

November 12, 2023

32nd 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 & Thursday 5:30pm  
Wednesday & 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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## Waiting on God

We are seeing a lot more people preparing for marriage in the parish these days. How appropriate that we have the parable of the wise and foolish virgins waiting for the bridegroom for the gospel this week. What's going on in the parable anyway?

Marriage customs in the days of Jesus in Judah were a bit different than in Alaska these days. There were four stages to a marriage: the pounding out of the marriage contract between the two heads of the families, the betrothal, the transfer of the bride to the bridegroom's house, and the wedding feast.

The parable illustrates the third stage. Folks learned early on that if you kept marrying women from your own village, eventually the kids would not turn out quite right. Thus, your wife usually came from a village or town some distance away. The groom would leave with his attendants to get his bride and then bring her back to his village. At the gates of the village, they were met with great fanfare. The ten virgins in the parable are likely part of the welcoming committee in the bride's village.

The only problem is that travel being what it was in those days, you never really knew just when the bridegroom would show up. It could be in the middle of the day or the middle of the night. You might be waiting for awhile. Jesus uses this very common image to make a point that in the same way, we need to be waiting and watchful for when the Lord comes.

Years back, a wise monk named Aidan Shay told me, "In my experience, so much of prayer is simply waiting on God. And I have found that if I am willing to wait long enough, insight always comes."

Abbot Aidan got it right. Our Lord comes into our lives in so many different ways. We need to be watchful, and we need to be patient, for we do not really know when and where that encounter will take place.

- 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

## Bereavement Ministry Orientation

Tuesday, November 14, 6:00pm

The loss of a loved one is a particularly difficult time for the family. The Bereavement Ministry walks with the grieving family in their time of need, helping with all the practical details at the funeral Mass including set up, greeting, receiving visitors, etc.

If you feel called to this Ministry, or are interested but need more information, please join us Tuesday, 6pm in the church.

*Join us for an afternoon of fellowship, food, and ...*



St. Patrick's Parish Seniors, along with other seniors in the community, will gather for lunch this **Thurs., November 16**, at 12 noon in the Deacons Hall.

Live music by Davis Normand and The Country Memories Band.



### Volunteer Cooks Needed!

Our St. Patrick's Seniors group offers a luncheon twice a month for our seniors and others in the community, which is only possible due to the dedicated volunteers they have to prepare the meals. If you enjoy cooking and have a few hours to spare every month, the Seniors Group is in need and could use your talents. Please contact Dave at 907-337-7495.



### PANCAKE BREAKFAST THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Our St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the Deacons Hall after both the 8:30am & 11:30am Masses.



## Altar Server Orientation & Training

Saturday, November 18  
10am - 12 Noon

*For all new and continuing Altar Servers.*

Training will be in the church, and lunch will be provided after the training. Questions, please contact Deacon John at [jostrom@st.patsak.org](mailto:jostrom@st.patsak.org)



JOIN US NEXT WEEKEND AT  
OUR PARISH THANKSGIVING  
BAKED POTATO BAR EVENT TO  
CELEBRATE DEACON MICK'S  
SPECIAL DAY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
DEACON MICK!!!**

*(SEE EVENT INVITE BELOW)*



## THANKSGIVING *Baked Potato bar*



**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18**

**AFTER THE 5PM MASS**

Deacon's Hall

*Bring your favorite thanksgiving  
dessert to share*

**SCAN TO RSVP  
OR VISIT OUR  
EVENTS PAGE**



# FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY NEWS

## Symbolon Study

No study this weekend. Symbolon will resume next **Sunday, November 19.**

We'll be meeting to watch and discuss "A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love".



## ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS SALES

Advent candles and a few wreaths will be available for purchase in the gathering area after all Masses Nov. 18 & 19, Thanksgiving Day, and Nov. 25 & 26. The proceeds from the sales will be used to purchase votive candles for the Marian Shrine throughout the year. Help us care for the Marian Shrine by preparing your home for Advent. Have a blessed Advent Season!

## Veterans Day - November 11



### Spirit of Peace,

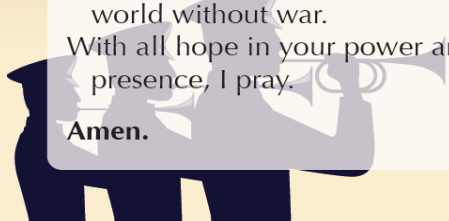
My heart turns to you as I embrace the somber significance of this day. Bring healing to those who suffer the horrible consequences of war. Mend the rifts that pit nation against nation.

