

October 1, 2023

26th 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: Tues. - Fri. 10am - 4pm

MASS SCHEDULE :

Weekdays: Tuesday and Thursday 5:30pm
Wednesday and Friday 12 Noon

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Adoration: Thursday 6:00 PM - 12 Midnight

Confessions: Thursday 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

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

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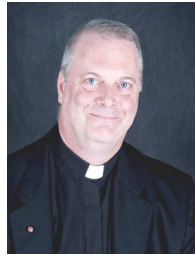
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New to the Parish?

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!



Deliberate Gratitude

I'm not sure about you, but when I was kid, after my birthday party, or Christmas, or whenever I received a gift from anybody, my mother would sit me down with a stack of little cards and have me write thank you notes to all the friends and relatives from whom I had received a gift. It's something I still do today.

Her message was always very clear. One may be grateful, but unexpressed gratitude is no gratitude at all. To be real, your gratitude has to have a concrete expression. For young Leo, that meant writing thank you cards. I've found it works pretty well for Fr. Leo in the present day as well. People like to know that you received their gift

What if we were to apply that same principle to the gifts we have received from God? The gift of his Son? The gift of his ministry, his passion, death and resurrection? The forgiveness of our sins? The sacraments of the Church? The fellowship of our parish family? Indeed, if you think about it, all that we are and have is gift from God.

What concrete expression will our gratitude to God take? How do we make it real?

The language of Christian Stewardship gives us a vocabulary and a way to do so. Briefly stated, in gratitude to almighty God for all the blessings we have received, the Christian steward makes a planned, proportionate response of time, talent and treasure to the parish and to the local community. The key words here are "planned and proportionate." It's deliberate gratitude.

This week, all registered families received a copy of the Parish Handbook to help you discern where your gifts might best be offered, along with some commitment forms and other helpful information. The fabulous Ministry Faire, is also this weekend in the Deacons Hall so that you can get first-hand information from those involved in the various ministries in the parish.

Like the Psalmist, ask yourself, "How shall I make a return to the Lord, for all the good he has done for me?" (Psalm 116). Then next week, make that gratitude real in a way that is pleasing to the giver. - Fr. Leo

PARISH HAPPENINGS

Slow Mass

When does Mass actually begin? Why does the priest pour a small amount of water into the wine? Where do the prayers of the Mass come from? Why do we ring the bells at specific parts of the Mass? Why are there bones of saints under the altar?

Fr. Leo Walsh will be answering all of these questions and many more at the **Slow Mass on Tuesday, October 3 at 6:00 pm.**

If you can't join us in person, the Mass will be live-streamed on St. Patrick's Facebook page.



Women's Morning of Reflection First Saturday Devotion

Women's Morning of Reflection First Saturday Devotion is scheduled for next **Saturday, October 7,**

from 9:30am to 1pm. It is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Women of all ages are welcome to this "mini-retreat," a spiritual oasis in a busy world. The presider this month is Fr. Leo. Our time together will include the Rosary, a Reflection, Mass, Adoration, and opportunity for Confession. We conclude with a lunch potluck in the Deacons Hall. Contact Tammy Williamson with any questions or concerns (907) 744-7887. If you would like to exercise with SoulCore while you say your Rosary, call Carolyn Reinsel (907) 280-9140 for details.



St. Patrick's Senior Luncheon

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, October 5,** at 12 noon in the Deacons Hall.

Live music by Davis Normand and The Country Memories Band.

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

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

693 lbs has been collected!



Hunger Action Month

Blessing of the Animals



Next **Sunday, October 8, 2023—1:00 pm**

Upper parking lot

All are invited to bring their beloved pets for a special blessing!



FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY NEWS



Well-Read Mom

St. Patrick's is starting a Well-read Mom group! Well-Read Mom accompanies women in reading great books and spiritual classics to encourage personal growth, friendship, and meaningful conversation.

Our group will be reading one book per month and meeting to discuss it once a month. Book selections for each year correspond to the themes of a woman's life. This year, we are excited to dive into the theme of "seeking" with the help of authors such as Brother Lawrence, T. S. Eliot, Natalie Merrill, and others.

Despite the name, you do **not** have to be a mom to join us!

Contact Beth (bjones@st.patsak.org) for more information.

Every Catholic Deserves to Know Our Story

What do the sacraments mean for us? Is the moral vision of the Church for our happiness? What does it mean to say God is Love? How can we apply the Church's social teaching to our lives?

Join us on Sundays at 10:00 in Deacons Hall for a video and a discussion led by Father Leo & the deacons.



