

October 22, 2023

29th 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](http://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](mailto:prayerchain@st.patsak.org)

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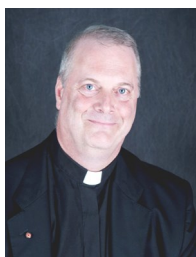
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## To God What is God's

Of all the Founding Fathers, Ben Franklin is one of my favorites and certainly one of the most quotable. In a letter to a friend in 1789, he wrote concerning the latest developments of the nascent American republic, "Our new Constitution is now established, everything seems to promise it will be durable; but, *in this world, nothing is certain except death and taxes*," That last phrase about death and taxes has become part of the American lexicon.

Taxes, it seems, have always been part of society, even in the time of Jesus. So what's the story with the question from the Pharisees to Jesus about the census tax to Caesar?

Quite simply, the popularity of Jesus, and the nature of his message was a threat to their religious authority. He was not the messiah they were expecting, so they were looking for ways to discredit him. Some background helps. By this time, Caesar had declared himself divine. Thus he could be considered a false god according to the law. However, as emperor, he was also head of state. Their scheme with the census tax was to try to put Jesus in a situation where no matter what answer he gave, they could denounce in him. If he said it was lawful to pay the tax, then they could say he did not follow the Law of Moses. If he said it was unlawful, then they could denounce him to the local authorities as a rebel.

Jesus is smarter than that, of course. His response is ingenious. First he exposes their duplicity. The coin that he asks them to present had Caesar's image on it. The irony here is that the Pharisees themselves are carrying around the image of a false god. But it is the second part of his response that takes us beyond useless banter about local and national politics and into the contemplation of the Kingdom. As good Christians, how are we to *repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God*?

One way is to ask what belongs to Caesar. That is, what does the Christian owe to civil society? Christians should be good citizens, helping to build up a more just society.

Second, we can ask, "What belongs to God?" Think about that one for a minute. Think of all the physical stuff that belongs to you. Will you take any of it with you at the end of this life when you go to stand before the Father? No, you will not. The only thing we take with us is the relationships that we build in this life, especially our communion with Christ and with others. Even those are a gift from God. In the end, everything belongs to God.

There is marvelous freedom in this. We are stewards, not owners. Our only task, and our eternal vocation, is to return all that we have received back to God with increase. - 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!

## FAITH FORMATION, MINISTRY, AND PARISH HAPPENINGS

### Brother Francis Shelter Foot Washing Clinic



Our parish's next service in the Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry will be this **Tuesday, October 24th**, at 5pm, at the Shelter. Please contact the office or talk with Judy Everard, ministry coordinator, if you would like to help with this important service to our neighbors in need.

### **St. Patrick's Parish** *for those who are grieving a loss*



Join us this Wednesday,  
**October 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm** in the  
**Tara Lounge**

***Grief shared is grief diminished.***

### All Souls Day Book of Remembrance

As we approach All Souls Day, our parish Book of Remembrance and All Souls Days envelopes are available in the gathering area. Please enter the names of your deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which will be placed at the foot of the altar on All Souls Day. The envelopes will remain on the altar throughout the month of November. We will celebrate our annual Mass of Remembrance on **Saturday, November 4th, at 5pm Mass**. Please join us as we pray for all of our faithful departed.



### All Saints' Day Schedule

October 31 - Vigil Mass @ 5:30 pm

November 1 - Mass @ 9:00 am

November 1 - Mass @ 6:00 pm



### Symbolon Study

This **Sunday, October 22**, we'll be meeting to learn more about the sacraments of Penance and Anointing of the Sick. Why is the sacrament of

Reconciliation essentially—and potentially life-changing—for Catholics? How does the Anointing of the Sick make a difference to those who are suffering or dying? Join us for a powerful reflection on these sacraments of healing that bring us God's mercy and His grace.

We will meet from 10:00am-11:00am in Deacons Hall this Fall, to learn and discuss how we live our faith. Grab a cup of coffee and a donut and join in!

### Youth Pumpkin Carving Night!



**Wednesday, October 25**

**6:00PM - 8:00PM**

Bring your own pumpkin & a canned good donation!

