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From The Archives

December 31, 1999

The Charismatic Prayer Group hosted members of St. Joseph, St. Patrick, Good Shepherd Mission and NAS Meridian for a New Year's Eve celebration at St. Patrick Church that started with the Rosary at 11:15P and continued with scripture readings, worship songs, Holy Communion at Midnight and ended at 12:30A.



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF MERIDIAN
ST. JOSEPH & ST. PATRICK PARISHES
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday (St. Patrick): 5:00 p.m.
Sunday (St. Joseph): 8:30 a.m.
Sunday (St. Patrick): 11:00 a.m.
Sunday (St. Patrick): 4:00 p.m.
Sunday (St. Joseph): 6:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Tuesday (St. Joseph): 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.
Thursday (St. Patrick): 11:30 a.m.
Friday (St. Patrick): 12:05 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

30 minutes before all Masses/11A-12N
First Friday/4P Saturday's or by appt.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

Every Thursday 12 Noon—6P
St. Aloysius Chapel/Parish Center

Chaplet of Divine Mercy 3:00 p.m. (M-F)

Vespers/Rosary 4:45 p.m. (M-F)

Dial-In Phone Number is 769-206-1927

Mass Schedule, Intentions, and Readings for December 18th– 24th, 2023

Monday	No Mass		Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Therese Martin/ Offered by Dave & Adrian Viger	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday	12:05 p.m.	Ricky Guyton/ Offered by Barbara Rogers	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Thursday	11:30 a.m.	Jim Berrigan/ Offered by Roscoe Douglas	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Friday	12:05 p.m.	Dr. Mones Thomas/ Offered by Dr. Nunie Thomas	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Joan & Rudy Williams/ Offered by Patty Harris	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Sunday	8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Catholic Community Lettie Bihn/ Offered by Steve Bihn	<u>Sunday:</u> 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a); Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38
Christmas Vigil	4:00 p.m. 6:30 p.m.	Richard Gough/ Offered by Connie Royal Laine Melton/ Offered by Otto & Inez Storr	<u>Christmas Vigil:</u> Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25

Rejoice in the Coming of The Lord

Through this season of Advent we are called to prepare for the Lord's coming by repenting of our sins, removing the obstacles that make it difficult for us to recognize his approach and remaining ever watchful for his arrival. But today we rejoice (in Latin, **gaudete**) because we focus on the knowledge that the One whom we await comes to embrace us, transform us and redeem us. Gathered together in joy, we look forward, as always, to his coming.

Welcome Bishop Kopacz!!!

Bishop Kopacz will be celebrating the 830A Mass in St. Joseph and the 11A Mass in St. Patrick this Sunday. He will dedicate the new Columbarium after the 11A Mass and will join us for our Christmas Community Dinner in the Family Life Center after the dedication.



St. Patrick School will be closed for Christmas December 18th—January 2nd with students returning January 3rd. We thank all of you for the wonderful support you have extended to our school as we continue to celebrate 150 years of educating children spiritually and academically in the Meridian area.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year
to all of you!!!



Memorial Brick Campaign

The Memorial Brick sales are continuing but please get your order in soon. The bricks may be in memory of a loved one, in honor of someone special or any special event.

Bricks may be ordered online using the following link:

<https://www.bricksrus.com/donorsite/catholicmeridian>

or you may complete the order form that can be picked up from the parish office. The cost of each brick is \$125 and you may have three lines with up to 18 letters on each line.



Community Christmas Dinner is this Sunday, starting at 12:15P in the FLC. The church will provide turkey & ham, cornbread dressing/gravy and drinks. Parishioners are asked to pot luck the remainder of the meal.

Families—A-R, please bring a side dish or salad. Families—S-Z, bring a dessert.

Please wear your new Catholic Community T-Shirt. Additionally, the new Columbarium will be dedicated prior to the dinner. All are welcome!



The CWO will be sponsoring a spaghetti dinner after the 5P Mass Saturday, December 30th in the Family Life Center. Adults \$10 and Children \$5. Come enjoy a delicious dinner, fun and fellowship. All are welcome!

Catholic Community of Meridian Advent Project

Final call for donations to the Sleep In Heavenly Peace Organization. Please bring your twin bed bag sets and/or pillows to the Catholic Community Dinner this Sunday in the FLC.

There will be a special celebration of the Mass to honor and remember Sister Thea Bowman and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. for their many contributions to social justice, Sunday, January 14th at 3P in the Cathedral of St. Peter in Jackson. All are Welcome!



Letitia Johnson	Frances Rush
Dr. Luis Borrell	An'Dria Kenney
David Stephens	Mariana Mora-Cordova
Regina Meachum	Thelma Robinson
Harold Hicks	Timothy Duong
Ryan Craft	Tinsley Duong
Christopher Rolfsen	Jeri Johnson
James Gordon	Gaia Brauningner
Joe Brown	Virginia Moody
Patricia Alonso	Denise Quedado
Thomas McCoy	Beth Ohnemus
Linda McCoy	Hailey Detillier
Isaiah Morrison	Miranda Rigdon
Carol Dean	Landon Scheel
Mary Espinoza	Diana Suarez
Paige Deitz	

Upcoming Events/Activities

December 17th—Dedication of the new Columbarium at approximately 12 noon between the church and the FLC.