SoulCore is a movement born from the desire to nourish body AND soul through prayer and core strengthening, functional movements. Uniting BODY, mind & soul in prayer makes our prayer more powerful!

The SoulCore Rosary workout integrates core-strengthening, stretching and functional movements with the prayers of the rosary.

Join us Saturday mornings at 9:30am in the St. Patrick's Hall Cenacle.
(9am on First Saturdays)

Contact Carolynn Reinsel for more information
907-280-9140
alaskanhokie@gmail.com



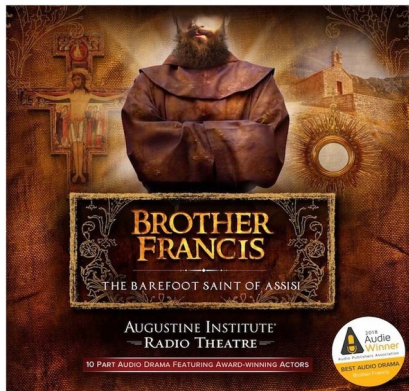
Attention Youth Parents

Father Leo will be hosting a Zoom meeting to discuss needs & opportunities for middle & high schoolers in our parish.

Join us:

Sunday, October 1 at 2:00pm- Deacons Hall/Zoom
Friday, October 6 at 6:30pm- Zoom

Zoom link located under the events tab on the parish website.



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

St. Patrick's Council 11745 Knights' Korner

All are invited to join us!

Next *Saturday, October 7, at 12 noon* in the parking lot by the flagpoles, we will join the nation in a **Rosary**. Paraphrasing Fr. Leo, "the future of our nation can only be affected by our God and our prayers to Him". What better way than to join with others in our nation? Remember, our children are heard by God in a special way, so bring them as well!!!

For more information about the **National Rosary Rally** go to the Rosary Coast to Coast website:
www.rosarycoasttocoast.com/national-rosary-rally/

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

Upcoming Council Events

Wednesday, October 4 - Business Meeting

Saturday, October 7 at 12 noon - National Rosary Rally, by the flagpoles

Sunday, October 8 - KofC Pancake Breakfast (after both Sunday morning Masses)

St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure

September 2023 Goal \$51,500.00

Sunday, September 3	\$11,732.86
Sunday, September 10	\$12,102.86
Sunday, September 17	\$11,607.36
Sunday, September 24	\$12,651.36

Treats for Joy: 4

Total Collected \$48,094.44

Short of Goal \$3,405.56

Thank you for your support of our parish family!



PRAY FOR THE SYNOD

Archbishop Bellisario, C.M. will be celebrating a **Synod Mass** on Wednesday, **October 4th** at the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 5:30pm followed by a time for Adoration. This Mass recognizes that during the month of October Pope Francis has convened the first session of the global Synod with delegates from around the world. We pray for their success as they reflect on the input of Churches from around the world.

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES



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

Do you own a power screwdriver and can you use it? Do you have a pick up truck? Are you ready to work? We're building the sets Sunday, October 1, beginning at 5:00 p.m., and we need all the help we can get. We'll be in the Deacons Hall. Bring a snack to share.

For more information, call the Parish Office, or text/email our Director Brenda Bergsrud at 907-382-7719 akberg2010@gmail.com.

Show dates—Mark Your Calendars!

Family Show is Friday, October 20

Dinner Show is Friday, October 27

Rehearsals

Thursdays - 6:30–8:30 PM

Sundays - 5:00–7:30 PM



Ticket Sales

Tickets will be on sale soon! You may purchase tickets from any cast member, at the office, after the Masses in October, or at the door. Tickets are \$20 each, payable by check, cash, or credit card. Credit cards will be accepted when we sell tickets after Mass and at the door.

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 October. You'll get first looks at what's available! The auction goes public Sunday, October 8, 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, queenowrits@arctic.net.

Digital Ministry

We provide a valuable service to the Parish as we live stream daily Mass and weekend Masses, including funerals, weddings, or other special liturgies. Training is provided and ushers let us know when they can work. **Interested?**

Text Brenda Bergsrud at 907-382-7719 or email her at akberg2010@gmail.com.