### World Mission Sunday Collection

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. We celebrate this day by remembering our baptismal call – to bring the Gospel to all! The collection today for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith supports the work and witness of the Mission Church, as it provides for priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord's mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope's missions. Thank you for your generosity.





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

## St. Patrick's Council 11745 Knights' Korner

### KNIGHTS AND ALL MEN OF THE PARISH

Are you aware that there are short videos that are produced by the Knights? There are some lovely videos about the Knights of Columbus, saints, and our faith. Throughout my adult life I've had people say why wasn't I aware of this? This question usually was asked regarding some aspect of our faith. Well now you can know, we are all responsible for our own education and these are some incredible resources for us and for our families. So take some time this week to watch a video either by yourself or put it on your tv and watch with your family.

Go to [kofc.org](http://kofc.org) and scroll all the way down to "who we are" and under that click on "video library " then enjoy!!

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For information about the Knights of Columbus, contact Council Grand Knight, John Streit, 907-350-1722

### Upcoming Council Events

Friday, October 27 - CHAOS - Oktoberfest Dinner & Show

**(Brother Knights - your HELP is needed for the above event!)**

Wednesday, November 1 - KofC Business meeting



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ON DEMAND.

### Liberating a Continent: John Paul II and the Fall of Communism

This powerful documentary captures how spiritual power can triumph over violence and oppression. Get a new glimpse of history through this film as you learn about John Paul II's intricate role in the collapse of communism.

Our parish has a FORMED subscription. Visit [formed.org/signup](http://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

**\$91,525**

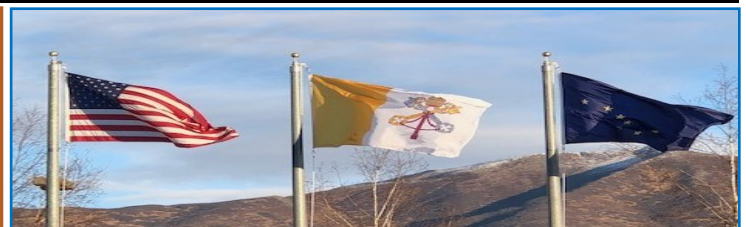
**\$92,579.00**

**We met the parish goal and then some...**

**Now we are raising money for new vestments!**

**Thank You!**

**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH**



### THANK YOU FOR OUR FLAGS!

All three of our flags are flying once again!

Vandals had cut the ropes and stolen our Vatican and Alaska flags early this Summer. Thanks to Don Lederhos, Raven Electric, and our Knights of Columbus, the ropes and flags have been replaced. Thanks to Raven's generous donation of the use of their bucket truck, and Don's expertise in operating the truck, (and no fear of heights!) the ropes and flags are back. Thanks very much!

# MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES



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

The Family Show is in the books! Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and everyone who helped. It's the final countdown to the Oktoberfest Dinner Show! **Get your tickets now! Just \$20 per person!** You don't want to miss the action and adventure. Tell your friends, neighbors, uncles, cousins, co-workers...

### **We need Parishioners to bring desserts!**

**Help Needed:** Sign up

sheets are in the Gathering Area where you can sign up to set up, serve, clean up, or bring a dessert. ***Without volunteers we cannot do it! We need you!***



**Sponsored by the St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus, Oktoberfest** is a great time to get together with friends and enjoy a great dinner and musical play.

**The Dinner Show is Friday, October 27**  
**(doors open at 6 PM)**

Tickets are \$20 per person.

Buy your tickets from any cast member or at the Parish Office, ***or buy them after all Masses October 21-22.***



For more information, call the Parish Office or send an email to **Brenda Bergsrud** at [akberg2010@gmail.com](mailto:akberg2010@gmail.com)

## Silent Auction

Bidding has been brisk. Don't miss your chance to get a good buy! ***Check out the auction items in the Gathering Area or go over to the Deacons Hall after the Masses this weekend.***

Bidding for all items closes **October 27 at the show.**

Payment is cash, credit card, or checks made payable to St. Patrick's Parish.