December 17th—Community Christmas Dinner—1215P—FLC—Church will provide meat, dressing, drinks etc. Families A-R please bring a side dish or salad. S-Z please bring a dessert.

Please note that the 3P Mass is cancelled December 17th and 24th.

December 23rd—KC Santa's visit to Anderson Hospital. Meet at the KC Hall at 11A. All youth are welcome to come as elves with Santa.

December 30th—CWO Spaghetti Dinner in the FLC after the 5P Mass. Adults \$10 and Children \$5.

Adult Bible Studies

The Wednesday Night Bible Study "The Second Greatest Story Ever Told" will take a break for Christmas and will resume January 10th.

The Thursday morning (10A-1130A) Adult Bible Study **Eternal Rest** concludes December 21st. This study meets in the Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center.



Youth Activities

All youth are invited to join Santa as elves as the Knights of Columbus visit Anderson Hospital, Saturday, Dec. 23rd. We will meet at the KC Hall at 11A.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze."
St. Catherine of Siena

For more information on youth activities, please contact Angela Dove at the Office (601) 436-6025 or by email Angela@catholicmeridian.org.

During the Christmas Season, the sanctuaries of both St. Joseph & St. Patrick Churches are beautifully decorated with poinsettias. To offset the cost, you can make donations to either Church by check (please notate flower fund on check) or online (Christmas Flower Fund).

Also anyone who would like to add an ornament to the Christmas tree in each church, please bring it this weekend.

Weekly Collections

St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$2,981.00
December 3rd: \$3,114.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,705.00
Online (December 4th - 8th): \$290.00

St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$15,231.00
December 3rd: \$11,903.00
St. Vincent de Paul: \$1,305.00
Online (December 4th - 8th): \$700.00

Spanish Mass

December 3rd: \$606.00

Vietnamese Mass

December 3rd: \$123.00

St. Vincent de Paul collection includes online donations.

There is a Second Collection for St. Patrick Church Repairs this weekend.

OUR LADY'S CORNER

Our Lady's Corner will be open on the following days for Christmas shopping:

December 16th: **After 5P Mass.**

December 17th:

10A—1045A and after Mass.

You can also make an appointment to shop by contacting Pat 601 479 - 0920 or John in the Parish Office.

Please note the Mass Schedule for Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th is as follows:

December 23rd - 5P—St. Patrick
December 24th - 830A—St. Joseph
December 24th - 11A—St. Patrick

Christmas Vigil—4P—St. Patrick
Christmas Vigil—630P—St. Joseph

Christmas Day—Midnight—St. Patrick
Christmas Day—10A—***St. Patrick ***
Please note that in the Parish Christmas Card the location was mistakenly listed as St. Joseph Church.

The Parish Office will be closed December 25th - January 1st and reopen January 2nd at 9A. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!!!

Wednesday Evening Dinners will be taking a break for the Christmas Holidays and will resume Jan. 10th.



RCIA Class Schedule

December 17th—Eschatology: The last 4 things—Death, Judgment, Heaven or Hell—Facilitator—Ken Woodward

RCIA will take a break for Christmas and there will be no classes December 24th or 31st. Classes will resume January 7th.

Classes are 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. in the Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center unless otherwise noted.

For more information about RCIA, please contact Ken in the Parish Office.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

COUNCIL 802 NEWS

Knight of the Month—November 2023
Tom Zettler PSD

Family of the Month—November 2023
John & Nelda Bennett Family

Congratulations to the above!!!
Well earned and deserved!!!

Bingo is cancelled December 28th.



Family & Friends:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lillie Noble (sister of Sharon Smith), Robert Sanford, Gay Anderson Hill, Lamar McKenzie

Parishioners:

Bobbie Crudup, George Walston, Karen Schoeneck, David Blanks, Steven Huczel, Sal Moreno, Kathy Owen, John Kasper, Patricia James, Mouise Richards, Lucas Osen, John Schultz, Rosalie Leo Barbara Holscher, James & Therresitta Hollomon, Serenity Hollomon, Martha Mazingo, Connie Royal and Helen Beck.

Family & Friends:

Debbie Perry (sister of Patty Harris), Jesus Carno (Uncle of Lheng Routt), Marilyn Brown (friend of Rosie Connor), John Morgan (son of Helen Beck), Jayde Sharp (son of Frank & Carolyn Sharp), Greg Albars (friend of Richard & Aileen Semmes), Rhonda Boren (sister-in-law of Donna Duckworth), Sarah Hagwood (daughter of Deborah Mosby), Dale McCarty (brother of Howard McCarty), Marijoy Santiago Howell (daughter of Rory Santiago), Father Thomas Foster (brother of Gina Conner), Wanda DeForest (sister of Carolyn Sharp), Wayne Kidd (friend of the Mitts family), Anjr Knight (cousin of Rose Schultz), Laylah White (great niece of Patty Harris), Megan Ellis (granddaughter of Thelma Robinson), Anna Payne (cousin of Rose Schultz), Leo Kushnir (great-nephew of Rose Schultz), Curtis Oswalt (son-in-law of John & Bridget Harwell), Dr. John Voss, Cheri Barry, Betty Koca.



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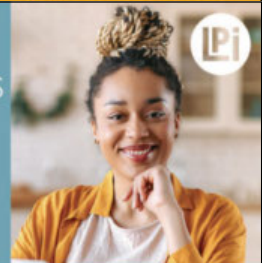
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