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From The Archives

December 24, 1999

This year the Christmas Eve pre-music program for the Midnight Mass featured Mrs. Amy Massengale Choate. Mrs. Choate was a harpist with the Meridian Symphony. She played several selections before Mass and during Communion. The music for the Mass was provided by the 11A Sunday Choir and began at 1115P.



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): 3:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass Schedule

Christmas (St. Patrick) Midnight
Christmas (St. Patrick) 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday (St. Joseph): Cancelled
Wednesday (St. Patrick): Cancelled
Thursday (Comm. Svc.-Chapel) 12:00N
Friday (St. Patrick): Cancelled

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 12N—6P (CX-Dec 28th)
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 25th – 31st, 2023

Christmas	Midnight	Catholic Community	Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
	10:00 a.m.	Joy Richardson	Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
Tuesday	No Mass	Mass Cancelled	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc,17; Mt 10:17-22
Wednesday	No Mass	Mass Cancelled	1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Thursday	12:00 Noon	Communion Service in the St. Aloysius Chapel	1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
Friday	No Mass	Mass Cancelled	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Frances Weise/Offered by Laine Melton	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Catholic Community	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14;
	11:00 a.m.	Ted Huntley/Offered by Denise Huntley	Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
	3:00 p.m.	Zeida Machado/Offered by Dr. Luis & Norma Borrell	Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Rejoice in the Coming of The Lord

Every so often the fourth week of Advent consists only of the fourth Sunday of Advent. This is one of those years. For three weeks we have been encouraged to use this season to prepare for the coming of Jesus. Now it is time for the procrastinators to begin! But seriously, the fact that this Sunday falls on Christmas Eve is a wonderful opportunity for us all. On this day, may the word of God we hear and the Eucharist we share inspire us to prepare a home in our hearts for the Lord.

Please note the Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

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!!!



The Christmas Holidays are period of time when blood donations are low and the demand for blood is high. Please consider donating blood during the M*A*S*H Bash Blood Drive, Tuesday, December 26th at the KC Hall (10A-7P). Please go to Vitalant.org to make an appointment.



St. Patrick School is currently closed for Christmas through 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!!!



The Catholic Women of St. Patrick (CWO) are 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!

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.

Thank You



St. Patrick Church recently received donations in memory of Edward Gough.

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. The Mass will be followed by reception.

All are Welcome!



Carol Brumfield
Gloria McCarty
Dorethea Cole
Greg Stephens
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Upcoming Events/Activities

December 26th—M*A*S*H Bash Blood Drive—10A—7P at the KC Hall. Go to Vitalant.org for more information.

Please note Masses are cancelled Dec. 26th, 27th and 29th. There will be a Communion Service, Dec. 28th (12N) in the St. Aloysius Chapel. Adoration is also cancelled December 28th.

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. Come join Scott Owen as he leads this fascinating story each Wednesday evening (615P-730P).

The Thursday morning (10A-1130A) Adult Bible Study will kick off with a new program called "Fatima: Hope for the World" January 11th and will continue each Thursday through March 7th. Come join Ken Woodward on this exciting journey about Mary's appearances in Fatima, Portugal in 1917 and the profound effect it has had on our Catholic Faith over the last one hundred plus years.

Both bible studies are in the Father Vally Room in the St. Patrick Parish Center.



Youth Activities

Youth Activities will resume Sunday, January 14th at 4P in the Youth Room in the FLC. Students 6th-12th grades are invited.

“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).

Weekly Collections

St. Joseph Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$2,981.00
December 10th: \$2,441.00
Retired Religious: \$707.00
Online (December 8th - 14th): \$423.00

St. Patrick Parish

Needed Income (Weekly): \$15,231.00
December 10th: \$7,105.00
Retired Religious: \$1,348.00
Online (December 8th - 14th): \$3,765.00

Spanish Mass

December 10th: \$1,073.00

Retired Religious collection includes online donations.

There is a separate collection for the Christmas Masses Sunday evening and Monday morning.

Thank you for your wonderful support of two parishes and school.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 802 NEW'S

*The Knights of Columbus will host the annual M*A*S*H Bash Blood Drive, Tuesday, December 26th in the KC Hall, 2217 Highway 19 North (10A-7P). Please go to www.Vitalant.org or call 877-258-4825 to make an appointment.*

Bingo is cancelled December 28th.

Thank you to all who donated coats or money for the recent Coats for Kids Campaign. The Coats were donated to the Care Lodge on Wednesday, December 13th.

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RCIA Class Schedule

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

January 7th—The Mass: Part 1—Facilitator—Ken Woodward

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.

OUR LADY'S CORNER

Our Lady's Corner Store wishes to thank all who shopped in the store during the recent Christmas season. You are appreciated for patronizing the store.



Family & Friends:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Diane Woods Hicks (former parishioner of St. Joseph and daughter of the late Lewis & Mittie Woods), Diane Benton Key (former St. Patrick parishioner), Betty Deen and Larry Cleveland Sr.

Parishioners:

Richard Semmes, Bobbie Crudup, 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:

Asher Bowman (grandson of Christy & Joe Price), Jake Warren, Becky Grant (friend of Aileen Semmes), Donna & Dean Terry (cousins of Aileen Semmes), 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), Dr. John Voss, Cheri Barry and Betty Koca.



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