

November 19, 2023

33rd 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 & 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

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Talents

It's amazing what one can learn on the Internet. I've heard the parable of the talents hundreds if not thousands of times, but I never bothered to find out how much a talent was actually worth. Turns out it is quite a bit. A talent was worth about 6000 denarii. You will recall from the parable of the generous landowner that a denarius was a typical day's wage. So assuming a six day work week, a talent was worth about 20 years of wages! Given that most people didn't live to be 50 in those days, a talent represented an entire lifetime of work. IT was worth a whole career. For me, that gives the parable of the talents a whole new dimension.

The first point of the story is that we are not owner's we are stewards. All that we have and are has been given to us by God. Like the various servants in the story, our task is to take those gifts and to use them in a way that is pleasing to the giver, and to return it all to him with increase.

The talents can represent many things. They can represent the gift of faith. As Deacon Mick pointed out so well last week, you can only be responsible for your own faith. Just as you cannot go jogging for someone else, we are each responsible for the gift of faith and spiritual life. No one can do that for us.

Second, they can represent the seemingly mundane gifts of time, talent and treasure that we have received. Like the psalmist we should pray, "How shall I make a return to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?" (Ps. 116)

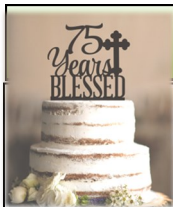
Finally, given the magnitude of what a talent is worth, they can represent one's entire life. Make no mistake, at the end of this life each of us will be called to account for what we have done with this life that we have been given. When that time comes, what a blessing it will be when we hear Our Lord say, "Well done, good and faithful servant! Come, share your master's joy!"

- 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

PRAYERS AND BEST WISHES - HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEACON MICK!!!

ADVENT CANDLES AND WREATHS SALE

Advent candles and a few wreaths will be available for purchase in the gathering area after all Masses this weekend, 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!

BLESSING OF ADVENT WREATHS AND CALENDARS

Bring in your advent wreaths and calendars to Mass the first weekend of Advent, December 2-3, to be blessed for the season.

Have a BLESSED AND JOYFUL THANKSGIVING!

CCHD Special Collection - Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the United States, more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. Through this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local anti-poverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.

YOUTH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Wednesday, November 15, 6-7:30 PM
Deacon's Hall

Enjoy dinner with
friends & make a
pumpkin pie



to bring home &
enjoy!



DivorceCare: Surviving the Holidays is a helpful, encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a separation or divorce. The seminar will be held this 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.

DIVORCE *Care*[®]

Surviving the Holidays

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.

A Special Thank You - To Connie Rickard!

Connie shares her time and talents with many ministries in our parish; SPRED, ACTS, a couple of Liturgical Ministries, Women's Morning of Reflection, and our Deacons Fund, just to name a few. But she has gone above and beyond these past few months with helping us clean up and sort our Faith Formation supply closet. Through her efforts we were able to recoup several supplies to use for our faith formation classes and the parish office. *Yeah Connie - Thank You!*

FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY NEWS



Symbolon Study

Symbolon resumes this **Sunday, November 19**. We'll be meeting to watch and discuss "A Love that Lasts: Discovering Authentic Love".

There now seems to be a free-for-all idea of "love" - personally decided and self-centered—that often leads to heartbreak and unhappiness. Is that what God intends when he is called "Love" by the writers of the New Testament? What does it mean when we talk about love—and God's calling for us to Love Him and those around us?

Join us as we learn more about how we can be fully alive by following our Maker's plan for our lives.

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!

St. Patrick's Council 11745 Knights' Korner



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

CONGRATULATIONS TO LISA NASH!

Lisa won the \$25 gift card just for reading the Knights' Korner in bulletin last week, and following a few directions was able to identify 3 of the 4 Knights that were carrying the poles in our Eucharistic procession last spring. Thank you Lisa!

Now for the serious stuff, *Cor* small group studies. Please sign up after all Masses this weekend. We currently have 3 groups to choose from, Tuesday mornings at 6:30 am, Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm and Friday mornings at 8:00 am. Please stop by to see our materials, ask questions, or sign up. Each group will be starting up after Thanksgiving and continuing thru Advent. Then start up again during Lent. As always please call or email me with any questions.

