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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

**ANOINTING 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



**1st Sunday of Advent**

**November 30, 2025**

The Chosen People must have wondered how "chosen" they really were, considering how much they had suffered in the generations since God promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Centuries of enslavement in Egypt, a perilous trek through the desert, multiple wars and battles defending their promised land, the fall to Babylon, and then fifty years in exile must have broken the faith of many. Not Isaiah's. He proclaims that "in days to come," God will reclaim the highest mountain in Judah, all peoples will lay down their arms and follow God's commands, and the Chosen People will once more "walk in the light of the LORD" (Isaiah 2: 2-5). This jubilee year we are reminded that we are pilgrims of hope. May we emulate Isaiah, whose hope in God's eventual triumph over evil and strife never dimmed.

God could hardly be blamed for feeling similarly. These "chosen" people had turned away from God every time they faced difficulties, choosing sin instead. Again and again, Moses and the prophets had to remind the people of God's faithfulness and wrath. It was up to God to reconcile with this disobedient people repeatedly. But all this changes when God chooses to send the Son to us. Jesus sacrifices himself to atone for our sinfulness for all time and offer the path to salvation. As Paul writes, "our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

Jesus, who is our salvation, warns his disciples to be prepared always. Advent is our annual reminder to prepare for the day when he comes again, not just at the end of time, but at any time into our hearts and lives. As we will sing at Christmas: "let every heart prepare him room." May our hearts grow over the next four weeks in order to allow more of Jesus' love to enter in so that it may then overflow to all those we meet.

**DAILY READINGS:**

**Monday**

December 1

Is 4:2-6

Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday**

December 2

Is 11:1-10

Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday**

December 3

**St. Xavier**

Is 25:6-10a

Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday**

December 4

Is 26:1-6

Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday**

December 5

Is 29:17-24

Mt 9:27-31

**Saturday**

December 6

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a,

6-8

**2nd Sunday**

**of Advent**

December 7

Is 11:1-10

Rom 15:4-9

Mt 3:1-12

**Question of the Week:**

How can I prepare my heart this Advent to receive Jesus whenever he comes?

HOPE

Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 1:**

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

**Tuesday, December 2:**

10:30 a.m.—Mass at Friendship Home

[Marjorie Schultes and Joan Heller]

7:00 p.m.—CCC Meeting at HT

**Wednesday, December 3:**

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Al & Frances Kerkhoff]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT

[Gene & Charlotte Zortman]

4:30 p.m.—RE grades K-8

7:00 p.m.—RE grades 9-10

7:00 p.m.—Advent Service at OSLC

**Thursday, December 4:**

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP

[Healing for Those who suffer]

3:00 p.m.—Holy Hour at SP

**Friday, December 5:**

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Calvin Nelson]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]

**Saturday, December 6:**

9:00 a.m.—SP Cookie Walk at Parish Center

4:30 p.m.—Adoration/Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.—Encounter Mass at SP

[Dean Hollister & Rosie Johnson]

**2nd Sunday in Advent, December 7:**

8:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Mark Broich]

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Rolls @ SP

10:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Mary Wulf]

\*HT will begin to decorate for Christmas

8:00 p.m.—RE grades 11-12



*Happy Birthday*

**30th** - Lisa Sorensen

**1st** - Amanda Kommes

**2nd** - Claire Kerkhoff  
Roger Griffith

**4th** - Tiffany Henkle

**5th** - Aaron Kerkhoff

Alex Henkle

Fran Andersen

Liesa Meislahn



*Happy Anniversary*

*Sam & Lois Kauffman  
70 Years ~ December 4, 1955*



**Heaven Cent Sunday**

December 7 — St. Patrick's

December 14—Holy Trinity

We need \$1,173.63 more to reach our \$10,000 goal.

50% of funds go to local assistance for utility/grocery bills and 50% to Catholic Charities. Please be as generous as you are able. All donations are appreciated!

2025 ANNUAL  
DIOCESAN APPEAL



<b>St. Pat's Goal:</b>	<b>\$32,292.00</b>	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$30,783.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$30,083.75	58	75
<b>Needed:</b>	<b>\$1,508.25</b>		

<b>Holy Trinity's Goal:</b>	<b>\$9,138.00</b>	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$9,082.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$9,082.25	19	21
<b>Needed:</b>	<b>\$55.75</b>		

November 23 Giving		
	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$1,308.00	\$620.00
Plate	\$245.00	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$50.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,603.00</b>	<b>\$665.00</b>



Our giving tree is UP!! Thank you to the volunteers to work hard to provide an opportunity for us to share our love with those in need this Christmas.