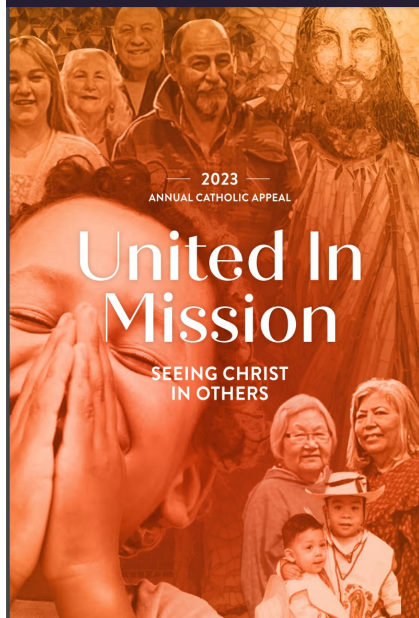
May 1 – June 20

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Point your phone camera to the QR code above,
and tap the link that appears. We've made sure that
your financial transactions will be safe and secure.



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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

of Families: 958
of Pledges: 186 (19.42%)
Average Pledge: \$480

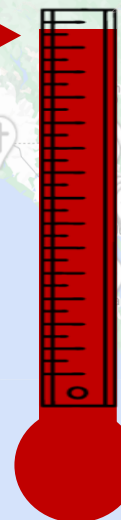
\$89,357.00

\$91,525

We are at 97.63% of our goal... so close!

Almost there!

Giving online is easy,
Just scan the QR code above!



ARCHDIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



**Archbishop Andrew E. Bellisario, C.M.
invites Health Care Workers to the
Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau's
Celebration of the WHITE MASS.**

**The focus of the WHITE MASS is to pray
in support and gratitude
for all Health Care Providers, their associates
and families.**



**The White Mass will be celebrated on
Sunday October 8th at
The Cathedral of
Our Lady of Guadalupe at 9:00 am.**

**3900 Wisconsin Street, Anchorage
And**

**Holy Name Catholic Church in
Ketchikan at 9:30am.**

We Hope You Will Be Able To Join Us!

For any questions or if you would like to RSVP, contact Jenny
Michaelson at 907-297-7736 or jmichaelson@aoaj.org



Can you support moms and kids at Clare House?

As Fall arrives and the weather is changing, Clare House needs warm clothes for teenagers, warm comforters and baby diapers urgently. Do you have some items you might be able to donate to the moms and children staying at Clare House?

Clare House is also collecting:

- Size 5/6 diapers, and Pull ups
- Men's small/medium clothes for teenage boys
- Towels
- Plates, bowls, cups
- Totes
- Blankets
- Pillows
- Pillowcases
- Twin size fitted sheets
- New or gently used comforters



Thank you for supporting moms and kids staying at Clare House with your donations! If you can help support the women and children staying at Clare House please drop off your donations at Clare House, 4110 Spenard Rd Anchorage, AK 907-563-4545 ext. 001 or 101.

Clare House accepts donations 7 days a week and are open from 10am-6pm. Thank you for your generosity!

TERMINATION DUST IS HERE!

Help our neighbors weather the cold safely.

Anchorage is entering this winter season with a critical lack of emergency shelter. We need your help to keep our neighbors warm in the coming months.



Items needed in kids and adult sizes:

coats sweatpants
hats sweatshirts
socks waterproof winter gloves
boots

Drop off items at

St. Francis House Food Pantry
3710 E 20th Ave

Monday - Thursday: 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Questions about donating?
Interested in hosting a coat drive?

Contact Kelly Mullin
Kmullicssalaska.org
907-717-3093



ST. THERESE'S CHILI COOK-OFF

Sunday, October 1st
3:30pm-6:30pm

Activities:

- Mass
- Chili cook off (winner gets a campership)
- Picnic
- Camp activities



Free Open House at St. Therese's Camp!

Come enjoy camp and celebrate the end of another great summer season!

Join the chili cook off for the chance to win a camp scholarship!

Mass, hot dogs/chips/potato salad, fun for kids, and lots of opportunities to chat with friends!

Sunday October 1st, 3:30-6:30PM at St. Therese's Camp.

See you here!

To RSVP and enter the chili cook off please go to www.stcak.com and click on the button for the open house. You'll find your way to the RSVP link.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Join us in peaceful prayer to protect unborn children from abortion
September 27 to November 5 outside Planned Parenthood



Standing outside an abortion business can be a very powerful experience, but it can also be intimidating or even boring. You might wonder if you are doing any good? **You are! Since 2007:**

- participants report **tens of thousands of lives saved**
- Abby Johnson, Ramona Trevino (coming to Anchorage October 9!) and **over 200 other abortion workers have left the abortion industry** due to 40 Days vigils
- **over 100 abortion centers have shut down** where vigils have been hosted

Help make the Anchorage Planned Parenthood the next abortion center to close its doors for good. Join us!

