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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



Epiphany of the Lord

January 4, 2026

When Isaiah proclaimed the words we hear today, God's chosen people had just returned to Judah after sixty years of exile in Babylon. The city of Jerusalem was in ruins, the temple had been destroyed, and many of its families had not survived or were still lost. Picture the devastation after a city or region is heavily bombed during a war. "Rise up in splendor," was aspirational at best, unimaginable to most (Isaiah 60:1). Yet Isaiah insists that Jerusalem's light was not only possible, but had already come. Isaiah was able to see God's glory amidst destruction and squalor, as the shepherds and magi could see a king and Messiah in a wooden trough, as we are challenged to see peace, justice, and hope in a world with wars, injustices, and despair. We can choose to try to see through God's eyes, as Isaiah and the magi did.

Herod, awarded the title "King of the Jews" by the Roman Senate, was understandably perturbed to hear from the magi that somewhere there was a "newborn king of the Jews" (Matthew 2:2). This baby was a threat to his power. But Matthew tells us that "all Jerusalem" was troubled by this development as well (2:3). Why would the people of Jerusalem be troubled? Herod was tyrannical, murderous, and not particularly religious in the first place. But then as well as now, those who surrounded him valued their proximity to power and tended to support him no matter what. Herod likely regarded his sycophants and others he regularly interacted with as "all Jerusalem," saw his worries and concerns projected onto them, and concluded the entire populace was upset. To him, they were. The Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope," ends this Tuesday on the traditional date of Epiphany. Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of God's Son to the whole world. This year, Epiphany reminds us that we are called to manifest Christian hope—the hope of God's kingdom, of our redemption, of eternal life—to a world often in despair. May we be manifestations of Christ's presence in what we believe and in all that we do.

DAILY READINGS:

Monday

January 5

St. John Neumann

1 Jn 3:22-4:6

Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

January 6

1 Jn 4:7-10

Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday

January 7

1 Jn 4:11-18

Mk 6:45-52

Thursday

January 8

1 Jn 4:19-5:4

Lk 4:14-22a

Friday

January 9

1 Jn 5:5-13

Lk 5:12-16

Saturday

January 10

1 Jn 5:14-21

Jn 3:22-30

The Baptism of the Lord

January 11

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts 10:34-38

Mt 3:13-17

Question of the Week:

What will I do this week to manifest the presence of Christ in me to others?



Mass Schedule

Monday, January 5:

9:00 a.m.—Cup of Grace

Tuesday, January 6:

10:30 a.m.—Mass at Friendship Home

[Joan Heller]

Wednesday, January 7:

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

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [For The People]

4:30 p.m.—RE (K-8th grade)

7:00 p.m.—Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.—RE (11-12 Grade)

Thursday, January 8:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [David Mosinski]

9:30 a.m.—Mass at Care Center [_____]

Friday, January 9:

7:30 a.m.—Mass at SP [Madsen Family]

8:30 a.m.—Mass at HT [_____]

Saturday, January 10:

4:00 p.m.—Dinner/Auction Meeting

4:30 p.m.—Reconciliation

5:00 p.m.— Mass at SP [Lorinda Tasler]

Baptism of the Lord, January 11:

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

Heaven Cent Sunday

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

11:30 a.m.— HT Soup Dinner

8:00 p.m.—RE 11-12 Grades

Liturgy Schedule

ST. PATRICK'S:

Saturday, January 10— 5:00 P.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Nancy Wittrock

Eucharist Ministers: Darrell & Nancy Wittrock, Volunteer

Music: Jo Beane

Servers: Paxton Beane, Lucy & Ella Stanerson

Sacristan: Darrell Wittrock

Sunday, January 11—10:30 A.M.:

Ushers:

Reader: Ann Carter

Eucharist Ministers: Aaron Kerkhoff, Sara Kerkhoff,

April Brand

Music: Linda Blomme, Deanna Kerkhoff

Servers: Marie, Mason and Grace Brand

Sacristan: Brian Klocke

HOLY TRINITY:

Sunday, January 11—8:30 A.M.

