

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Welcome to St. Patrick's Parish!



"A community of Christian stewards living in faith, hope and love."

St. Patrick's Parish
2111 Muldoon Road
Anchorage, Alaska 99504
Parish Office: 907-337-1538
Parish Website: www.st.patsak.org

PARISH OFFICE: Wed. - Fri. 10am - 4pm

WEEKDAY SCHEDULE :

Liturgy of the Hours: Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm
Wednesday and Friday 12 Noon

MASS SCHEDULE :

Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 PM - 12 Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Prayer Requests - Email: prayerchain@st.patsak.org

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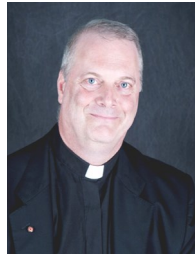
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Holy Longing, Holy Sacrifice

There is a God-shaped hole in our heart, a holy longing for communion from the very depths of our soul, a deep desire for meaning and belonging that can only be satisfied by union and right relationship with God and others. This is exactly what the prophet Jeremiah is getting at in today's first reading.

The problem, of course, is that we silly human beings are easily distracted (Squirrel!). All too often we try to fill that holy longing for lasting communion with all kinds of shiny, twinkly things that tempt us. St. Thomas Aquinas observed that it was usually wealth, pleasure, power or honor. Like fast food, they fill us for a little while, but in the end, they always leave us empty, unsatisfied, and discontent. These are the things that Madison Avenue spends billions of dollars to convince us will make us happy. They are not bad in and of themselves, but if they become our central desire, then we are thinking "not as God does, but as human beings do."

This is why Jesus calls his best friend St. Peter, Satan, and right after he gives him the keys to the Kingdom. Like all the disciples, St. Peter is still thinking that Jesus has come to establish the very political kingdom of Israel. He is seeing exercise of power in the way that the world sees and uses power, not as God sees and uses power.

Jesus sets him straight immediately. Authority and power in the Kingdom of heaven is not simply being able to compel others to do your will. That is domination. Rather, authority in the Kingdom, and thus in the Church, is only fruitful when it is exercised in service to others. Sometimes this means great sacrifice. But where love is present, sacrifice comes readily.

Jesus picked up his cross as the supreme act of service and sacrifice for us. Can we who would be his disciples do otherwise?

- Fr. Leo



New to the Parish?

Please take a moment to call the office or stop on in during the week! We would love to meet you and show you around. Welcome and thank you for coming!

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Parish Office Closed for Labor Day

As we celebrate Labor Day this weekend, the parish office will be closed on Tuesday in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday morning at 9am.

Priests on Retreat This Week

Please keep the priests of the Archdiocese in your prayers this week. From Tuesday through Friday all the priests of the Archdiocese will gather for their Annual Retreat. Due to the retreat, in lieu of Daily Mass here at St. Patrick's, Deacon Mick will lead us in Liturgy of the Hours - the daily prayer of the Church, at the usual Daily Mass times.

For more information about Liturgy of the Hours go to: www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours

Providing hope and healing after a marriage break-up



Meets this **Tuesday, September 5th** in the Hospitality Room at 6:30pm. To find out more information about DivorceCare, or to register, go to DivorceCare.com and search 99504 for the group. If you have questions, please contact Anne Connors at 907-227-1116 (call/text) or akannie@yahoo.com.

Adult Bible Study

Do you recognize the phrase "Bless the Lord, O my soul"? Do you pray "The Lord is my Shepherd"? Have you searched the Book of Psalms for a prayer that matches the desires of your heart?

The Monday evening Adult Bible Study group will start the study of the Book of Psalms about September 18th. Contact Tom/LouAnn at balensie@gmail.com if you're interested.

A Prayer for Labor Day

Creator God,
thank you for providing us
with the gift to share our talents.

Provide our community,
our nation, our world
the fortitude to provide work for all
which is decent and fair.

Make us faithful stewards
of your creation
to enhance the human dignity
of our global family.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit
now and forever.

(From Being Neighbor: The Catechism and Social Justice, USCCB, April 1998)
www.osv.com



Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and fun!


St. Patrick's Parish Seniors, along with other seniors in the community, will gather for a lunch and a meeting this **Thursday, September 7**, at 12 noon in the Deacons Hall.

Live music by Davis Normand and The Country Memories Band.

St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure

August 2023 Goal \$50,000.00

Sunday, August 6	\$12,614.36
Sunday, August 13	\$12,052.36
Sunday, August 20	\$13,368.36
Sunday, August 27	\$10,948.36

Treats for Joy: 6 

Total Collected: \$48,983.44

Short of Goal: \$1,016.56

Thank you for your continuing support of our parish family!

FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY NEWS



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Mother Teresa: No Greater Love

Mother Teresa: No Greater Love is a soaring tribute to a spiritual icon, a powerful witness of authentic Christian charity, and a guidepost for all who seek hope in our turbulent times: Mother Teresa of Calcutta. This film reveals not just who Mother Teresa was, but how her singular vision to serve Christ in the poor continues to be realized through the Missionaries of Charity today.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit formed.org/signup and select our parish. Scan the QR code to download the FORMED app to your phone.



An offering from the AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE and ignatius press

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you have a Catholic spouse or friends, and you'd like to learn more about the Catholic faith?

Do you have a friend who is interested in the Catholic Church?

Our OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is off to a great start! Join us on Tuesdays at 6:30 in the Tara Lounge. We still have more space, and would like to welcome you!



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Would you like to learn more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program at St. Patrick's? We'll be holding an assistant catechist training from 10:00 am - noon on Saturday, September 9. Even if you don't want to be a catechist, this is a great opportunity to visit the atrium and see the work that our catechists and children do!

Faith Formation Classes

There is still room in most faith formation classes, and there is still time to register your child! See the website for the digital registration form or pick up a hard copy in the vestibule at the Faith Formation table.

Two years of sacramental preparation classes are required for both First Communion and Confirmation.

Typically, children attend First Communion classes in first and second grade, and attend Confirmation classes in ninth and tenth grade.

Contact Beth if you have any questions!
bjones@st.patsak.org

Let the children
COME TO ME
Matthew 19:14



**Register your child for
Faith Formation today!**



ST. PATRICK'S PARISH



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

St. Patrick's Council 11745 Knights' Korner

2023 Catholic Men's Retreat*

"Be Courageous as a Man" is sponsored by the Alaska Knights of Columbus
September 15 - 17, 2023 at St. Therese's Camp

Cost: \$50 includes meals - To register go to alaskakofcstate.com/mens-retreat

**Need not be a Knight to attend - Open to all Catholic men.*

For information about the Knights of Columbus or to become a Knight, contact Grand Knight, John Streit 907-350-1722

Upcoming Council Events

Wednesday, September 6 - KofC Council 11745 - Business Meeting

Sunday, September 10 - KofC Pancake Breakfast (after both Sunday morning Masses)

Wednesday, September 20 - KofC Council 11745 - Potluck Social - All are Welcome!

Ministry Coordinator Training!

Saturday, September 16 - 9:00am-Noon

What is Christian Stewardship all about? What are the most effective ways to invite, train, support and thank people who volunteer for the various ministries?

All ministry coordinators in the parish should plan to attend this important training. Our special guest speaker will Doug Berry. For more information, contact Fr. Leo in the parish office.



CATECHISTS NEEDED!

Do you have a heart for children?
Do you want to share the Gospel?
Your parish family needs YOU!

We are still hoping to find **2-3 more catechists**. We need assistants for the kindergarten class, middle school, and the 11th & 12th grade small group.

May 1 – June 20

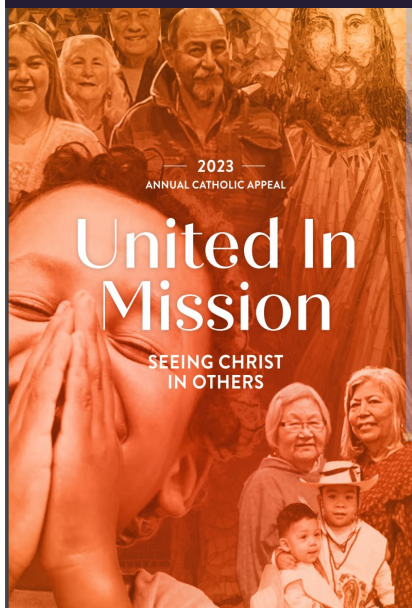
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

\$88,742.00

\$91,525

of Families: 947

of Pledges: 180 (19.01%)

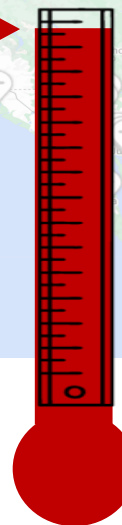
Average Pledge: \$493

We are at 96.96% of our goal... so close!

Giving online is easy,

Just scan the QR code above!

