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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



**2nd Sunday of Advent
December 7, 2025**

In the story of creation, God created animals of all kinds: birds of the sky, fish in the waters, wild and tame animals on land. God looked at it all and pronounced it good. No mention is made of wild animals preying on smaller animals or any two animals attacking each other. Eden was a paradise. In order to portray the effect of a Messiah coming to Judah, Isaiah recalls the harmonious interactions of animals in Eden. This is God's plan of coexistence among the myriad species of beasts. This is God's peaceable kingdom. This is a model of the kind of kingdom Isaiah prophesies, John proclaims, and Jesus presents.

Let us now reimagine the animals as people. We think of the different natures, behaviors, and instincts of animals, and the same can be true of people. People have many various faults, traits, habits, and personalities. How to reconcile them all in such a way that all eight billion of us can live together in peace? This continues to be a challenge, but Jesus has given us a road map. Turn the other cheek, forgive each other, love your neighbor, care for the least of your brothers and sisters. If we can see Jesus in the faces of those in need, we can see the kingdom when we serve them.

The harmony among the animals portrayed by Isaiah is recalled when Paul speaks to the Romans, asking that God may "grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus" (Romans 15:5). Normally, it's a great challenge to think in harmony with others, even with just other members of your family. But if all are truly thinking in harmony with the Lord, agreement can be found. Importantly, it requires honesty, humility, and guidance from the Holy Spirit. May we take the time and make the effort to increase the harmony of the world.

Question of the Week:

How can my family live together more harmoniously?

What can I do to help make this happen?

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

December 8

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Gn 3: 9-15, 20

Eph 1: 3-6, 11-12

Lk 1: 26-38

Tuesday

December 9

Is 40:1-11

Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday

December 10

Is 40:25-31

Mt 11:28-30

Thursday

December 11

Is 41:13-20

Mt 11:11-15

Friday

December 12

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Zec 2:14-17

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday

December 13

St. Lucy

Sir 48:1-4, 9-11

Mt 17:9a, 10-13

3rd Sunday of Advent

December 14

Is 35:1-6a, 10

Jas 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

PEACE

Mass Schedule

Monday, December 8: Immaculate Conception

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [Peggy Venteicher]

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

7:00 p.m.—Mass at SP [Paul & Darlene Bruch]

Tuesday, December 9:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Marjorie Schultes]

5:00 p.m.—HT Finance Council Meeting

Wednesday, December 10:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Orville Kerkhoff]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]

4:30 p.m.—RE grades K-8

7:00 p.m.—RE grades 9-10

Thursday, December 11:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP

[Christopher Fett]

9:30 a.m.—Mass at Care Center

[Tessa McCuen & children (living)]

Friday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Joan Bauer]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT

[Bernice & Robert Robinson &

Frank and Elizabeth Kommes]

Saturday, December 13:

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.— Mass at SP [Scott Olson]

3rd Sunday in Advent, December 14:

2nd Collection: Retirement Fund for Religious

8:30 a.m.— Mass at HT [Carolyn Zortman <living>]

9:30 a.m.—Coffee & Donuts @ HT

9:30 a.m.—ARS Meeting

*HT will begin to decorate for Christmas

10:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Bob & Edra Broich]

4:00 p.m.—Reconciliation Service at SP

8:00 p.m.—RE grades 11-12

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Monday, December 8—7 P.M.—Immaculate Conception

Reader: Nancy Wittrock

Eucharist Ministers: Darrell & Nancy Wittrock,
Jennifer Mosinski

Music: Linda Blomme, Blane Kerkhoff

Servers: Marie & Grace Brand, Claire Kerkhoff

Saturday, December 13— 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Judy Wagner

Eucharist Ministers: Matt & Kalli Wilder, Volunteer

Music: Jo Beane

Servers: Paxton Beane, Kaleb & Evan Nelson

Sacristan: Maxine Klein

Sunday, December 14—10:30 A.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Virginia Mennenoh

Eucharist Ministers: Tom Chambers, April Brand,
Aaron Kerkhoff

Music: Linda Blomme, Deanna Kerkhoff

Servers: Izik, Jocelyn & Jordyn Sorensen

Sacristan: Marty Hanson

HOLY TRINITY:

Monday, December 8—8:30 A.M. - Immaculate Conception

Reader: Gary Smouse

Eucharist Ministers: Paul Christensen

Song Leader: Judy Bintner

Servers: Volunteer

Sunday, December 14—8:30 A.M.