Ushers: Vernie Venteicher, Mark Richards

Reader: Gary Smouse

Eucharist Minister: Vicki Richards

E.C.C.: Mike Bintner

Song Leader: Judy Bintner

Servers: Gavin & Ryleigh Anthofer



Happy Anniversary

Larry & Mary Auen

33 Yrs ~ January 9, 1993

2025 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

St. Pat's Goal:	\$32,292.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$30,903.75	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$30,478.75	58	75
Needed:	\$1,388.25		

Holy Trinity's Goal:	\$9,138.00	Donor	Yet to
Pledges & Gifts:	\$9,182.25	Households	Donate
Payments Rec'd:	\$9,182.25	20	20

GOAL MET!!

Happy Birthday

5th - Gary Vais
Quentin Stanerson

6th - Dallas Lauridsen
Karleigh Henkle
Janette Lopez Hernandez

7th - Duane Schulte
Yarismary Correa-Huerta

8th - Andy Griffith
Don Hjuler
Katie Johnson
Nolan Campbell

9th - Bob Blomme
Deanna Kerkhoff
Karen McQuire

10th - Terri Thielen

	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		

December 28 Giving

	St. Patrick's	Holy Trinity
Tithes	\$2,245.00	\$500.00
Plate	\$442.00	\$101.00
Building Fund	\$465.00	
Christmas	\$4,085.00	\$603.00
Total	\$7,237.00	\$1,204.00

BECOMING THE BEST DISCIPLE

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

*"On a sapphire blue night
with white diamond stars,
the King of Glory was born!"*

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.

Dinner auction is soon approaching and we would like all committee heads to attend. Also, **anyone interested in helping** is welcome!!

**Saturday January 10th 4:00 p.m.
(before Mass)**



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

**Holy Trinity ARS Soup Dinner
January 11th • 11:30 a - 1:00 p**

Holy Trinity Hall

Soups, Sandwiches, Dessert & Beverage

Free Will offering

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.



✠ 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 Weiti, 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 Cornwell, 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.

St. Patrick's Financial Council -December 2025

President Don called the meeting to order at 7:02 and Father David led the "Our Father." Members present: Fr. David, Don M., Charlotte F., Kevin W., Linda B., Alex L., Annette B., Marty H., and Alice L. The group welcomed Alex L. to the finance council, replacing Michelle G. who moved. President Don asked for approval of the agenda Charlotte/Marty all voted to approve. Alice read the minutes from the October meeting, Kevin/Annette all voted to approve.

Linda presented the financial statements from Oct 1, 2025, to Nov 30, 2025. She reported deposits of \$78,291.28 with check registry of \$24,701.78. Building fund account deposits for October total \$19,571.16 and November total \$22,504.91. Marty/Kevin all voted to approve.

Old business: Elevator report bids are still being revised by the subcommittee. We want to check out other bids from local companies and in-kind labor we may do ourselves.

Looking at obtaining spring bids.

Bat company is still being looked for, nothing on the parish center new door. Alice mentioned we may have too many handicapped spaces at the parish center now having five, Marty will investigate how many are legally needed.

Caring and Sharing donation for their Christmas project, our goal was \$750.00 extra collection received \$564 and church made up the \$186.

AED grant writing will begin soon. Kevin reported he spoke to someone about an active shooter class for the congregation, we will look into this further next meeting. Todd Johnson has done one for the Lutheran church that might be helpful to us also. Kevin will talk to Aaron K. of the CCC to determine a time that would be best.

ADA is still short \$1,468.25 we have 44% participation so far, we have till March to complete our goal.

New Business: Father David's housing letter for 2026, Alice/Charlotte all voted to approve.

Fish Fry prices were discussed. First fish fry will be Friday February 20th. Marty/Charlotte seconded, we leave the prices at \$15 the same as last year all voted to approve.

Kevin/Marty we formally approve renewing our CD that came due in October all voted to approve.