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

Upcoming Council Events

Sunday, November 19, 1:00 pm - Knights of Columbus - New Member Exemplification

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

Wednesday, December 6, 6:45pm - KofC St. Patrick's Council - Business meeting



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THE CATHOLIC FAITH.
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Our Mother Mary

What is Mariology? Learn about this fascinating topic in this interview with Dr. Mark Miravalle, Saint John Paul II Chair of Mariology at Franciscan University of Steubenville.

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.



2023 YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2023
7/1/22 - 6/30/23

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
FR. LEO WALSH, PASTOR

OPERATING REVENUE

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$579,912	\$621,500	-\$41,588
DONATIONS/MISC	\$115,426	\$102,140	\$13,286
INTEREST/RENT	\$41,231	\$7,860	\$33,371
TOTAL REVENUE	\$736,569	\$731,500	\$5,069

OPERATING EXPENSE

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$273,254	\$325,290	(\$52,036)
PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$6,600	\$7,000	(\$400)
SUPPLIES	\$64,483	\$58,972	\$5,511
FACILITIES	\$198,512	\$169,960	\$28,552
TRAVEL	\$597	\$3,500	(\$2,903)
ASSESSMENTS	\$139,049	\$132,032	\$7,017
RETREATS & TRAINING	\$1,266	\$5,725	(\$4,459)
OTHER	\$28,014	\$21,260	\$6,754
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$711,775	\$723,739	(\$11,964)

OPERATING SUMMARY

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
OP REVENUE	\$736,569	\$731,500	\$5,069
OP EXPENSE	\$711,775	\$723,739	(\$11,964)
OP MARGIN	\$24,794	\$7,761	\$17,033
NET OP MARGIN	\$24,794		

Complete financial statements are available at the parish office upon request.

**St. Patrick's Parish
Annual Financial Report - FY2023**

CASH & INVESTMENT BALANCES

30-Jun-23

Unrestricted Parish Cash	\$188,180
Accounts Payable	\$42,352
Cloister Cash	\$210,308
Earthquake Recovery Fund	\$552,412
Cloister Art & Development Fund	\$340,172
Other Dedicated Accounts	\$540,696

Total Parish Cash and Investments	<u>\$1,874,120</u>
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**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
FY 2023**

Cloister Walkway Tile	\$27,548
Hall Lighting Retrofit	\$3,128
Church Roof Repair	\$1,987
Church Dimmer System	\$10,443
Sacristy Cabinet Project	\$169
Parish House Wood Stove	\$4,060
JPII Center Permit Fees	\$9,677

Total	<u>\$57,011</u>
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ST. PATRICK'S PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

Deacon Mick Fornelli
Denise Brakora
Peter Brakora
Linda Gallagher
Tim Gallagher
Patrick Rumley

**DEACON'S FUND OUTREACH
FY 2023**

Donations (includes \$50K bequest)	\$72,013
Assistance Provided	\$11,085

Amount Available for Assistance on 6/30/23	<u>\$92,500</u>
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Your generous support of our Operating Fund in Fiscal Year 23 resulted in another positive Operating margin totaling \$24,794, this despite a small decline in total Operating revenue (-2.8%, net unrealized investment gain/loss), and a modest increase in Operating expenses (+2.9%). Three main factors influenced the increase in our Operating expenses: 1) increased parish activities post-pandemic; 2) Inflation; 3) our aging facilities -- Facilities being the largest category to exceed our budget projection.

Thank you for your continuing generous support of St. Patrick's!

Thank you to the members of our Parish Finance Council!

Please contact one of them or the parish office if you have any questions about parish finances.

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For an easy and convenient way to support St. Patrick's Parish, go to:
www.st.patsak.org
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MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS AND NOTES

Feast of St. Cecelia

During the month of November we pray to St. Cecilia for her intercession, especially on her feast day, November 22.

Pray with us Tuesday, November 22, for the intercession of St. Cecilia. Let's raise our prayers together into a "prayer choir" on the feast of the patron saint of music!

Prayers to St. Cecelia

God Our Creator

With each breath,

*I feel the melodies of your love and grace
flow through my very being.*

*May this time of prayer and reflection
fill me with peace.*

Open my heart to hear your voice.

Renew my mind

*And help me surrender to you
so that I can make space for miracles.*

Inspire me to be a witness to you, always. Amen.