Give us the grace to find alternatives to vengeance and violence, and the courage to advocate for peaceful solutions to our conflicts.

Center our hope in you so that, like the prophet Isaiah, we, too, envision a world without war.

With all hope in your power and presence, I pray.

Amen.

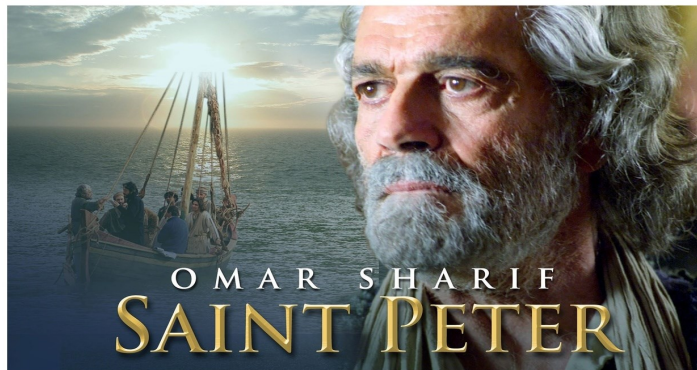


## DIVORCE *Care*

### Surviving the Holidays

*DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays* is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a separation or divorce. The seminar will be held Tuesday, *November 21st* at St. Patrick's in the Hospitality room beginning at 6:30pm. There is no cost. The seminar features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, experts in divorce-related care, and other people who have experienced the holidays after a separation or divorce. Topics to be discussed include dealing with hard-hitting emotions, what to do about traditions, how to survive social events, helping your kids have a good holiday experience, and where to find comfort and strength. Those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

For more information, contact Anne Connors via email at [akannie@yahoo.com](mailto:akannie@yahoo.com).



**FORMED**

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### Saint Peter

Watch the epic story of the spread of Christianity during the early years of the Church. This film follows the journey of St. Peter through his martyrdom on a cross.

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





# COR



*coming soon*

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDIES OFFERING FRATERNITY, FORMATION, AND PRAYER**

TUESDAYS, 6:30 - 8:00 AM  
RM. 220 AT APU'S GRANT HALL  
CONTACT KEVIN JONES - 504.481.0527

THURSDAYS, 6:00 - 7:30 PM  
HOSPITALITY ROOM AT ST. PATRICK'S  
CONTACT PAUL DOUGHERTY - 907.242.2652

FRIDAYS, 8:00 - 10:00 AM  
MASS @ HOLY FAMILY FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSION @ THE CUBBY AT CAPT. COOK  
CONTACT JOHN STREIT - 907.350.1722

Presented by  St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Council



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

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

Wow, so many things going on right now here at St. Patrick's. Not only are we preparing for Thanksgiving Blessings next Monday, November 20, but we are also gearing up for *Cor*, the men's small group faith sharing. Sign up for the small groups will be after all the Masses next weekend (Nov. 11-12). Also, this Wednesday, please join us for a potluck dinner, fellowship, and a movie in the Deacons Hall - *All are welcome!*

Anyone... Two weeks ago I offered a \$25.00 gift card to anyone who could find something on our website. I got to keep my gift card; I don't want it. So let's try this again and I'll make it simpler. On your computer or phone, search: *St. Pat's-Anchorage-KofC*. When it opens to the site, you should find a photo of our Eucharistic Procession. The first person to contact me and identify one of the Knights that are holding the poles will be able to win the gift card to Carrs. You don't even have to be a Knight.

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

### Upcoming Council Events

**Wednesday November 15, 6:30pm** - Potluck & Social - Movie Night (movie starts at 7pm)

**Sunday, November 19, 1:00pm in the Chapel** - KofC - New member Exemplification

**Monday, November 20** - Thanksgiving Blessing Project (See Thanksgiving Blessing Project table in gathering area)

### Digital Ministry

**WE NEED MORE DIGITAL USHERS!** 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](mailto:akberg2010@gmail.com).



**CCHD Special Collection** - Next weekend our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities. Learn more about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

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

**November 2023 Goal \$50,700.00**

Sunday, November 5 \$13,882.47

Treats for Joy: 0



**Total Collected: \$13,882.47**

**Still Need: \$36,817.53**

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

### Special Collections in November

As we approach the Season of Giving, our parish asks us to share our resources with those in need through special collections in November.