(Don't forget to select St. Patrick's!)





Hunger Action Month

Every September, people all over the nation recognize Hunger Action Month, a time to take a stand against hunger in America. This year the need is greater than ever, and St. Francis House Food Pantry is helping an average of 116 households each day. By raising awareness about hunger, donating food, and supporting local food pantries, you can help fight hunger and make sure that every person has access to the food they need.

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH - HUNGER ACTION MONTH FOOD DRIVE

In support of Action Hunger Month and our local St. Francis House Food Pantry, we will be hosting a food drive at St. Patrick's. Big bins will be in the Narthex beginning this weekend.

Help us end hunger by donating packaged food to be shared with our neighbors in need!

St. Francis House Food Pantry Most Needed Items:

- Oatmeal/Cereal
- Individually packaged snacks (granola bars, chips, etc.)
- Soups and ready-made meals
- Pasta & rice
- Dry & canned proteins
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Fresh fruits and vegetables
- Shelf-stable milk

Please note that we cannot accept any opened food items or home-processed fish/game.

C.H.A.O.S. Oktoberfest Show

Calling all actors, musicians, technical wizards, seamstresses, painters, crafters, beauticians, and make-up artists! **We've had our organizational potluck but it's not too late to volunteer!**

Rehearsals begin this Thursday! For more information, call the Parish Office or text our Director Brenda Bergsrud at 907-382-7719 or email her at akberg2010@gmail.com.



Show dates—Mark Your Calendars!

- ***Family Show*** is Friday, October 20
- ***Dinner Show*** is Friday, October 27

Rehearsals

- **Thursdays begin Aug. 24 - 6:30–8:30 PM**
- **Sundays begin Sept. 10 - 5:00–7:30 PM**

Silent Auction

We need volunteers to help catalog and prepare our silent auction items (photograph, look up values, etc.). We'll be working at various times throughout September. You'll get first looks at what's available! The auction goes public Sunday, October 1, in the Deacons Hall, until the Oktoberfest Dinner Show, Friday, October 27. We also need volunteers each weekend to answer questions about the items.

To volunteer, text or email Margaret Simmons.

To donate an item to the auction: Bring it to the parish office; or Text/email Margaret Simmons at 907-242-0668, queenowrites@arctic.net

Quilt of Valor is a national organization that meets monthly in Anchorage to make honor quilts for veterans who have been touched by war.

St. Patrick Parish has been invited to recommend veterans with military service to this organization. Each person selected **may be** eligible to receive a locally hand-made quilt in honor of his/her service. Just think – a member of your family, a neighbor, or a fellow parishioner may qualify.

If this interests you, contact LouAnn @ balensie@gmail.com for the application process.

ARCHDIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



ARCHDIOCESE OF ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

Good and gracious God,
we thank you for the gift of Your Son, our Lord Jesus
who promised to remain with us always,
until the end of time.

Reawaken our wonder at His presence in the Most Holy
Eucharist, His everlasting gift to us.
We pray this great mystery will draw us closer to You
and to one another.

Nourished by the Eucharist,
may we recognize Christ in all people,
be witnesses to Your Love and Mercy
and strengthen the bonds of unity in our local church.

Send us forth to walk faithfully as missionary disciples,
proclaiming the Gospel to every heart
and extending Your kingdom to every land.

Amen



HOLY SPIRIT RETREAT CENTER is in need of
the following items:

- Twin, Full, Queen Sheet Sets New or Good Conditioned Used
- Pillow Cases New or Good Conditioned Used
- Towels, Washcloths, and Hand Towels; Sets or Individual, New or Good Conditioned Used

They are also in need of handy men or women
who can assist with basic organizing, cleaning, re-
moval of old furniture, and small onsite repairs.
For more information and to make arrangement
to drop off items, please contact
Autumn Smith at 907-744-7444

Holy Family Old Cathedral - Mass

During the priest's retreat the first week of September, Holy Family Old Cathedral will have an 8:00am morning Mass only on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday September 6-8th. Monday's Mass will be at 9 am, and Tuesday Masses at 8am and 12 noon.



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JOB OPPORTUNITIES

CHANCERY-ANCHORAGE is looking for a part time safe environment compliance assistant to assist the Director of the Office of Safe Environment with additional safe environment compliance needs Archdiocesan wide.

For full job description go to aoaj.org Click on about and scroll down to jobs.

English/Language Arts Teacher — Lumen Christi Catholic High School in Anchorage

- We are currently seeking a highly qualified English/Language Arts teacher for the spring semester beginning in January 2024.

