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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**

**ANOIDTING 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**



**4th Sunday of Advent  
December 21, 2025**

How appropriate that we hear this Gospel on the shortest day of the year, the day with the least sunlight. Joseph's hopes and dreams must have seemed bleak when he realized that his betrothed was found with child. But just as the winter solstice turns around the six-month process of ever-decreasing light with the slow but sure progress of longer and more direct sunlight, Joseph's dream turns his dashed hopes around to the joy that the woman he chose for his wife has also been chosen by God to be the mother of our Savior. Steadily and resolutely, we will be saved from the deep darkness of sin. No matter how low we may feel, God is always with us to turn our situation around.

"Do not be afraid," (Matthew 1:20) the angel says to Joseph, echoing the words Gabriel said to Mary when telling her that she would bear God's Son. Joseph, being a righteous man, no doubt feared involvement in a situation that was (apparently) sinful. In one sense, the angel's explanation is reassuring, for not only was Mary not unfaithful, she would bear the Son who would save people from their sins. However, the import of helping to raise such a child and the responsibilities that would result could have greatly increased Joseph's anxiety. But upon waking, he immediately decides to obey the angel, to obey God. He commits himself to God's plan, challenging as it will surely be.

Joseph could have publicly accused Mary of infidelity immediately, before he had the opportunity to be visited by an angel. But he did not and his initial small act of mercy, his decision to not expose Mary to shame, pre-ages the great act of divine mercy that will soon come into the world. Our small human acts of mercy may seem inadequate or unimportant, but when they participate in the divine mercy that God has shown repeatedly, they may themselves lead to something greater. If nothing else, they add to the amount of mercy operating in the world, and that is always a good thing.

**LOVE**

**Question of the Week:**

What small act of mercy can I carry out this fourth week of Advent?

**DAILY READINGS:**

**Monday**

December 22

1 Sm 1:24-28

Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday**

December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday**

December 24

2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12,

14a, 16

Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday**

December 25

**THE NATIVITY OF**

**THE LORD**

Is 52:7-10

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18

**Friday**

December 26

**St. Stephen**

Acts 6:8-10;

7:54-59

Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday**

December 27

**St. John**

1 Jn 1:1-4

Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**THE HOLY FAMILY**

**OF JESUS,**

**MARY & JOSEPH**

December 28

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

Col 3:12-21

Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Schedule

**Monday, December 22:**

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

**Tuesday, December 23:**

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

**Wednesday, December 24:** *Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord*

4:00 p.m.—Mass at HT [Wiskus Family]

6:00 p.m.—Mass at SP

[Tigges Family, Lenord Meaie & Scott Olson]

**Thursday, December 25:** *Christmas*

8:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Bernie Klein]

**Friday, December 26:** *No Mass*

**Saturday, December 27:**

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.— Mass at SP

[Ed & Donna & Francis Madsen]

**Sunday, December 28:** *Holy Family*

8:30 a.m.— Mass at HT [Marilyn Commons/Living]

10:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Lucille Wittrock]

**Liturgy Schedule**

**ST. PATRICK'S:**

**Wednesday, December 24— 6:00 P.M.:**

Ushers:

Reader: Kathy Kerkhoff

Eucharist Ministers: Jon & Alice Lauridsen, Matt Wilder

Music: Brandon & Tom Mennenoh

Servers: McKenna & Avery Wilder, Ella Stanerson

**Thursday, December 25— 8:30 A.M.:**

Ushers:

Reader: Volunteer

Eucharist Ministers: Volunteers

Music: Linda Blomme, Rosemary Williamson

Servers: Brayden, Camden & Trinden Sporrer

**Saturday, December 27— 5:00 P.M.:**

Ushers:

Reader: Ann Carter

Eucharist Ministers: Ann Carter, Volunteers

Music: Gary Keller, Rosemary Williamson

Servers: Autumn & Kara Klocke, Gavin Carter

Sacristan: Maxine Klein

**Sunday, December 28—10:30 A.M.:**

Ushers:

Reader: Virginia Mennenoh

Eucharist Ministers: Tom Chambers, Sara Kerkhoff,

Aaron Kerkhoff

Music: Tom Mennenoh

Servers: Marie, Mason and Grace Brand

Sacristan: Marty Hanson

**HOLY TRINITY:**

**Wednesday, December 24—4:00 P.M.**

Ushers: Joe & Weston Rasmussen

Reader: Susan Osvald

Eucharist Minister: Joe Rasmussen

Song Leader: Jean Madsen

Servers: Skyla & Austin Rasmussen

**Sunday, December 28—8:30 A.M.**

Ushers: Vernie Venteicher, Mark Richards

Reader: Gary Smouse

Eucharist Minister: Ben Hansen

E.C.C.: Riann Hansen

Song Leader: Riann Hansen

Servers: Jack Hansen, Brooklyn Brabham

**December 14 Giving**

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$3,107.00	\$406.00
Plate	\$107.00	\$31.00
Building Fund	\$5,100.00	
Holy Day	\$165.00	
2nd Collection: Relig. Retirement	\$404.00	54.36
Total	\$8,883.00	\$491.36