- ♦ Nov. 11 & 12: *Catholic Social Services & Catholic Community Services*;
- ♦ Nov. 18 & 19: *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*;
- ♦ Thanksgiving Day: *Thanksgiving Blessing*.

Please be generous in your response to these collections for our neighbors in need.

# MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

## Annual Hymnal Changeover

Each year our subscriptions to the hymnals are renewed and we take out the previous year's hymnals and replace them with the current year. Copyright law requires us to discard (recycle) the previous year's hymnals. So we "changeover" from last year to next year. ***We need lots of help.*** We'll be changing out Breaking Bread and Choose Christ.

**When do we do this?**

**Friday, November 24, beginning at 1:00 PM** in the church. If we do not finish, we come back Saturday at 9:00 AM to have them ready for Saturday 5:00 PM Mass.

## Children's Christmas Pageant

The Christmas Pageant is off and running! If you signed up to help or to be in the play, never fear, you'll be getting an email soon about rehearsals, costumes, etc. Want to be a part of this fun adventure?

**There is a Parents' Meeting Sunday, November 19, at 2:30 PM in the church.** For more information send an email to [queenowrits@arctic.net](mailto:queenowrits@arctic.net) (Margaret Simmons)

**Weekly Reflection** from *John Spears, St. Joseph Catholic Church, Richardson, TX*

Our readings this week speak of waiting. What makes waiting so hard at times Perhaps it's that, while waiting, we feel incomplete. "If I could just get success, love, achievement, etc., then all would be well!" In the epistle, the Thessalonians are waiting for the Second Coming of Christ. We hear in St. Paul's words that he and they expect that this will happen in their lifetimes. But it's been about 20 years now since Christ ascended. People are dying. Will they be left out? Paul assures them to keep the hope of the promise of Christ that all will be joined together when he returns. In the meantime, we wait, we hope, we accept our incompleteness, and, as the Gospel exhorts us, we stay vigilant, for we know neither the day nor the hour.

***Prayer*** - In prayer for our waiting and restlessness, let us recall the simple words of St. Augustine: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

## Silent Auction

**We still have items to be picked up! If you were the successful bidder but did not pick up your item at the Show, you will need to send Margaret Simmons a text to 907-242-0668 or an email to [queenowrits@arctic.net](mailto:queenowrits@arctic.net).** Payment is credit card, cash, or checks made payable to St. Patrick's Parish. You must pick up your item not later than November 19, 2022.

## Music Ministry for Advent-Christmas

**Mark your calendars!**

Thursday, Nov. 23, at 10 AM—Thanksgiving (be there at 9 AM—rehearsal to be determined)

***Rehearsals information will be available soon for the following Masses:***

### Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

- Thurs., Dec. 7, at 5:30 PM—Vigil Mass
- Fri., Dec. 8, at 9 AM—Mass
- Fri., Dec. 8, at 7 PM—Mass

### Christmas Eve Masses—Sun., Dec. 24

- 4:00 PM—(caroling at 3:30 PM)
- 7:00 PM—(caroling at 6:30 PM)
- 9:00 PM—(caroling at 8:30 PM)

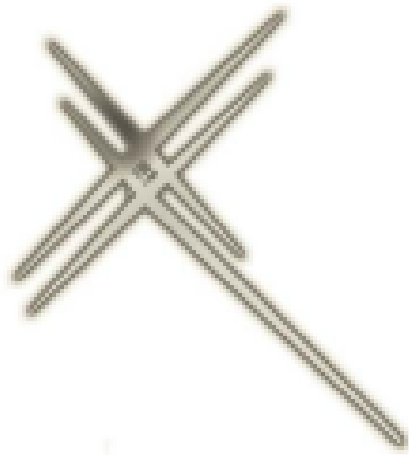
### Christmas Masses—Mon., Dec. 25

- 12:00 AM (caroling begins at 11 PM Sun.)
- 11:30 AM (caroling begins at 11:00 AM)

### Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God

- Mon., Jan. 1, at 11:30 AM

While some of the Masses are SUAS (show up and sing), we still need you to let us know in advance so we will have music for you. Beginning next weekend, there will be a sign up book in the Choir area at the church. Talk to any choir director for more information.