You can learn more about our school at www.lumenchristiak.org. Please send a resume and cover letter to Brian Ross at brross@lumenchristiak.com.

SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON SCHOOL:

The new school year has started and there are still some spaces in Pre-K, 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 6th. If you know any parents looking for the perfect school for their kids, they need to look no further.

Call 907-345-3712 for more information.


40 DAYS FOR LIFE
WWW.40DAYSFORLIFE.COM

**PRAY TO END
ABORTION**

FALL CAMPAIGN KICKOFF!

Wednesday, September 27th, 7:00 PM
4001 Lake Otis Parkway, Anchorage

Come celebrate life! Prayer, song, Scripture,
short talk, and training

To learn more and sign up for vigil hours, go to: <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/anchorage>



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IN THE PRESENCE OF
HIS EMINENCE
CHRISTOPHE CARDINAL PIERRE
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SOLEMN VESPERS

WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2023 AT 7 P.M.
SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL
1316 PEGER ROAD
FAIRBANKS, ALASKA 99709

EPISCOPAL ORDINATION MASS

THURSDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2023 AT 10 A.M.

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW
CARLSON CENTER
2010 2ND AVENUE
FAIRBANKS, AK 99701

RSVP
by 6 September 2023

Please scan to RSVP



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, September 3 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel (or Marian Shrine - weather permitting)
8:30 AM, Mass
11:30 AM, Mass
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 5 - Parish Office Closed

5:30 PM, Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayer
6:15 PM - 7:30 PM, Legion of Mary, Cenacle
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, DivorceCare, Hospitality Room
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, O.C.I.A., Tara Lounge

Wednesday, September 6

12 Noon, Liturgy of the Hours - Daytime Prayer
7:00 PM, Knights of Columbus - Business Meeting, Deacons Hall

Thursday, September 7

10:00 AM - Noon, Adult Bible Study, Hospitality Room
12 Noon - 2:30 PM, Seniors Group Luncheon, Deacons Hall
5:30 PM, Liturgy of the Hours - Evening Prayers
6:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

Friday, September 8

12 Noon, Liturgy of the Hours - Daytime Prayers

Saturday, September 9

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, SoulCore Rosary & Exercise, Cenacle
10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Tara Lounge
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confession, Reconciliation Room
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM, SPRED Picnic, Deacons Hall
3:45 PM - 4:30 PM, Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, Church
4:30 PM, Rosary Prayer, Church (or Marian Shrine - weather permitting)
5:00 PM, Mass
8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, AA (Happy Honkers) Meeting, Tara Lounge

Sunday, September 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel (or Marian Shrine - weather permitting)
8:30 AM, Mass
9:30 AM - 10:30 AM, KofC Pancake Breakfast, Deacons Hall
9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, Faith Formation (Morning Session Classes) Kickoff
11:30 AM, Mass
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, KofC Pancake Breakfast, Deacons Hall
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Faith Formation (Afternoon Session Classes) Kickoff
5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

All liturgies are livestreamed and then posted on
www.facebook.com/stpatsak

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

September 3 - Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27

September 4 - Monday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30

September 5 - Tuesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

September 6 - Wednesday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10, 11; Lk 4:38-44

September 7 - Thursday of the 22nd Week in Ordinary Time

Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-6; Lk 5:1-11

September 8 - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-38; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

September 9 - St. Claver, Priest

Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

September 10 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

MASS INTENTIONS

September 2 - September 10, 2023

Sat.	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30 am	Beth Jones, Birthday Blessings
	11:30 am	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Tues.	5:30 pm	AoAJ Priests on Retreat
Wed.	12 Noon	AoAJ Priests on Retreat
Thurs.	5:30 pm	AoAJ Priests on Retreat
Fri.	12 Noon	AoAJ Priests on Retreat
Sat.	5:00 pm	Betty Espitalier-Noel, R.O.S.
Sun	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Dennis Riski, R.O.S.

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Mon, Aug 14, 5:30 PM	122	188	310	
Tues. Aug 15, 9 AM	65	130	195	
Tues. Aug 15, 7 PM	133	132	265	770
Sat, Aug 19, 5 PM	135	130	265	
Sun, Aug 20, 8:30 AM	185	118	303	
Sun, Aug 22, 11:30 AM	225	128	353	921
Sat, Aug 26, 5 PM	148	145	293	
Sun, Aug 27, 8:30 AM	181	60	241	
Sun, Aug 27, 11:30 AM	275	102	377	911

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Wednesday by noon