The parish center has two furnaces needing replaced 12-2-25. Jon and Alice received estimates from Remsburg Service and tried to get a second estimate without results. Marty/Charlotte Remsburg's will do the work all voted to approve. Estimate for furnace in the bar and bathrooms is \$4,049.21 and estimate for the dining room is \$7,587.39. Alex suggested looking into insurance for equipment breakage. Linda will check into this.

Approved Father's suggestions for staff & catechist Christmas bonuses.

Alice asked permission to check on new vacuum prices for the parish center and was approved.

Administration report: Four new vestments were purchased for Father. Next meeting will be Tuesday February 17th, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Marty moved and Alex seconded meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Father David led us with a closing prayer.

SPCW Meeting Minutes-December 21, 2025

St. Patrick's Catholic Women met Sunday December 21, 2025 in the church basement with seventeen members attending. President Sara called the meeting to order 9:46. We opened the meeting reciting a prayer.

Alice read the minutes from our last meeting Yvonne motioned and Maxine seconded minutes were approved. Ann gave the treasurers report with a current balance of \$2,882.37 with thirty-six members having paid their dues. Cookie walk profits as of this date are \$1,485.04. Joann motioned and RuthAnn seconded the treasurer's report was approved.

Correspondence: Thank you from the Willie Madsen family, Food for the Poor, American Cancer Society. Sara reported she was in contact with a speaker on Disability that would like to address the congregation sometime. We will give this suggestion to the elevator committee to maybe join an elevator meeting.

Cookie Walk was another great success; it was discussed next year our price could raise a little. Linda B. and Nikki S. have agreed to head up this again next year.

Harvest Dinner went well; profit was close to \$700.00 and the SPCW and KC's donated these profits to the Audubon School lunch deficit.

Adopt family tags were all taken and all, but two gifts were back in time. Thank you to Marty, Marcia H. and Danny, Yvonne W. for delivering the gifts to the armory. It was discussed next year we will have a notebook to sign if you take a tag, so we know where to check if they are not back in time. Thanks to all for your gifts.

New Business: January 25th will be our Waffle Breakfast at the parish center. The group discussed whether to have strawberries at an extra charge this year all agreed to keep strawberries. Our price this year is \$5.20 per plate Judy moved, and Maxine seconded we will keep our price as last year of \$10.00 per plate all voted in favor.

Blood mobile is Monday January 29th at the Parish Center. SPCW oversee lunch and need volunteers. Rosemary, Jan, Judy, and Yvonne volunteered to work. Jan, Alice will make bars and Yvonne will bring egg salad. Ann will get sandwich makings and have at the parish center.

SPCW and KC's bought fruit, fruit snacks, and candy canes for the CCD children for Christmas. Alice purchased the supplies and the KC's bagged them up for us at their meeting. Lora moved and Candy seconded we pay Alice for our half of the supplies \$54.44 all voted in favor.

Fish fries start February 20th and the group voted to supply desserts again.

Dinner / Auction will be held March 14th at the Agri hall. Roger and Marge Griffith and Candy and Tom Chambers will be our chair people.

Prayers were requested for Deacon Fred, Father Wayne, Cindy Petersen, Marlys Yawarsky, two candidates and the team going through OCIA to join our church, and all on our prayer chain.

The group closed with a "Hail Mary" and adjourned at 10:20. Respectfully submitted Alice Lauridsen

**ST. PATRICK'S RAFFLE:
WIN \$1,000.00**

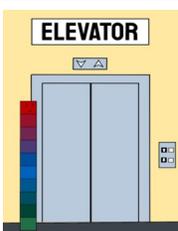
All collected donations should be placed in your envelope. Once your calendar is complete, please submit it to the church office. Envelopes can be obtained at the church office if you need another or did not receive one. Please note that purchasers must be at least 18 years of age to participate.

DRAWING WILL BE HELD ON JANUARY 15TH. Be sure to have your envelope turned into the church office prior to that date to be eligible to win.



If you wish to donate for Flowers for Mary, they are \$10/week and can be paid at Lori's Flowers.

OCIA: If you or anyone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please call the church office. You do not have to make a commitment to join the church in order to attend. We have just started a new group. We are also looking for more members on the OCIA team.



St. Patrick's Building Project 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.

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