# St. Patrick's Christmas Pageant

***Sunday, December 24, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.***

**St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
cordially invites you to  
our Christmas Pageant during the  
Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**



**Want your child to be a part of this fun adventure? All children are welcome.  
Rehearsals are Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17 from 2:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.,  
in the Church. Need help with a costume? Let us know.  
Send Margaret Simmons, Music Director, a text to 907-242-0668  
or an email to [queenowrits@arctic.net](mailto:queenowrits@arctic.net).**

**Please join us: <https://www.facebook.com/stpatsak>  
St. Patrick Catholic Church  
2111 Muldoon Road  
Anchorage, Alaska 99504  
For more information please call 337-1538**

## WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Sunday, November 12 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, All Morning Sessions

11:30 AM, Mass

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

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

1:00PM - 2:30 PM, Choir Directors' Meeting, Church

### Monday, November 13

**Parish Office Closed**

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, SPRED - Catechist Prep, Hospitality Room

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

### Tuesday, November 14

5:30 PM, Mass

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Bereavement Ministry Orientation, Church

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, November 15

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

12 Noon, Mass

6:00 PM - 8:30 PM, Liturgy Committee Meeting, Parish House

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, KofC Social - Potluck & Movie Night, Deacons Hall

### Thursday, November 16

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Study (Sunday's Readings), Hospitality Room

12 Noon - 2:30 PM, Seniors' Group - Lunch & Bingo, Deacons Hall

5:30 PM, Mass

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

6:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel

### Friday, November 17

12 Noon, Mass

7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Well-Read Mom, Tara Lounge

### Saturday, November 18 - Happy Birthday Deacon Mick!

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, CGS Catechist Training, CGS Atrium

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, SoulCore Rosary & Exercise, Cenacle

10:00 AM - 12 Noon, Altar Servers - Training & Social, Church

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 w/ Anointing of the Sick

6:00 PM, Parish Event - Baked Potato Bar, Deacons Hall

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

### Sunday, November 19 - Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel

8:30 AM, Mass

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

10 AM - 11:15 AM, Adult Faith Formation - Symbolon (A Love That Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love)

11:30 AM, Mass

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, KofC Exemplification, Chapel

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

2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, Christmas Pageant - Parents' Meeting, Church

All liturgies are livestreamed and then posted on  
[www.facebook.com/stpatsak](https://www.facebook.com/stpatsak)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### November 12 - Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13

### November 13 - St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

### November 14 - Tuesday of the 32<sup>nd</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:23-3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

### November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

### November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

Wis 7:22b-8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

### November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Wis 13:1-9; ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:23-37

### November 18 - The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Paul and Peter, Apostles

Wis 18:14-16, 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

### November 19 - Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Thes 5:1-6;

Mt 25:14-30

## MASS INTENTIONS

### November 11 - November 19, 2023

Sat.	5:00 pm	Mark Tyree, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Tues.	5:30 pm	Troy Riski, Birthday Blessings
Wed.	12 Noon	Fr. Leo Walsh,
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Rose Gagnon, R.O.S
Fri.	12 Noon	Poor Souls in Purgatory
Sat.	5:00 pm	Deacon Mick Fornelli, 75th Birthday Blessings
Sun	8:30 am	Dennis Riski, R.O.S.
	11:30 am	People of the Parish

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Tues, Oct 31, 5:30 PM	88	174	262	
Wed, Nov, 1, 9 AM	52	117	169	
Wed, Nov, 1, 6 PM	98	257	355	
Thurs, Nov, 2, 5:30 PM	55	151	206	992
Sat, Nov. 4, 5 PM	130	224	354	
Sun, Nov. 5, 8:30 AM	132	190	322	
Sun, Nov. 5, 11:30 AM	180	155	335	1011

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Downsizing? Relocating?

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# ARCHDIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS



THE ARCHBISHOP  
INVITES YOU  
TO HIS

## Advent/Christmas Reception

**December 6th**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Co-Cathedral of the Nativity  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

416 5th Street  
Juneau, Alaska

**December 12th**

**4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Cathedral of Our Lady of  
Guadalupe

3900 Wisconsin Street  
Anchorage, Alaska

*Please come to enjoy food and fellowship and spend  
some time with the Archbishop.*



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)

## MESSIAH Sing-along

*Sunday, December 3, at 2:00pm*

Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe

3900 Wisconsin Street

Sponsored by the Anchorage Concert Chorus

Grant Cochran, Artistic Director & Conductor

MESSIAH chorus, orchestra and soloists conducted by Janet McCullough.