Please keep your information tags with the child's ID number with the wrapped gift by

**Wednesday, December 10.** May God continue to bless you as you help spread the joy of his birth.



<b>Holy Trinity's goal</b>	<b>\$40,000.00</b>	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts	\$30,936.00	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd	\$26,435.98	19	20
<b>Needed</b>	<b>\$9,064.00</b>		

### BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

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

*"Advent Season:*

*A time of Hope, Joy, Love,  
preparing for JESUS birth."*

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.



✠ 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, Ellie Bennett,

Rosemary Hess, Joe Schulte, Lauren Bock, Larry Petersen, Jared Schliecher, Dawson Truitt, Lilly Hankemeier, Eleanor, Emilin & Enastatia Clark, Robbi Wittrock, Jenny Brabham, Oliver Turnbull, Vern Wagner, Ava Weitl, Fred Miller, Dash Burr, Randy Clausen, Connie (Fox) Hawthorne, Sheri Jo Porsch, Don Heller, Leonard Baumhover, Larry O'Tool, Joey Wanninger, Fred Muhr, Nick Swanson, Linda Kerkhoff, Leon Ditto, Deacon Fred Cornwell, Wade Wilson, Father Gubbels, Helen Jorgensen 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.

St. Patrick's Cookie Walk worker sign up sheet is in the back of church. Please add your name to the list...it's a very important fund raiser



Jenny Brabham has assumed the duties at the Holy Trinity Parish Hall. She will begin December 1, 2025. Please contact her for any reservations 712-304-2402.

*Thank You*

Thank you Jean Madsen for your years of serving Holy Trinity and maintaining the hall. We so appreciate your attention to detail!



## Religious Education

**THANK YOU** to the following people who have taken time out of your busy schedules to share your faith with our youth!!

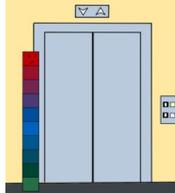
- Kindergarten: Heather Griffith
- 1st Grade: April Brand/8th Graders
- 2nd Grade: Lisa Sorensen
- 3rd Grade: Olivia Carter
- 4th Grade: Izik Sorensen
- 5th Grade: Jennifer Mosinski
- 6th Grade: Sarah Bruch
- 7th Grade: Deanna Kerkhoff
- 8th Grade: April Brand
- 9th Grade: Joanne Greving
- 10th Grade: Aaron Kerkhoff
- 11th/12th Grades: Sara Kerkhoff

If you did not get a Religious Education calendar, please pick one up in the back of church. Thank you!



We at the St. Patrick's and Holy Trinity family of churches value parishioner feedback. In an effort to better hear the needs of the Church, a dedicated email has been established for parishioner comments, concerns, and general feedback. If you have feedback to submit, send an email to: [spht\\_feedback@outlook.com](mailto:spht_feedback@outlook.com) or you can leave comments in the wooden box located in the church entrance on the bulletin table. Thank you!

### ELEVATOR



### St. Patrick's Elevator UPDATE!

Primus is in the process of compiling the bids received. The building committee expects to hear from them soon.

**Building Fund balance to date = \$351,323.10**

When donating, please be sure to note on your donation that it is for "Building Fund" or "Elevator Project" (It's the same fund either way you label it). On the front of the yellow pew prayer cards,

### St. Patrick's Finance Council:

Annette Bruch	Charlotte Fett
Alice Lauridsen	Marty Hanson
Alex Lopez	Don Mosinski
Kevin Wittrock	

### Holy Trinity Finance Council:

Paul Christensen  
Anita Hansen  
Riann Hansen  
Jean Madsen  
Hugh Rossell

### Corpus Christi Pastoral Council:

Cole Bruch	Jennifer Brabham
Aaron Kerkhoff	Ben Hansen
Brooke Klocke	Susan Osvold

## 10 saintly quotes to reflect on this Thanksgiving:

According to the saints in heaven, we should give thanks to God each and every day. In special celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday we celebrate in the United States, here are 10 quotes about gratitude from well-know saints.

**1. St. Teresa of Calcutta:** *“The best way to show gratitude is to accept everything, even my problems, with joy.”*

**2. St. Gianna Beretta Molla:** *“The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that he, in his goodness, sends to us day after day.”*

**3. St. John Paul II:** *“Duc in altum!” (“Put out into the deep!”) These words ring out for us today, and they invite us to remember the past with gratitude, to live the present with enthusiasm, and to look forward to the future with confidence.”*

**4. St. Therese of Lisieux:** *“Jesus does not demand great actions from us, but simply surrender and gratitude.”*

**5. St. Josemaria Escriva:** *“Get used to lifting your heart to God, in acts of thanksgiving, many times a day. Because he gives you this and that. Because you have been despised. Because you haven’t what you need or because you have. Because he made his mother so beautiful, his mother who is also your mother. Because he created the sun and the moon and this animal and that plant. Because he made that man eloquent and you he left tongue-tied . . . Thank him for everything, because everything is good.”*