For more information <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/anchorage>
Mary Kemper, vigil coordinator, 40DaysforLife-Anchorage@protonmail.com
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Katie Reed, Holy Family coordinator, glacierbear@alaskan.com
Sarah Olson, St. Patricks coordinator, slaw907@gmail.com

More churches joining every week!



RETREAT



NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

18 YEARS AND OLDER

† COST \$65 †

This retreat will include talks from local priests addressing their calls, living the priesthood, prayer, delicious food, Mass, Reconciliation, and fellowship. Any man interested in learning more about the priesthood is encouraged to attend. A \$45-scholarships are being offered to the first 25 people who register.

For more information, contact Fr. Arthur Roraff at (907) 694-2170 or frarthurroraff.com. Register at stcak.com, or call or text Rudy at (907) 232-2066

RETREAT TAKES PLACE AT ST. THERESE'S CAMP
7180 TWIN LAKES DR, WASILLA, AK 99654

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Fair Weekend

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel

8:30 AM, Mass

9:30 AM, Ministry Fair, Deacons Hall

9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, Faith Formation, Morning Session, All Rooms

9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, CGS Level 1 and 2, CGS Atrium

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Adult Faith Formation (Symbolon - The Eucharist), Deacons Hall

11:30 AM, Mass

12:30 PM, Ministry Fair, Deacons Hall

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Faith Formation, Afternoon Session, All Rooms

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM, Youth's Parent Meeting, Deacons Hall & via Zoom

5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

Monday, October 2

Parish Office Closed

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, SPRED - Total Community, Hospitality Room

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Adult Bible Stud (Book of Psalms), via Zoom

Tuesday, October 3

6:00 PM, Mass - Slow Mass

6:00 PM, O.C.I.A. - Slow Mass, Church

6:15 PM - 7:30 PM, Legion of Mary, Cenacle

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, DivorceCare, Tara Lounge

Wednesday, October 4

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Stud (Eternal Rest), via Zoom

12 Noon, Mass

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus - Business Meeting (6:45pm Rosary)

Deacons Hall

Thursday, October 5

10:00 AM - Noon, Adult Bible Study, Hospitality Room

5:30 PM, Mass

6:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confessions, Reconciliation Room

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

Friday, October 6

12 Noon, Mass

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Youth's Parent Meeting, via Zoom

Saturday, October 7

Ministry Commitment Weekend

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, SoulCore Rosary & Exercise, Cenacle

9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, Women's Morning of Reflection First Saturday Devotion, Church

12 Noon, National Rosary Rally, Flag Poles

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confession, Reconciliation Room

3:45 PM - 4:30 PM, Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, Church

4:30 PM, Rosary Prayer, Church

5:00 PM, Mass

8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, AA (Happy Honkers) Meeting, Tara Lounge

Sunday, October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ministry Commitment Weekend

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel

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, All Rooms

9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, CGS Level 1 and 2, CGS Atrium

11:30 AM, Mass

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, KofC - Pancake Breakfast, Deacons Hall

1:00 PM, Blessing of the Animals, Upper Parking Lot

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Faith Formation, Afternoon Session, All Rooms

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

October 1 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

Zec 8:1-8; Ps 102:16-23, 29; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Memorial Readings: Ex 23:20-23; Ps 91:1-4ab, 4c-6, 10-11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

October 3 - Tuesday of the 26th Week in Ordinary Time

Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-7; Lk 9:51-56

October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Memorial Readings: Gal 6:14-18; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Mt 11:25-30

October 5 - St. Faustina Kowalska

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8-11; Lk 10:1-12

October 6 - St. Bruno, Priest

Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

October 7 - Our Lady of the Rosary

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

Memorial Readings: Acts 1:12-14; Lk 1:46-55; Lk 1:23-38

October 8 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9; Mt 21:33-43

MASS INTENTIONS

September 30 - October 8, 2023

Sat.	5:00 pm	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Joe Reloza, R.O.S
Tues.	5:30 pm	Marvin Staudinger, R.O.S
Wed.	12 Noon	Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Joyce Zacher, R.O.S
Fri.	12 Noon	Joe Reloza, R.O.S
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joseph Antonio Tagel, R.O.S
Sun	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Tony & Monica Radoszewski, Anniversary Blessings

ATTENDANCE LIVE AND VIRTUAL

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Sat, Sep 16, 5 PM	168	166	334	
Sun, Sep 17, 8:30 AM	198	170	368	
Sun, Sep 17, 11:30 AM	256	130	386	1088
Sat, Sep 23, 5 PM	145	83	228	
Sun, Sep 24, 8:30 AM	173	131	304	
Sun, Sep 24, 11:30 AM	234	90	324	856

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