The perfect beginning to the Christmas season – wear your most festive Christmas attire, bring the family and come sing your favorite choruses from Handel’s MESSIAH. All singers and listeners are welcome.

Tickets at CenterTix or at the door:

Individual tickets - \$20.00

Immediate family groups—\$50.00

If you need to purchase a MESSIAH score, contact The Horn Doctor Music Store,

1000 Ingra, 907 272-4676.

If you have questions, email

## 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

## Volunteers Needed for Thanksgiving Blessing!

Thanksgiving Blessing is an annual collaboration between local faith communities and the Food Bank of Alaska to help ensure every family in our community has a holiday meal to enjoy together. St. Patrick's Parish is one of several sites hosting Thanksgiving Blessing in Anchorage. With your help nearly 1,400 meals were distributed at St. Patrick's Parish last year!

**Monday, November 20th**

**St. Patrick's Parish**

**2111 Muldoon Rd. Anchorage, AK 99504**

Sign up to volunteer at [cssalaska.org/thanksgivingblessing](http://cssalaska.org/thanksgivingblessing)



## THANKSGIVING BLESSING PROJECT

A Community Based Project  
In Cooperation with the Food Bank of Alaska  
At St Patrick's Parish

### HOW CAN I HELP?:

**Food donations** – Can goods (vegetables, cranberry sauce) Donations can be dropped off at St Pat's or contact Dave Patterson at 230-9188.

**Financial support** – Donations can be made to the Food Bank and designated for the St Patrick's site.

- Go to [www.foodbankofalaska.org/blessing](http://www.foodbankofalaska.org/blessing) or scan the QR Code to the right
- Scroll down to the bottom "***To make a donation to an Anchorage Blessing site***"
- In the drop-down menu click on "***St Patrick's***"



**Volunteer** – If you would like to volunteer please register on line at <http://www.cssalaska.org/thanksgivingblessing> and follow the links to sign up.



### Holiday Giving at Catholic Social Services!

This Holiday season, there are many ways to support our neighbors in need, such as donating to programs, supporting local families, and volunteering your time.

Helping Holidays connects the Anchorage community to Catholic Social Services clients. This program provides gifts for specific families in need by connecting donors like you with families receiving case management support from Catholic Social Services.

To provide gifts for a family at Catholic Social Services- please sign up at [cssalaska.org/helpingholidays](http://cssalaska.org/helpingholidays)





# CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

**LEARN** about those living in poverty who are working to improve their communities. • **ACT** and spread the word about poverty by sharing this flier. • **CONNECT** with the work of CCHD by supporting the collection. • **PRAY** for those who benefit from this collection.

For more than 50 years, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) has supported organizations that combat poverty and improve the lives of people in communities across the United States. Not only do CCHD-funded organizations advocate with civic, business, and community religious leaders to improve access to affordable housing, job and educational opportunities, and rights for immigrants—they also respond quickly to urgent needs when communities experience emergencies.

An effective response to natural disasters begins with effective planning before disasters occur. In New Orleans and surrounding areas in southern Louisiana, CCHD is helping Together New Orleans develop a project called Community Lighthouse, which will equip 85 congregations and community organizations with commercial-scale solar power and backup battery storage. This effort will form a network of response centers ready to serve

communities in a hurricane or other natural disaster once the solar power equipment is completely installed. By using solar power and backup batteries, the response centers can continue operating in the event of power loss—but they will also be using clean, renewable energy rather than fossil fuels that contribute to climate change and pollution.

When you support CCHD, you help local communities across the country innovate and work together to solve their own unique challenges. Twenty-five percent of your contribution stays in your diocese to support the organizations addressing your community's needs for housing, jobs, and educational opportunities—and for keeping the lights on during a storm.

To learn more about the collection for the CCHD and the way CCHD upholds the moral and social teachings of the Catholic Church, visit [www.usccb.org/cchd/collection](http://www.usccb.org/cchd/collection).

## 2021-2022 GRANTS



## 2021 EXPENSES



\*Internal grants include a distribution from the CCHD collection for CCHD operations expenses and for the USCCB Justice, Peace, and Human Development's education and outreach program, which includes engaging Catholics in our faith-filled call to address the root causes of poverty.



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