**6. St. Teresa of Avila:** *“In all created things discern the providence and wisdom of God, and in all things give him thanks.”*

**7. Blessed Solanus Casey:** *“Thank you ahead of time.”*

**8. St. Mary Euphrasia Pelletier:** *“Gratitude is the memory of the heart.”*

**9. St. John Vianney:** *“Believe and adore. Believe that Jesus Christ is in this sacrament as truly as he was nine months in the womb of Mary, as really as he was nailed to the cross. Adore in humility and gratitude.”*

**10. St. Francis of Assisi, in his “Canticle of the Sun”:** *“Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures, especially through my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and you give light through him. And he is beautiful and radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness. Be praised, my Lord, through Sister Moon and the stars; in the heavens you have made them bright, precious, and beautiful . . . Praise and bless my Lord, and give thanks, and serve him with great humility.”*

By Katie Yoder, CAN Newsroom, November 28, 2024

*Always  
-be-  
thankful*

## ST. PATRICK’S RAFFLE:

### WIN \$1,000.00

We invite you to participate in a **Building Fund** fund-raising initiative with the potential to raise over \$45,000.

Each participant will receive an envelope containing a calendar on the front and a donor registration form on the back. We kindly encourage you to invite friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues to sponsor one or more days on your calendar. For example, if a donor selects days 1, 3, and 5, their total contribution will be \$9.00; selecting day 22 will require a donation of \$22.00. Every dollar donated qualifies as one entry into a drawing for a \$1,000.00 prize.

All collected donations should be placed in your envelope. Once your calendar is complete, please submit it to the church office. Envelopes can be obtained at the church office if you need another or did not receive one. Please note that purchasers must be at least 18 years of age to participate.



The Lions Club has a project to collect shoes for third world countries. It is called SOLES FOR SOULS. They can be new, or slightly used, any type, any size. They will also accept high heels, sneakers, etc. Also, if you have only one shoe, that is ok too. There is a box in the basement north-west entrance for collection.



We continue to collect coats that we no longer wear for those who could use them. Coats may be left in the box in the west entrance of St. Patrick’s basement.



### 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  
Hayden McLaughlin  
Cole & Mary Turnbull  
Taylor Kerkhoff  
Mason Hjuler  
Mark Otte

Daniel Buser  
Rusty Dixon  
Sara Kerkhoff  
Robert Hjuler  
Zachary Kirkpatrick  
Madeline Bintner

\*Please contact the office with any other names.

### St. Patrick's December Liturgy Schedule

Date	Ushers	Reader	Eucharistic Ministers	Music	Servers
Saturday, Dec. 6 5:00 p.m.			Jon & Alice Lauridsen Kalli Wilder	Gary Keller Aaron Kerkhoff	McKenna & Avery Wilder Claire Kerkhoff
Sunday, Dec. 7 8:30 a.m.	YOUTH	YOUTH	Lora Anthofer Kathy Kerkhoff April Brand	Linda Blomme Blane Kerkhoff	Karleigh & Wyatt Henkle Grace Brand
Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8 7:00 p.m.		Nancy Wittrock	Darrell & Nancy Wittrock Jennifer Mosinski	Linda Blomme Blane Kerkhoff	Marie & Grace Brand Claire Kerkhoff
Saturday, Dec. 13 5:00 p.m.		Judy Wagner	Matt & Kalli Wilder	Jo Beane	Paxton Beane Kaleb & Evan Nelson
Sunday, Dec. 14 10:30 a.m.		Virginia Mennenoh	Tom Chambers April Brand Aaron Kerkhoff	Linda Blomme Deanna Kerkhoff	Izik, Jocelyn & Jordyn Sorensen
Saturday, Dec. 20 5:00 p.m.		Ann Carter	Ann Carter	Gary Keller Rosemary Williamson	Lucy & Ella Stanerson Gavin Carter
Sunday, Dec. 21 8:30 a.m.		Jennifer Mosinski	Don & Jennifer Mosinski Tom Chambers	Linda Blomme Deanna Kerkhoff	Marie, Mason & Grace Brand
Wednesday, Dec. 24 6:00 p.m.		Kathy Kerkhoff	Jon & Alice Lauridsen Matt Wilder	Brandon Mennenoh Tom Mennenoh	McKenna & Avery Wilder Ella Stanerson
Thursday, Dec. 25 8:30 a.m.		Lisa Sorensen	Lisa Sorensen	Linda Blomme Rosemary Williamson	Brayden, Camden & Trinden Sporrer
Saturday, Dec. 27 5:00 p.m.		Ann Carter	Ann Carter	Gary Keller Rosemary Williamson	Autumn & Kara Klocke Gavin Carter
Sunday, Dec. 28 10:30 a.m.		Virginia Mennenoh	Tom Chambers Sara Kerkhoff Aaron Kerkhoff	Tom Mennenoh	Marie, Mason & Grace Brand
Wednesday, Dec. 31 4:00 p.m.		April Brand	Kathy Kerkhoff Sara Kerkhoff	Aaron Kerkhoff	Alex, Karleigh & Wyatt Henkle
Sacristans: Saturday— Maxine Klein Sunday— Marty Hanson					