God Our Creator

*My heart soars with gratitude
for the gift of music.*

*Continue to help me develop
the gifts you have given.*

*Use them to bring reflections
of your resplendent beauty to all I encounter.
May your Spirit guide me through every note.
Make me an instrument of your peace
to praise your name forever. Amen.*

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? **The Parents' Meeting is Sunday, November 19, at 2:30 PM in the Church.** Want to be a part of this fun adventure? **Send an email to queenowrits@arctic.net (Margaret Simmons)**

Volunteering for Advent / Christmas

Beginning this weekend you can sign up to help at the Advent and Christmas liturgies. The signup book is in the choir area. The list of Masses and rehearsals is also in the choir area.

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.

If you are interested, send an email Margaret Simmons at queenowrits@arctic.net or send her a text to 907-242-0668.

If God has given you the gift of musical talent, sign up to join one of our choirs! Each choir director plans the music, arranges rehearsals, and helps our musicians in our quest to sing and pray (twice)!

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.*



Catholic
Social Services

Come work with us!

Refugee Assistance and Immigration Services: Older Refugee and Youth Mentor Coordinator

Would you love to work with refugee youth (15-24) and the older refugees (60+) in our community. This team member will coordinate enrichment and social activities for these groups, as well as assist with citizenship classes, youth mentor matching and training, college applications and more!

<https://www.cssalaska.org/about-us/employment-opportunities/>

In-kind Needs for CSS Program:

Homeless Family Services Wish List: Donations are accepted Monday-Thursday, 1PM to 4PM and Fridays, 9AM to 4PM at Saint Francis House Food Pantry. 3710 E. 20th Avenue, Anchorage, AK

To avoid traffic congestion during pantry distribution hours, you may want to drop off donations after 1:00pm or anytime on Friday.

- Blankets and Pillows
- Plates, bowls, silverware, cups & mugs
- Personal hygiene items
- Household cleaning products

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

Messiah@anchorageconcertchorus.org

*Saint Therese's
Camp*

*Annual Winter
Retreat*

*Grades 6-8
Dec. 28-30*

\$125

*Grades 9-12
Dec. 30-Jan. 1*

\$133

Glory Bound 2023!



*Fun!
Faith!
Friends!*



Scan QR code to register & for info!

Contact www.stcak.com
or 907 232 2066 for more

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Monday, November 20 - Thanksgiving Blessing Project

Parish Office Closed
 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Thanksgiving Blessing Project - Distribution of Meals
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Adult Bible Study (Book of Psalms), via Zoom

Tuesday, November 21

5:30 PM, Mass
 6:15 PM - 7:30 PM, Legion of Mary, Cenacle
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, DivorceCare, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, November 22

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Stud (Salvation), via Zoom
 12 Noon, Mass
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, HS Youth Group - Thanksgiving Dinner, Deacons Hall

Thursday, November 23 - Thanksgiving Day

Parish Office Closed
 10:00 AM, Mass

Friday, November 24

Parish Office Closed
 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM, Cor - Men's Small Group w/ John Streit, The Cubby at Hotel Captain Cook
 12 Noon, Mass
 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Children's Choir Rehearsal, Church

Saturday, November 25

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, November 26 - Christ the King

No Faith Formation Classes - Thanksgiving Break
 8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 AM, Mass
 11:30 AM, Mass - with O.C.I.A. Rite of Acceptance

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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

November 20 - Monday of the 33rd Week in Ordinary Time

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155,
 158; Lk 18:35-43

November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin and martyr

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31; Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15; Lk 19:11-28

November 23 - St. Clement I, Pope and St. Columban, Abbot

Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19

November 24 - St. Andrew Dung Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd;
 Lk 19:45-48

November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and martyr

1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

November 26 - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17; Ps 23:1-3, 5-6; 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28;
 Mt 25:31-46

MASS INTENTIONS

November 18 - November 26, 2023

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
Tues.	5:30 pm	Juan Diaz, R.O.S.
Wed.	12 Noon	For Generational Healing
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Fri.	12 Noon	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Sat.	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun	8:30 am	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
	11:30 am	Larry McCloskey, R.O.S.

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Sat, Nov. 4, 5 PM	130	234	364	
Sun, Nov. 5, 8:30 AM	132	203	335	
Sun, Nov. 5, 11:30 AM	180	171	351	1050
Sat, Nov. 11, 5 PM	145	235	380	
Sun, Nov. 12, 8:30 AM	109	229	338	
Sun, Nov. 12, 11:30 AM	217	187	404	1122

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. 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.

Thinking of selling your home?

Downsizing? Relocating?

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