



NOTES FROM FR. TOM

# Beauty in Advent

**D**ear Parishioners!

First, thank you to all who so generously contributed to our Parish Hall Roof campaign! We have exceeded our goal, and I am so proud of all of you for coming together to achieve this goal! See elsewhere in the bulletin for more on the roof.

Advent is a time of preparation, waiting, and anticipation! I hope each of you have, or will have, a chance to incorporate some of the Church's rich traditions into your family's celebration of this liturgical season! Things like the Advent Wreath, with its four candles and prayers, can become a beautiful dinner tradition in the family! Some families gradually prepare for Christmas, during Advent, by not including the baby Jesus in the crib and saving the final

Christmas tree decorations until Christmas Eve! One family I read about practices "lights out" on Friday evenings: at 6pm all lights, cell phones, screens are turned OFF and the family gathers for games and books by candlelight. The Jesse Tree calendar is another popular Advent devotion, as is turning off Christmas music and playing Advent Hymns instead! If you want a good Advent you have to be intentional about it! I encourage you to do some online searching for the right customs that will fit your family home!

Here at Old St. Pat's we have an opportunity to bring some new beauty into our liturgy and church just as we prepare for Christmas! I wasn't planning on this happening at this time, but it just worked out that everything is falling into place during Advent! You may not be aware, but Old St. Pat's does not have a Mass chalice that belongs to the parish! When I arrived, six years ago there was only one simple and inexpensive golden chalice (the one you see me using at daily Mass) but that chalice is engraved with 'St Joseph - Adrian, MI' so I know it didn't belong here. The beautiful, ornate, chalice that you see me using at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days, is my personal chalice, given me on loan by the Diocese for the life-



time of my priesthood! It does not belong to Old St. Patrick's! I am not sure what happened to the original parish chalice, (I assume there was one at some point), or even if it was worthy to be kept and preserved. Each parish should have its own chalice, independent of the priest, as a patrimony for the parishioners and their community. With the help of our Ladies of St Brigid, I ordered a new chalice some months ago from Krakow, Poland! This beautiful chalice just came in this week, and was blessed at the Ladies Advent Tea this Saturday. It is a high quality traditional style chalice, gold plated, with scenes



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from Christ's passion etched in the cup, and a wheat design carved in the base. Engraved in the bottom of the chalice is the name of our parish, the year 2022, and the words: "Omnes sancti et sanctae Dei, Orate Pro Nobis" in English: "All holy men and women of God - Pray For Us" This is one of the invocations in the Litany of Saints that we chant when we process from Church to cemetery on All Saints. I am so grateful to the generosity of the Ladies of St Brigid, who used their profits from the Rummage Sale, to spend several thousand dollars toward this acquisition. In addition, the money was used to also purchase two new small auxiliary chalices, which are pretty but inexpensive, and will be

used to distribute precious blood to the people on Sundays. Our current auxiliary chalices are badly worn, with the gold plating missing in some places and have been in need of replacement for some time! These beautiful new items will be a blessing for Old St Patrick and its parishioners for years to come!

In the works, as well, is another project that I have had in mind for many months: a statue of Saint Michael the Archangel to be placed in the sanctuary. The idea is that the statue will be placed on the wall to the right of the high altar, and will off-set our new Sanctuary Lamp, which is on the wall to the left! St Michael has been sitting in

my office for a long time, until recently Ethan Hayes was finally able to paint and decorate it the way we wanted. He will be installed in the sanctuary this Advent season as well!

I'm so thankful for all these blessings on our parish, and that they are coming at the exact time that we are preparing our souls for Christmas! As we strive to make our hearts pure and holy for the coming of the Lord, we are making our sanctuary and church attractive for Him as well!

Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel,  
and make Your home with us!  
Fr Tom



## Advent GIVING Tree 2022



The annual Advent Giving Tree is up in the church vestibule! This year we are excited to partner with Guadalupe Workers. Guadalupe Workers, was co-founded by Edmund Miller (husband of Dr. Monica Miller) in 2002, and offers critical assistance to abortion minded mothers in the Detroit Metro area. They help mothers keep their babies by assisting them with: rent, groceries, housing, clothing, baby items, and forming a long term relationship with the mother! For more info and testimonies visit: [guadalupeworkers.org](http://guadalupeworkers.org)



We will be collecting newborn items and gift cards towards the purchase of infant car seats. Please return items UNWRAPPED with the Giving Tree Tag securely attached to the outside of the gift. If you purchase gift cards, please return them in an envelope with the Giving Tree Tag securely adhered to the envelope, and place in the box labeled "Gift Cards". Please return gifts to the church in front of the St. Joseph statue no later than Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your beautiful act of charity.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**TUE 7:00** Judy Pellican  
**WED 8:15** Johnny Williams †  
**THU 8:00** Krystyna Brisco †  
**7:00** Parishioners  
**FRI 8:15** Selena Wiitala  
**SAT 4:00** Arthur Engstrom †  
**SUN 8:00** The Unborn/Respect for Life  
**10:30** Parishioners  
**12:30** James Likoudis