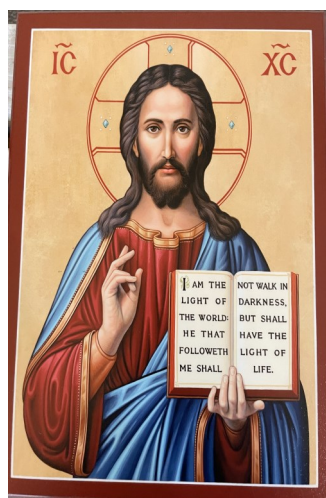
For more information, call the Parish Office, or text/email our Director Brenda Bergsrud at 907-382-7719 [akberg2010@gmail.com](mailto:akberg2010@gmail.com).





## Silent Auction 2023

Here are just a few of our items!



**Jesus Icon**

**End-O'-Skein Afghan**



**Bird Picture & Scarf**



**Tagine Pot & Char Grill**



**La Regale Vintage 1960's Ivory Beaded Clutch**

***Bidding on auction items closes Friday, October 27, when the show begins!***

Viewing and bidding on auction items will be available in the Deacons Hall:

- After each Mass this weekend - *Also join us for fellowship; refreshment, coffee & donuts available!*
- During the dinner before the show begins, October 27

# ARCHDIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

## 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




The Revival is a multi-year initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to establish a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of the Eucharist as “the source and summit of the Christian Life” and what it means to be a Eucharistic people.

For more information and resources go to  
[www.eucharisticrevival.org](http://www.eucharisticrevival.org)

### St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure

**October 2023 Goal     \$63,500.00**

Sunday, October 1	\$12,386.36
Sunday, October 8	\$11,486.36
Sunday, October 15	\$14,767.05

Treats for Joy: 3 

**Total Collected     \$38,639.46**

**Still Need     \$24,860.54**

**Thank you for your support of our parish family!**



## Priesthood Discernment RETREAT



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ANCHORAGE-JUNEAU

**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](mailto:frarthurroraff.com). Register at [stcak.com](http://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

### ST. PATRICK'S PARISH - ELECTRONIC BULLETIN

Have you noticed the new monitors in the Narthex? In an effort to provide more ways to communicate and share all the good things happening in the parish, we have installed the electronic bulletin. And they are not strictly for parish events. If you would like to share a special event in your life; new babies/baptisms, milestone birthdays, anniversaries, please send us a photo and your information. Email to: [rostrom@st.patsak.org](mailto:rostrom@st.patsak.org)





## Catholic Daughters of the Americas®

It's that time of the year again when our local Catholic Daughters of the America's are offering (3) Camperships to St. Therese's Camp in Wasilla for the 2024 summer session; for students currently in 5th, 6th and 7th grade. A 250-300 word essay written or typed on "**Who**

**is your favorite Saint and why? What virtues did they possess that inspire you?"** Applications and more information are available at your Parish or Catholic School office or can be emailed to you by contacting [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com). You can also call Kerry at 907-230-4726. Application and essay must be entirely completed and postmarked no later than **January 3, 2024**, and sent to the CDA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 243953, Anchorage, Alaska 99524-3953 or emailed directly to [kewhitney14@gmail.com](mailto:kewhitney14@gmail.com).

Please encourage your youth to participate!



## Bishop's Attic

### JOB OPENING for an Executive Director

1100 Gambell St, Anchorage, AK 99501

The Bishop's Attic is a non-profit thrift store that raises funds for the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau while providing employment and low-cost wares for the community. The funds generated have enabled the Archdiocese to foster their social service and spiritual programs. The Board of Directors is seeking a strong leader to join our team as Executive Director. The E.D. will work 20 hours per week to oversee the operations of the store and provide leadership and guidance to store employees. Minimum qualifications include experience in a retail environment and supervising employees. For more job details, see the Bishop Attic's webpage: [www.thebishopsattic.com](http://www.thebishopsattic.com) To apply, please send resume to: [sawalsh@acsalaska.net](mailto:sawalsh@acsalaska.net)

## Holy Spirit Center

Seeking Vendors/Artist

Friday  
December  
15, 2023

6pm to 9pm



## Merry Christmas Holiday Arts and Crafts Pop Up

10980 Hillside Drive Anchorage

907-744-7003

## Catholic Social Services Client Art Show

We invite you to come celebrate works of art submitted by guests of CSS Shelter programs,

**Friday, October 27th, 4-8pm!**

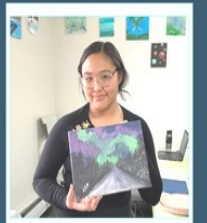
Join us to be a part of the conversation on art, self-expression, and connection with our neighbors. The event is free to attend at Akela Space located at Anchorage 5th Avenue Mall at #132F, 320 W 6th Ave, Anchorage, AK 99501.