### Holy Trinity's December Liturgy Schedule

Date	Ushers	Reader	Eucharist	ECC	Song Leader	Servers
Sunday, Dec. 7 10:30 a.m.	Gary Rasmussen Weston Rasmussen	Russ Crawford	Jenny Brabham	Jenny Brabham	Jane Beckendorf	Zoey & Skyla Rasmussen
Immaculate Conception Monday, Dec. 8 8:30 a.m.	Volunteer	Gary Smouse	Paul Christensen		Judy Bintner	Volunteer
Sunday, Dec. 14 8:30 a.m.	Paul Christensen Leonard Hansen	Jenny Brabham	Mark Richards	Julie Christensen	Judy Bintner	Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer
Dec. 14: Coffee & Donuts and ARS Meeting following Mass ARS Committee: Jane B., Mary Pat G., Anita H., Julie V.						
Sunday, Dec. 21 10:30 a.m.	Vernie Venteicher Volunteer	Joe Rasmussen	Abby Rasmussen	Mike Bintner	Jean Madsen	Harper & Weston Rasmussen
Wednesday, Dec. 24 4:00 p.m.	Joe & Weston Rasmussen	Susan Osvald	Joe Rasmussen		Jean Madsen	Austin & Skyla Rasmussen
Sunday, Dec. 28 8:30 a.m.	Vernie Venteicher Mark Richards	Gary Smouse	Ben Hansen	Riann Hansen	Riann Hansen	Jack Hansen Brooklyn Brabham
Wednesday, Dec. 31 6:00 p.m.	Leonard Hansen Volunteer	Jenny Brabham	Vicki Richards		Riann Hansen	Jack Hansen Austin Rasmussen

# December 2025 St Patrick-Audubon and Holy Trinity-Exira

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<b>1</b> 9:00 Cup of Grace	<b>2</b> 10:30 Mass @ Friendship Home 6:00p CCC Meeting @ HT	<b>3</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Ecumenical Advent Service 7:00p RE (9-10 grades)	<b>4</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 3:00p Holy Hour @ SP	<b>5</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	<b>6</b> 9:00 Cookie Walk @ Parish Center 4:30p Adoration/Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Encounter Night Mass @ SP
<b>7</b> 8:30 Mass @ SP - Heaven Cent 10:30 Mass @ HT 11:30 Begin to decorate for Christmas @ HT 8:00p RE (11-12 Grades)	<b>8</b> Immaculate Conception 8:30 Mass @ HT 9:00 Cup of Grace 7:00p Mass @ SP	<b>9</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 5:00p HT Finance Council Mtg	<b>10</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-10 grades)	<b>11</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 9:30 Mass @ Care Center	<b>12</b> Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	<b>13</b> 2nd Collection-Religious Retirement 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
<b>14</b> 2nd Collection-Religious Retirement 8:30 Mass @ HT 9:30 ARS Mtg/Coffee/Donuts 10:30 Mass @ SP 4:00p Reconciliation Service @ SP 8:00p RE (11-12 Grades)	<b>15</b> 9:00 Cup of Grace 7:30p Knights of Columbus Meeting	<b>16</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 7:00p SP Finance Council Meeting	<b>17</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT 4:30p RE (K-8 grades) 7:00p Choir Practice 7:00p RE (9-10 grades)	<b>18</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP	<b>19</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	<b>20</b> 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
<b>21</b> 8:30 Mass @ SP 9:30 SPCW Meeting/Coffee/Rolls 10:30 Mass @ HT 4:00p Reconciliation Service @ HT 8:00p RE (11-12 Grades)	<b>22</b> 9:00 Cup of Grace	<b>23</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP	<b>24</b> Christmas Eve 4:00p Mass @ HT 6:00p Mass @ SP	<b>25</b> Christmas Day 8:30 Mass @ SP	<b>26</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP 8:30 Mass @ HT	<b>27</b> 4:30p Reconciliation @ SP 5:00p Mass @ SP
<b>28</b> 8:30 Mass @ HT 10:30 Mass @ SP	<b>29</b> 9:00 Cup of Grace	<b>30</b> 7:30 Mass @ SP	<b>31</b> New Year's Eve 4:00p Mass @ SP 6:00p Mass @ HT			