



St. Patrick's Church

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Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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ST. PATRICK'S / HOLY TRINITY MISSION STATEMENT

To share the good news of Jesus in word and deed; to gather in prayer, worship, and the celebration of the Eucharist; to facilitate life-long faith formation; to serve the larger community especially the poor and marginalized; and to sustain parish ministry through the stewardship of time, talent, and treasure.

SACRAMENTS

RECONCILIATION

ST. PATRICK'S:

4:30 PM SATURDAYS

HOLY TRINITY:

8:00-8:15 AM

2ND & 4TH SUNDAYS

ALSO BY APPOINTMENT

ANOIDING OF THE SICK

CALL THE OFFICE IF POSSIBLE WHEN HOSPITALIZED.

BAPTISM

CALL THE OFFICE DURING PREGNANCY FOR PREPARATION CLASS.

MARRIAGE

CALL THE OFFICE AT LEAST NINE MONTHS TO ONE YEAR AHEAD TO PLAN MARRIAGE PREPARATION. WEDDING DATE SHOULD NOT BE SET UNTIL PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN.

ANNULMENT/

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

CALL THE OFFICE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS PROCESS WITH DIOCESAN TRIBUNAL IF YOU ARE DIVORCED AND REMARRIED OR NEVER MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

RCIA

CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH OR THE RCIA PROCESS.

MEMBERSHIP/

REGISTRATION

IF YOU ARE NEW, WELCOME TO OUR PARISH. PLEASE REGISTER BY CALLING THE OFFICE. IF YOU ARE MOVING AWAY, PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE TO NOTIFY US BEFORE MOVING.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

WEDNESDAY NOON

5th Sunday of Lent March 17, 2024

Jeremiah makes a bold statement when he says that the centuries-old covenant that God made with Abraham would be superseded by a new covenant. The main difference that he foresaw between the old and the new is that the new covenant would be internal. We will not have to look up the answer or feel disconnected from God's will. With the law written upon our hearts, it becomes part of us.

As we approach Holy Week and our Lord's Passion, we hear Jesus talk about death and eternal life. He realized that he himself was approaching that time, but he also wanted those he loved to know what he expected of them. Therefore, he said that anyone who is willing to sacrifice their life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. It all comes down to love. Remember, when Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he said that the entire law—the law that Jeremiah said would be written upon our hearts—could be summed up in two commandments: love God and love your neighbor. So now when Jesus says, "Whoever loves his (or her) life loses it," he contrasts them with one who "hates his (or her) life in this world" (John 12:25). But he could also contrast one's true loves: one's own life or God and neighbor. Our challenge is to love God and love neighbor more than our own life.

Witness a grain of wheat, or truly a seed of any kind. If kept in a jar and prevented from germinating, it will lose its power to generate new life and eventually rot. But planted in soil, it will break open and grow into a plant that dwarfs its original size. This is what Jesus envisions for us. If we are willing to sacrifice our own self-interest, we can act out of love for others, producing much fruit in the garden of the kingdom.

Question of the Week: What part of myself that I've become attached to in a self-centered way can "die" so that I will clear more space in my heart and my schedule for love of neighbor?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

March 18

Dn 13:41c-62

Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday

March 19

2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 & Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Wednesday

March 20

Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95

Jn 8:31-42

Thursday

March 21

Gen 17:3-9

Jn 8:51-59

Friday

March 22

Jer 20:10-13

Jn 10:31-42

Saturday

March 23

Ez 31:21-28

Jn 11:45-56

Palm Sunday

March 24

Is 50:4-7

Phil 2:6-11

Mark 14:1-15:47

Lent
PRAY. FAST. SERVE.

Mass Schedule

Monday, March 18:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace
 7:00 p.m.—Bible Study
 7:30 p.m. – Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, March 19:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Fred Wittrock]
 7:00 p.m.—HT Finance Council meeting

Wednesday, March 20:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]
 4:15 p.m.—RE (K-8 grades)
 5:30 p.m.—Mass/Stations at SP
 [David Mosinski]
 7:00 p.m.—RE (9-12 grades)
 7:00 p.m.—Choir

Thursday, March 21:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Christopher Fett]

Friday, March 22:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Healing for Abby Olson]
 8:30 a.m. —Mass/Stations at HT [Peggy Venteicher]
 5:00 p.m. – Fish Fry

Saturday, March 23:

4:30 p.m. —Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. – Mass at SP [Joan Heller]

Palm Sunday, March 24:

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT
 [Lawrence/Marjorie Schultes & Mary Kay Chambers]
 10:30 a.m.— Mass at SP [Marvin & Irma Sander]
 3:00 p.m.—Individual Reconciliation at HT

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Saturday, March 23—5:00 P.M.:

Usher: volunteers
 Reader: Linda Kerkhoff
 Eucharist Minister: volunteers
 Music: Jo Beane
 Servers: Brody & Paxton Beane
 Sacristan: Matt Wilder

Sunday, March 24—10:30 A.M.:

Usher: Duane Schulte
 Reader: Ann Carter, Tom Chambers
 Eucharist Minister: Lora Anthofer, Kathy Kerkhoff, Volunteer
 Music: Linda Blomme, Deanna Kerkhoff
 Servers: Mason & Grace Brand, Gavin Carter
 Sacristan: Maxine Klein

HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, March 24—8:30 A.M.:

Usher: Mike Rasmussen, Weston Rasmussen
 Reader: Susan Osvald, Joe Rasmussen
 Eucharist Minister: Gary Smouse
 E.C.C.: Jenny Brabham
 Music: Riann Hansen
 Servers: Alex & Jack Hansen



St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,463.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$ 9,435.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$ 9,147.50	18	119
Needed:	\$23,028.00		
Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$8,885.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$ 700.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$ 700.00	3	37
Needed:	\$8,185.00		



Holy Trinity's goal	\$40,000.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd	\$21,936.00	19	21
Needed	\$9,064.00		



March 10 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$1,222.00	\$215.00
Plate	\$178.00	\$18.00
Building Fund	\$25.00	
Catholic Relief	\$279.00	
Total	\$1,704.00	\$233.00



BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

The quote for this week that also appears on the whiteboard in the front of the church is:

"3 Nails. 1 Cross. 4 Given."

Take time this week to sit quietly, or perhaps as you drive to your destination, to reflect on this message.

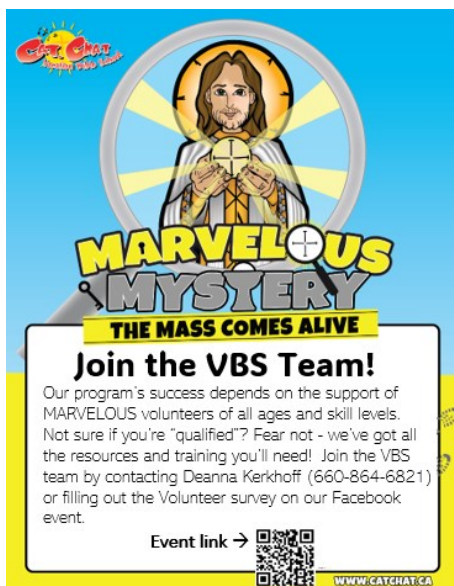
REMEMBER TO LISTEN FOR GOD'S RESPONSE.

USHERS, GREETERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

St. Patrick's would like to see ushers and greeters back at our entrances greeting parishioners and visitors as they enter our church at weekend Masses. We will be using our ushers lists once again and would like all to sign up if it is your month to help. The usher list will be published in the bulletin. If you are not able to sign up or let the office know what date/dates you'd be available to help you may get a friendly text or phone call to remind you. We would like the ushers to choose a family or couple each Mass to carry up the eucharistic gifts. It will be great to see more people involved in our Masses. **EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**, you will not be in charge of this duty unless you notice no one was assigned by the usher. If you are not on a list and would like to be, please call the office or send an email. And if you find you are on a list and would prefer not to be, please call the office or send an email. Thank you all for your help.


April Ushers:

Armando Alarcon	Danny Anthofer	Larry Anthofer
Brent Bauer	Leonard Baumhover	Dave Beane
Bob Blomme	Steve Brinkman	Brian Bruch
Cole Bruch	Randy Bruch	Dennis Carter
Jerry Carter	Matt Chambers	Tom Chambers
Jim Cunningham	Dean Fett	Pat Greving



Join the VBS Team!

Our program's success depends on the support of MARVELOUS volunteers of all ages and skill levels. Not sure if you're "qualified"? Fear not - we've got all the resources and training you'll need! Join the VBS team by contacting Deanna Kerkhoff (660-864-6821) or filling out the Volunteer survey on our Facebook event.

Event link → 

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✠ All those involved in serving our country in any capacity.

Special prayers to those on our prayer chain: Caleb Deist, Kellen Hemmingsen, LeAnn Hoffman, Ivan Blocker, Bill Ryan,

Tina Madsen, Mirra Wolff, Cathy Szynskie, Janet Baumhover, Ellie Bennett, Lucille Wittrock, Jim Arnold, Kenny Hess, Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Larry Petersen, Jared Schliecher, Kris Pilcher, Brian Boock, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Peggy Sowden, Amber, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weidl, Mark Broich, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Joan Bauer, Randy Clausen and all those who are facing very difficult situations and suffer in silence.

All those who are suffering and their families remain in our thoughts and prayers. Please contact the office if your loved one's status changes.