The show will also be available for viewing Oct 24th - 29th from 12pm - 5pm (except for Friday Oct 27th - the show will start at 4pm).



YOU'RE INVITED TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES'

CLIENT  
ART  
SHOW



## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, October 22 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel  
 8:30 AM, Mass  
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.A 2 - Faith Formation, Chapel  
 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 (Penance & Anointing of the Sick), Deacons Hall**  
 11:30 AM, Mass  
 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Faith Formation, Afternoon Session, All Rooms  
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

### Monday, October 23

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, SPRED - Total Community, Hospitality Room  
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Adult Bible Study (Book of Psalms), via Zoom

### Tuesday, October 24

5:00 PM, Brother Francis Foot Washing Clinic, BFS Shelter  
 5:30 PM, Mass  
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM, Legion of Mary, Cenacle  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, O.C.I.A, Tara Lounge  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, DivorceCare, Hospitality Room

### Wednesday, October 25

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Stud (Salvation), via Zoom  
 12:00 Noon, Mass  
 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall  
**6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Youth Group - Pumpkin Carving, Cenacle**  
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Grief Support Group, Tara Lounge

### Thursday, October 26

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Study (Sunday's Readings), Hospitality Room  
 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest Show) - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall  
 5:30 PM, Mass  
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confessions, Reconciliation Room  
 6:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel

### Friday, October 27

12 Noon, Mass  
**6:30 PM - 10:00 PM, CHAOS (Oktoberfest) - Dinner & Show, Deacons Hall**

### Saturday, October 28

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, CGS - Catechist Training, CGS Atrium  
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, SoulCore Rosary & Exercise, Cenacle  
 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM, Confession, Reconciliation Room  
 3:45 PM - 4:30 PM, Contemporary Choir Rehearsal, Church  
 4:30 PM, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Church  
 5:00 PM, Mass  
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, AA (Happy Honkers) Meeting, Tara Lounge

### Sunday, October 29 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel  
 8:30 AM, Mass  
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, Faith Formation, Morning Session, All Rooms  
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.A 2 - Faith Formation, Deacon's Office  
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.C., Deacon's Office  
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, CGS Level 1 and 2, CGS Atrium  
**10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Adult Faith Formation - Symbolon (Matrimony & Holy Orders), Deacons Hall**  
 11:30 AM, Mass  
 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](https://www.facebook.com/stpatsak)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### October 22 - Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10; 1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

### October 23 - St. John of Capistrano, Priest

Rom 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

### October 24 - St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-10, 17;  
 Lk 12:35-38

### October 25 - Wednesday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

### October 26 - Thursday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

### October 27 - Friday of the 29th Week in Ordinary Time

Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94; Lk 12:54-59

### October 28 - Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 6:12-16

### October 29 - Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26; Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51; 1 Thes 1:5c-10; Mt 22:34-40

## MASS INTENTIONS

### October 21 - October 29, 2023

Sat.	5:00 pm	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Mon.	(Private)	Dan & Karen Lederhos, Anniversary Blessings
Tues.	5:30 pm	Reginald Pugay, R.O.S
Wed.	12 Noon	Lisa Nash, Birthday Blessings
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Special Intention for Deceased Friend
Fri.	12 Noon	Joseph White, R.O.S
Sat.	5:00 pm	Donata Zartman, R.O.S.
Sun	8:30 am	Regina Pugay-Rowe, R.O.S.
	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Sat, Oct 7, 5 PM	140	151	291	
Sun, Oct 8, 8:30 AM	131	205	336	
Sun, Oct 8, 11:30 AM	271	173	444	1071
Sat, Oct 14, 5 PM	155	174	329	
Sun, Oct 15, 8:30 AM	138	109	247	
Sun, Oct 15, 11:30 AM	200	116	316	892

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