep	6:15pm - Hosp Rm
Young Adult Gathering	7pm - Dcns Hall

Tuesday, November 12

Legion of Mary	6:15am - Cenacle
RCIA	6:30pm - Tara
Praise Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm - Church
CGS Catechist Prep	7:00pm - CGS Atrium

Wednesday, November 13

CGSI Study Group	10:00am - Hosp Rm
Center Prayer Group	12:30pm - Chapel
Folk Choir Rehearsal	6:00pm - Church
Knights of Columbus	7:00pm - Dcns Hall

Thursday, November 14

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

Friday, November 15

Seniors' Group—Benefit Dance	7pm - Dcns Hall
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	7:30pm - Church

Saturday, November 16

Men's Ora et Labora	9:30am - Chapel, Dcns Hall
Soul Core Exercise Group	9:30am - Cenacle
Liturgy Meeting	10am - Tara
Contemporary Choir Rehearsal	3:45pm - Church
Confessions	4:00pm - Recon Room
KofC Rosary	4:30pm - Chapel
Samoan Choir Rehearsal	6:30pm - Church
AA	8:00pm - Tara

READINGS

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ November 3, 2019

Wisdom 11:22-12:2; Psalm 145:1-2,8-9; 2 Thes. 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Monday - Memorial of Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop:

Wisdom 1:1-7; Psalm 139:1B-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10; Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday - Memorial of St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Wisdom 2:23-3:9; Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-18; Luke 17:7-10

Wednesday—Memorial of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wisdom 6:1-11; Psalm 82:3-4, 6-7; Luke 17:11-19

Thursday:

Wisdom 7:22b-8-1; Psalm 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175; Luke 17:11-19

Friday:

Wisdom 13:1-9; Psalm 19:2-3, 4-5ab; Luke 17:26-37

Saturday - The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica:

Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Psalm 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17 and John 2:13-22

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat: 5:00pm	Mass of Remembrance - All the Faithful Departed
Sun: 8:30am	Barbara Huck, R.O.S.
	Doris Hillis, R.O.S.
11:30am	Lou Bonito, R.O.S
5:00pm	People of the Parish
Mon: 5:30pm	Fr. Armond Nigro
Tues: 5:30pm	Marika C. & Irena M., R.O.S.
Wed: 5:30pm	Deceased members of Nicholson/Pazer Family
Thurs: 5:30pm	John A. Ostrom III, R.O.S.
Fri: 5:30pm	

BIRTHDAYS!

Sun:	Magdalena Wegner
Mon:	Madeline Millar
Tues:	Damaris Ascencion-Manzur, Kathryn Gould
	Ji Ji Steenburgh, Lucas Weatherby
Wed:	Angel Harrigan, Leiloa Liua,
Thurs:	John Faletagoai, Killian Keller, Christian Ranon
Fri:	Ashley Bobbitt, Yadra Garcia, Kaelin Moody,
	Mirai Moore, Margaret Moriarty,
	Hyatt Ruhl

St. Patrick's Seniors Luncheon Group Fund Raiser Dance

When: Friday, November 8, Time: 7-10 pm

Where: St. Patrick's Deacons Hall

Admission cost: \$10.00 - Snacks - Soft Drinks

Words of Wisdom:

"Keep dancing and moving — it helps to stay young!"

Keep Dancing to Stay Young!