### TO PRAY IS TO LOVE

• **Please pray for those in need, including:**  
 Patricia Fuller, John LaRock Sr., Phil Rutledge, Sandra Adams, Pete Siebertz, Jim Stephensen, Mason Rutledge, Ann Mary "Nancy" Phillips, Katie Hutton, Betsy & Charlie Rodgers, Pam Wiitala, Emma Thompson, Bryan Eaton, Phillip Campbell Sr., Magdalene Trabanino, Clara Peterson, Teri Kuzniar, John LaRock Jr., Glenn Klecker, Alice Walsh, Ginny Kolander, Carla Pariseau, Yvonne Wardle, Laurine Meeker, George Roth, Nicole Brcic, Helen Petrie, Alexander Wardle, Pat Krzesowik, Melissa Godfrey, Darell Hogan, Constance Spiteri, Fr. Terry Dumas, Camilla Nevaeh Rogers, Zach Brcic, Alicia Phillips, Arlene Klecker, Jan Kummet, Zakaria Attal, Magdalene (Maggie) granddaughter of Brian & Pam Heldt

• **Pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.**

• **Please pray for those in the military, including:**  
 Tony Phillips, Anthony Darket, Samuel Chase Johnson, William Godfrey, Bill Lott, Mike Nelson, Mike Porter, Chas Carter, Eric "Ricky" K. Zachmann

# ST. PATRICK PARISH CALENDAR

## SUNDAY, December 4

Second Sunday of Advent

8:00 Mass

9:00 K of C Rosary after Mass

9:15 Religious Education

10:30 Mass

Donut Sunday after 10:30 Mass only

6:30 Youth Group

## MONDAY, December 5

7:00 RCIA

## TUESDAY, December 6

5:30 Confession & Adoration

7pm Mass

## WEDNESDAY, December 7

8:15 Mass

## THURSDAY, December 8

Immaculate Conception

8:00 Mass

7:00 Mass

## FRIDAY, December 9

8:15 Mass

# OLD ST. PATRICK PARISH DIRECTORY

## Reconciliation

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:40PM

Saturday 2:30PM or by appointment; Don't hesitate to call for an appointment!

## Weekend Schedule for Holy Mass

Saturday 4:00PM

Sunday 8:00AM & 10:30AM

## TLM Latin Mass

2nd Sunday of Month 12:30pm

## Weekday Schedule for Holy Mass

Tuesday 7:00PM

Wed. & Fri. 8:15AM School Year, 8:30AM Summer

Thur. 8:30AM

First Saturdays 9:00AM

## Eucharistic Adoration of Our Lord

Tuesday 5:30PM - 6:45PM

First Friday 7:00PM - Saturday 8:45AM

## Baptisms

Contact Dcn. Frank-Joseph Papp, 734-426-1070 or email [fjapp@umich.edu](mailto:fjapp@umich.edu) to arrange a preparation class and Baptism date.

## Marriages

Arrangements are to be made at least nine months prior to the wedding.

## Funerals

Funeral arrangements are made by contacting the parish office.

## Parish Registration

Contact the office for a registration form.

## Office hours

Monday - Friday 9:00AM - 5:00PM

Office: 734-662-8141

Emergency: 734-663-1851

Address: 5671 Whitmore Lake Rd, Ann Arbor, 48105

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## Pastor

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## Deacon

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Dcn. Steve Thomashefski [dcn.steve@gmail.com](mailto:dcn.steve@gmail.com)

## Parish Secretary

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## Coordinator of Religious Education & RCIA

Analisa Galbraith (x104)

[Analisa@stpatricka2.org](mailto:Analisa@stpatricka2.org)

## Youth Minister

Annika Van Camp, [youth@stpatricka2.org](mailto:youth@stpatricka2.org)

## Music Director

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## Facilities and Maintenance Manager

Ron Fuller, [rfuller@stpatricka2.org](mailto:rfuller@stpatricka2.org)

## Dog In Residence

Chesterton AKA "Chester"

## Knights of Columbus Council 10963

Paul Malocha, [GK10963@mikofc.org](mailto:GK10963@mikofc.org)

## Ladies of St. Brigid of Ireland

Marti Willacker, [mlwillacker@yahoo.com](mailto:mlwillacker@yahoo.com)

## Altar Server Coordinator

Jennifer Holody, [ospaltarservers@gmail.com](mailto:ospaltarservers@gmail.com)

## Prayer Requests

[ospintentions@gmail.com](mailto:ospintentions@gmail.com)

Bulletin announcements must be submitted in writing to [bulletin@stpatricka2.org](mailto:bulletin@stpatricka2.org) by Monday at noon and will be edited at the discretion of the editor and/or pastor.