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>		

	<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
	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:

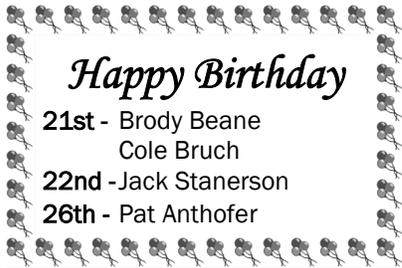
*"God's Love is the greatest gift on Earth!"*

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 Service**

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



**Happy Anniversary**  
*Brett & Rose Rold*  
30 Years ~ December 21, 1995



†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, 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, Deacon Fred, Wade Wilson, Father Gubbels, Helen Jorgensen, Dreva Rutherford, Marcia Hanson, Cindy Petersen 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.

**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.



St. Patrick's Annual Dinner & Auction is soon approaching and we would like all committee heads to attend our meeting and anyone interested in helping is welcome!! **Saturday, January 10, 2026**  
**4:00 P.M. (Before Mass)**



**CHRIST OUR LIFE**

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

September 26 & 27, 2026



**A Christmas Gift For the Soul!**

**Blood Drive**

**Audubon Community St. Patrick's Parish Center**

**Monday, December 29, 2025**  
**12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

Come give blood Dec. 19-Jan. 4 and get an exclusive long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, ltd. qty!

For an appointment, please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter sponsor code: Audubon

Or call Kathy at (712) 563-2424.



**Schedule your blood donation appointment today!**

1-800-RED CROSS | [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) | Download the Blood Donor App

## December 2, 2025 Corpus Christi Council Meeting

The Corpus Christi Council met on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Holy Trinity. Members in attendance included: Father David, Aaron K., Cole B., Susan O., and Brooke K. The meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Council president, Aaron. Father David led the group in prayer. The meeting's agenda was reviewed. The group added discussion of February bowling party to the agenda. October meeting minutes were reviewed, and Susan made a motion to approve those minutes with Cole as second to approve.

### Old Business

Hispanic outreach was discussed including plans for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass service. There will be an announcement made to prepare for this mass celebration. There was discussion regarding the possibility of using different altar cloths for various liturgical celebrations. Aaron presented to the group there was one CYC request for scholarship funds and this request was approved. The CCC member continuity book is complete and each member of CCC has a copy of the booklet for reference as needed. Tom Chambers and members of the KC set up town square decorations for St Patrick's. The CCC group thanks Tom and those KC members for taking on the task of setting the decorations up.

### New Business

The group discussed considerations for general absolution. Father David noted that the turnout at last year's reconciliation service was minimal. Discussion was had regarding having reconciliation followed by general absolution, if necessary, at a later date. Father David also discussed the difference between "general absolution" with "healing and reconciliation" and when one would be warranted over the other. There were no comment box suggestions left in either box. The group discussed the process of announcing mass cancellations. Secretarial staff notify radio stations of cancellations, and this will continue. Nominations were made for the 2026 CCC Term. Aaron K. was nominated for a second term as council president by Brooke and Cole seconded this motion. Susan O was nominated by Aaron for position of vice president and was seconded by Brooke. Father David nominated Brooke for a second term as CCC secretary and was seconded by Susan. The CCC sponsored family bowling event will be scheduled for February 8th with an alternate date of February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Aaron will contact the ARC to reserve lane space. Brooke will make flyers to be posted and handed out at religious ed.

The next CCC meeting is scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm in Audubon. Father David does not have any planned out of office dates. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:03pm with second made by Cole. Father David led the group in prayer to close the meeting.

Submitted,

Brooke Klocke

## ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE:

### WIN \$1,000.00

We invite you to participate in a **Building Fund** fundraising 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.



### 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

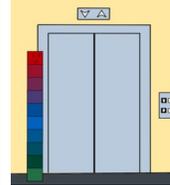
family and friends.

Chance McLaughlin  
Hayden McLaughlin  
Cole & Mary Turnbull  
Robert Hjuler  
Zachary Kirkpatrick  
Madeline Bintner

Daniel Buser  
Rusty Dixon  
Taylor Kerkhoff  
Mason Hjuler  
Mark Otte

\*Please contact the office with any other names.

### 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 = \$362,495.10**

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, there is a QR code for super easy donations.

### 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 Osvald