Fish Fry Work Schedule for March 22nd:

4:30-6:30

Deanna Bintner, Bev Bruhn, Melodie Cooper, Jenny Hacker, Frances Huffman, Kathy Kerkhoff, Lois Kauffman, Karla Petersen, Nicole Stanerson, Sharon Weidl

Kids: Kyle Muhr, Jack, Lucy, & Ella Stanerson

6:30—Clean-Up

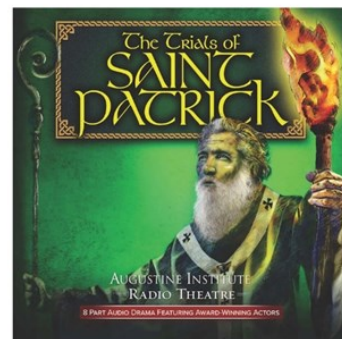
Jo Beane, Pat Crosley, Barbara Johnson, Tina Madsen, Brenda Muhr, Vicky Robinson, Deb Steffes, Linda Weston, Katie Yager

Kids: Brody & Paxton Beane, Peyton Madsen, Landon & Greyson Yager



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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and  GRACIOSA PRESS

St Patrick's Parishioners:

Please stay after mass on March 17th for a presentation regarding a proposed handicap-accessible addition to our church building. It will take place in the main church body. There are sketches to view & time for questions.

For several years, the trustees and finance council of St Patrick's have been discussing ways to make our church building more accessible to those who are physically challenged. There is no easy way for them to get from the sanctuary to the basement bathrooms/kitchen/social events. We know any wheelchair-bound individuals must be wheeled out the south ramp door of the sanctuary, down the alley and across the north parking area to enter the northwest door of the basement. Those needing help on stairs must rely on someone in front of or behind them. The narrow basement stairwell precludes anyone being alongside.

Because our church building is owned by the Diocese of Des Moines, we have worked closely with them and their chosen architect to come up with a reasonable plan to address this issue. After multiple more expensive options, we believe we now have a viable option to present to all of you.

What we are proposing is an addition to the northwest corner that would include a small elevator and a wider staircase. We would also entertain adding a carport to allow for cover while getting in and out of vehicles. (See posters for detail.) This entrance would be at basement level with the elevator taking those entering the church building up to the main floor. From the basement, you would access this addition through the existing northwest door. From the main floor, you would access this addition through a new doorway on the north wall at the back of the sanctuary.

Project Information:

The scope of this project has been pared down multiple times before presenting to the parish.

Cost ESTIMATES are running \$525,000 currently.

St Patrick's building and capital campaign funds total \$216,000 currently. These funds MUST be used for building purposes only per diocesan rules.

Our intent is to raise the needed funds before project start. We do not intend to take out loans.

We have reached out to several local contractors who are interested in bidding the project, should necessary funds be raised.

As you have time to pray about & digest this information, we would like to hear your thoughts/suggestions/concerns.

Please personally contact a trustee/finance council member with them OR leave them in the suggestion box in the entryway of the church.

Trustees

Scott Hansen

Virginia Mennenoh

Finance Council Members

Tom Chambers Charlotte Fett Michelle Griffith

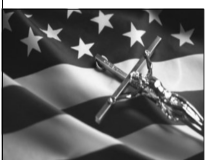
Marty Hanson Don Mosinski Doug Sorensen

Kevin Wittrock



Saturday Mass Attendees: Don't forget our St Patrick's Dinner/Auction tonight at 5pm. Agri-Hall. Serving from 5p-7p. \$13/ticket. Ages 5 & under FREE. Raffle & auction to follow. Everyone is welcome!

To all St Pat's Parishioners: Thank you for your food, raffle & auction donations. Thank you for pitching in to help in any way. Thank you for all you do for St Pat's AND for this fundraising event in particular. It truly does take a village!



PRAY FOR THEIR SERVICE: Several of our members and relatives of members are currently serving in the military. Please pray for them and their families. We pray for their safety and when on a mission, their quick return home to family and friends.

Chance McLaughlin
Cole & Mary Turnbull
Robert Hjuler
Mason Hjuler

Daniel Buser
Sara Kerkhoff
Mark Hjuler
Zachary Kirkpatrick

Hayden McLaughlin
Aaron & Deanna Kerkhoff
Chris Hjuler
Mark Otte

Rusty Dixon
Taylor Kerkhoff
Craig Hjuler
Madeline Bintner

*Please contact the office with any other names.

St. Patrick's Finance Council:

Tom Chambers Charlotte Fett
Michelle Griffith Marty Hanson
Don Mosinski Doug Sorensen
Kevin Wittrock

Holy Trinity Finance Council:

Judy Bintner
Jean Madsen
Mark Richards
Hugh Rossell
Vernie Venteicher

Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:

Bob Blomme Jean Madsen
Aaron Kerkhoff Lynda Best
Alice Lauridsen Ben Hansen

Let's *Explore*: Encounter Nights!