Ushers: Paul Christensen, Leonard Hansen

Reader: Jenny Brabham

Eucharist Minister: Mark Richards

E.C.C.: Julie Christensen

Song Leader: Judy Bintner

Servers: Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer

*ARS Meeting and Coffee & Donuts after Mass

2025 ANNUAL
DIOCESAN APPEAL



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

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

November 30 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$483.20	\$.00
Building Fund	\$2,000.00	
Total	\$2,483.20	\$.00



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

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.

Reconciliation Schedule:

Reconciliation Service and Individual Reconciliation

December 14: 4:00 p.m. St. Patrick's

December 21: 4:00 p.m. Holy Trinity



Key reasons for Reconciliation during Advent

To receive forgiveness and love: The Sacrament of Reconciliation provides an opportunity to confess sins and receive God's mercy and forgiveness, which prepares us to celebrate the coming of Christ.

To grow closer to God: Engaging in reconciliation is a way to strengthen one's relationship with God, especially in a liturgical season focused on anticipation and new beginnings.

To prepare for Christmas: Advent is a ritualized time of preparation, and reconciliation helps clear away the past so one can "welcome Him anew" in their heart at Christmas.

To restore broken relationships: Reconciliation is about restoring broken relationships, including the one between humanity and God, and can inspire efforts to mend relationships with others and the community.

To fulfill the Advent theme: The very name "Advent" means "the arrival of something of great importance," and preparing oneself through reconciliation is a way to be ready for that significant arrival.

To embrace spiritual healing: The season's focus on healing and hope encourages confronting the aspects of our lives that are not in line with God's plan.



✠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 Weitzl, 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, Dreva Rutherford 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.



- 7th - Breanna Bruch
- 8th - Don Mosinski
- 10th - Donna Schulte
- 13th - Jacob Petersen
- Lynda Best



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

Mass Stipends to increase from \$5 to \$10 starting January 1, 2026

-Any Mass Intentions received before January 1, 2026 will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.

-If any Mass offerings of \$5.00 have been received but not assigned until after January 1, 2026, they will be honored at the \$5.00 amount.



**Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
December 8th—Holy Day of Obligation**

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe—December 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe

The Tilma of Juan Diego - Est. December 1531



EYES
Contain images of the scene with Juan Diego and the bishop that are visible only with modern technology.

HANDS
United in prayer. The left is darker and the right is lighter, representing the two races.

RIBBON
A symbol of virginity. Its placement indicates she is with child.

FLOWER
patterns are glyphs of the native language, contain various intricate messages.

TEMPERATURE
of the Tilma is constant at 98.6 degrees, the same as that of a living body

ENDURANCE
The colors of the image are miraculously fresh and bright for being more than 500 years old. The fabric the image is made on normally disintegrates in 15-30 years yet the Tilma shows no sign of fading or cracking.

RESILIENCE
The Tilma has survived a bomb attempt and also miraculously reconstituted itself after nitric acid solvent was spilled on it.

STARS
Are accurate to the actual constellations that would have appeared in the Mexican sky on December 12, 1531.

HEARTBEAT
A stethoscope placed below the black band detected rhythmic beats of 115 per minute, the same as a baby's in the womb

ORIGINS
No sign of paint, brush strokes, or underdrawing have been found; the image is irreproducible; and at 3-4 inches from the cloth, the image disappears

MOON
On a snake-skinned moon. A symbol of an Aztec serpent god of human sacrifices.

ANGEL
with feathered wings carries Mary to the people. The angel's red robe symbolizes the earth, while Mary's blue mantle symbolizes heaven.

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.



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.

ELEVATOR

St. Patrick's Elevator Update!

Reminder: this project includes solving a long-standing water issue on the west side of the church building, plus removal of the crumbling north steps/landscaping as well as an elevator/interior stairs.

Building Fund balance to date = \$340,305.54

When donating, please be sure to note on your donation that it is for "Building Fund" or "Elevator Project"



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	Daniel Buser
Hayden McLaughlin	Rusty Dixon
Cole & Mary Turnbull	Sara Kerkhoff
Taylor Kerkhoff	Robert Hjuler
Mason Hjuler	Zachary Kirkpatrick
Mark Otte	Madeline Bintner

*Please contact the office with any other names.

- St. Patrick's Finance Council :**
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| 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:**
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| Cole Bruch | Jennifer Brabham |
| Aaron Kerkhoff | Ben Hansen |
| Brooke Klocke | Susan Osvald |