**Help Make Christmas Cards for Residence at Regency Home in W.L.**  
There will be a box in the back of church to collect cards. The following names are the current Catholic residence, but feel free to make cards without names for others residence as well.

Donna A	Thomas B
John C	Doug D
Philip M	Lori M
Tracy P	Jeff R
Cindy S	Jeana S

## ALTAR SERVERS

**SATURDAY 4:00/ Dec. 10**

J. Holody

**SUNDAY 8:00/ Dec. 11**

S. Fil

**SUNDAY 10:30/ Dec. 11**

K. Brcic

P. Zachmann

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**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**IN SERVICE TO ONE, IN SERVICE TO ALL**

**Become a  
Knight before Christmas  
FREE MEMBERSHIP  
Now through December 31<sup>st</sup>**



Calling all Catholic men 18 and older. Now is a great time to join the Knights of Columbus. Scan the QR code, enter your information and use the FREE code BLESSEDMCGIVNEY for a FREE membership as an online member. Enter your "preferred local council" number 10963 (OSP's council). The Knights are a Catholic fraternal organization that actively supports the teachings and values of the Catholic Church. Whether you have 2 hours a year or 2 hours a month, show your support for our faith and sign up.

# New Parish Hall Roof Campaign

Thank  
you 

A special THANK YOU to all who so generously contributed to our Parish Hall Roof campaign! Thanks to your generosity we have reached and exceeded our goal of \$46K!!! We are working with Mighty Dog Roofing company to set a date for the roof replacement work! Mighty Dog is owned by a Catholic parishioner of Christ the King parish, who heard about our project and offered us a great deal: shingles rated for 40 years, and a 20 year work warranty. I will keep you updated on the progress of the project and scheduling. I am so grateful for your enthusiastic response to our campaign, may God repay you a hundredfold!



## St. Nicholas Visit!

Children are invited to meet St. Nicholas at donuts this Sunday following the 10:30am Mass!



### 2023 Fish Fry Planning Meeting

The Fish Fry leadership team and anyone interested is invited to a meeting after the 8am Mass on Dec 18th. We will discuss suggestions and ideas for making the fish fry even better. If you cannot make this meeting please send your ideas, sugges-

tions, or comments to Mike Saylor, mfsaylor@gmail.com

### Save the Date- Advent Church Cleaning

Wednesday, December 21st after the 8am Mass. All are welcome to come help prepare our beautiful church for the Christmas season.

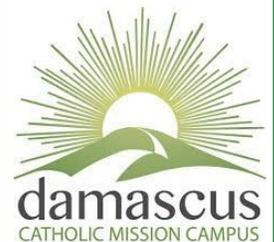
### Attention: New Altar Servers Needed

Altar Server training for all boys ages 10 and up will be held on Sunday, December 11th after the 8am Mass. For more information please contact Jennifer Holody at ospaltarservers@gmail.com

## Old St. Patrick Youth

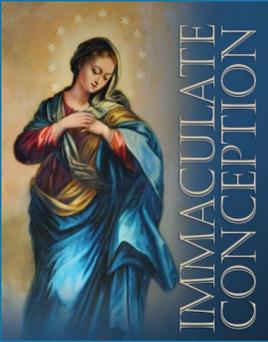
### Coming up for Youth Group!

For this year's summer retreat, we will be going to Catholic Youth Summer Camp at Damascus! I have heard great things about this week-long retreat. You can find more info on their website: [damascus.net](http://damascus.net) There will also be a parent info night on **Friday, December 9th** with a staff member from Damascus giving us a presentation. This retreat has helped many devout Catholic teens to make a life long commitment to their faith! This is a great opportunity and I encourage you to come to the info session to find out more! If you are on the fence the information night will be great for learning more!



**12/4** The Virtue of Hope

**12/11** The Virtue of Charity



# Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Thursday, December 8

Mass times: 8AM and 7PM

This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

*OLD ST. PATRICK*

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Christmas Eve Mass at 11:00pm;

Carols begin at 10:30pm

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Morning

Mass at 10:00am



### Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Eve, December 31 Vigil Mass 4:00pm

Sunday, January 1 Mass at 8:00am & 10:30am



### Extended Advent Confession

Fr. Tom will offer extended confession times  
Mon-Wed, December 19, 20, & 21 from

5:30pm to 7pm each night.

Come experience God's mercy and  
forgiveness and prepare your soul  
for Christmas!

## Christmas Mass at Regency Home in W.L.

**December 28, 2:30pm**

Join fellow parishioners and residence of Regency  
home to celebrate Christmas Mass.

*Christmas carols will be sung after Mass.*