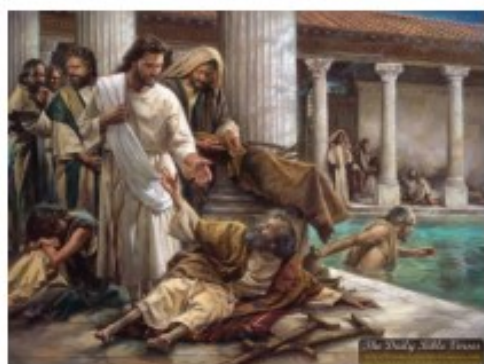
"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of Christian life'" - CCC 1324

Christ's True Presence, Revealed

As Catholic Christians, we believe in the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. That's the game-changer - Jesus Christ is really, truly and substantially present at every Mass.

However, a 2019 Pew Forum survey revealed that only 1/3 of Catholics actually believe this today. Once again (as is written of the Israelites throughout the Bible), we've forgotten where we've come from and what God has revealed to us throughout the generations. And this is precisely why the National Eucharistic Revival was born.

Remember, sometimes we can't fully comprehend how God does what He does, but we trust in what he tells (and shows) us. When Jesus walked this earth, he **told** us who he is and taught us how to do the Father's will; but he didn't stop there! He then **showed** us many times that he is who he says he is. He offered us proof. For example: the healing of the



paralytic at Bethesda (left); healing the blind, deaf, sick or otherwise infirm; casting out demons; raising others from the dead; feeding the multitudes; turning water into wine; walking on water; his own RESURRECTION - praise God, the list goes on!

He also **told** us, "This is my body" and "This is my blood" (Mt 26:26-28). But what if he didn't just stop there? What if our God had an unchanging nature

and stretched out his hand to us even today to **show** us he's really present in the Eucharist? Take a look at the next page for a sneak peek at just one of hundreds of ways he's done exactly this! During our First Saturday "Encounter Nights", we invite you spend time with Jesus after Mass in Adoration. Sit face-to-face with our Lord, present in the Eucharist. He's shown us he's here for and with us; will you make time to sit with him?



Check out **The National Eucharistic Revival** here:

<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org>



Eucharistic Miracle of CHIRATTAKONAM

ARCHDIOCESE OF TRIVANDRUM, INDIA, MAY 5, 2001



This Eucharistic miracle was verified recently, on May 5, 2001 in Trivandrum, India. In the Host there appeared the likeness of a man similar to that of Christ crowned with thorns. His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, Archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum, wrote regarding this prodigy: "[...] For us believers what we have seen is something that we have always believed [...]. If our Lord is speaking to us by giving us this sign, it certainly needs a response from us". The monstrance containing the miraculous Host is to this day kept in the church.



Monstrance containing the Particle in which the image appeared



His Beatitude Cyril Mar Baselice, Archbishop of the diocese of Trivandrum

The Rev. Fr. Johnson Karnoor, pastor of the church where the Eucharistic miracle took place, recounts in his deposition: "On April 28, 2001, in the parish church of St. Mary of Chirattakonam, we began the Novena to St. Jude Thaddeus as we did every year. At 8:49am, I exposed the Most Holy Sacrament in the monstrance for public adoration. After a few moments I saw what appeared to be three dots in the Holy Eucharist. I then stopped praying and began to look at the monstrance, also inviting the faithful to admire the three dots. I then asked the faithful to remain in prayer and reposed the monstrance in the tabernacle. On April 30th, I celebrated the Holy Mass and on the following day I left for Trivandrum. On Saturday morning, the 5th of May 2001, I opened the church for the usual liturgical

celebrations. I vested for Mass and went to open the tabernacle to see what had happened to the Eucharist in the monstrance. I immediately noted in the Host, a figure, to the likeness of a human face. I was deeply moved and asked the faithful to kneel and begin praying. I thought I alone could see the face so I asked the altar server what he noticed in the monstrance. He answered: 'I see the figure of a man.' I noticed that the rest of the faithful were looking intently at the monstrance.

"We began Adoration and as the minutes went by, the image became more and more clear. I did not have the courage to say anything and I began to cry. During Adoration, we have the practice of reading a passage from Holy Scriptures. The reading of

the day was the one from Chapter 20 in the Gospel of John, which narrates the story of when Jesus appeared to St. Thomas and asked him to look at the wounds. I was only able to say a few words in my homily, and, having to leave for the nearby parish of Kokkodu to celebrate Mass, I immediately summoned a photographer to take pictures of the Holy Eucharist with the human face on it. After two hours all the photos were developed; with the passing of the time the face in every photo became more and more clear."