

January 14, 2024

Second 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

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

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He Brought Him to Jesus

How many followers do you have? Oh, I'm not talking Facebook, Instagram or whatever Twitter is called these days. I'm talking real, live followers like Andrew, John, Peter and the others.

In first century Palestine, it was the common practice for those who wished to deepen their relationship with God and their understanding of the Law to seek out a rabbi they perceived would help them in their pursuit. Andrew and the beloved disciple are doing exactly that when the Baptist points out Jesus as the "Lamb of God". Jesus seems like an intriguing sort of guy, so they decide to check him out.

The first question of Jesus, is telling. What *are* they looking for? It's a good question for us as well. When we come to Mass or go to a small group or class, what are we looking for? What are our expectations? Are we open to what Christ has to say to us, or are we only willing to hear what we agree with? God gave us two ears and one mouth. We should listen twice as much as we speak.

I wonder what that conversation with Jesus was like. What did they talk about? Who knows? But by the end of it, Andrew and the beloved disciple are convinced that this is not only their guy, but *the* guy, the Messiah. Was that what they were looking for? Did they get more than they bargained for? Who else needs to know this Jesus? What are they looking for?

In bringing his brother Simon to Jesus, Andrew sets the example for all of us. Once we have encountered Jesus, at prayer, at Mass, in the parish family or the Church Universal, our next step should be to invite another to come to know him as well. "Come and see!" is all the explanation that is needed.

And if you think about it, if your entire life is spent bringing just one other person to Jesus, is it not a life well spent?

- 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

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



St. Patrick's Parish Seniors, along with other seniors in the community, gather on the first and third Thursday of every month, for lunch. Their next gathering will be this **Thursday, January 18th** at 12 noon in the Deacons Hall. Live music by Davis Normand and The Country Memories Band.

SPRED (Special Religious Development)



This Sunday, we are celebrating a SPRED Mass at the 11:30 am Mass. This is a time to bring our SPRED community together in joy and thanksgiving for our parish and friends. We are friends, with and without developmental challenges, who celebrate and grow in our faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. This is the first Mass we have been able to celebrate together since closing for COVID in 2020. We wish to thank the parish for your support of SPRED and making this happen.



Providing hope and healing after marriage break-up

Are you recovering from a separation or divorce? Perhaps recently or many years ago? Please join us for a 13-week DivorceCare Group beginning Tuesday, February 6th. This group involves video seminars, group discussions, and personal weekly exercises. It is open at no charge to parish members and the community.

To find out more information about DivorceCare, or to register, go to [DivorceCare.com](https://www.DivorceCare.com) and search 99504 for the group.

If you have questions prior to signing up, please contact Anne Connors at 907-227-1116 (call/text).

Donor Contribution Statements for 2023 will be available *upon request* by February 1st; they will not be automatically mailed out. If you would like a copy of your charitable contributions to the Church for 2023, please contact Rima at rostrom@st.patsak.org Thank you for your generous support!

CHILI COOK-OFF IS COMING!

PLANNING MEETING:

January 17, 6-7 PM, in the Cenacle

Middle & High School Aged Kids

Dinner & fun provided!

Not in youth group & want
to volunteer? All are
welcome, ages 12 & up!

Volunteer Sign Up
(required for all):



*Mark your calendars for the cook-off on Feb 10!

Usher Training

Wednesday, January 17th at 6:30 pm

Saturday, January 20th at 10:00 am



THE FACE OF WELCOME AND HOSPITALITY

Ushers greet the congregation as they enter the church, offer the weekly bulletin, help late comers find seats, help with the collection, and direct Communion. Ideally we need 2-4 ushers at each Mass on Saturday and Sunday. If you are called to this ministry please join us at one of the upcoming trainings.

St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure

January 2024 Goal \$53,800.00

Sunday, January 7 12,118.46

Treats for Joy : 1



Total Collected: \$12,118.46

Still Need: \$41,681.54

Thank you for your support of our parish family!

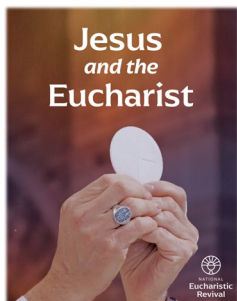
FAITH FORMATION AND MINISTRY NEWS



Confirmation Retreat

Please pray for our Confirmation students as they prepare for their retreat next weekend, January 19-21. If you would like to send one of them a letter of support and encouragement, drop it off in the office for Beth or email it to her at bjones@st.patsak.org.

Jesus and the Eucharist



Join us next weekend, January 21, for the first of our new series, *Jesus and the Eucharist*. We will meet on Sunday mornings at 10:00 am in Deacons Hall to watch a video and discuss the *kerygma* (Greek for proclamation) at the center of our Eucharistic faith!

Learn more about our story as Catholics, who Jesus is, why He left us a Church, the great gift of salvation, and the origins of the gift of the Eucharist, the presence of our God in our midst. Fr. Leo and the deacons will once more be leading these discussions!

VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Organizational Meeting
Hospitality Room
Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 pm

VBS

Ice Skating at Cheney Lake

Saturday, January 27 2-4 pm

Come join St. Patrick's parish for hot chocolate, cookies, and ice skating! Pick up a valentine kit to send to a homebound parishioner!



Coming Soon

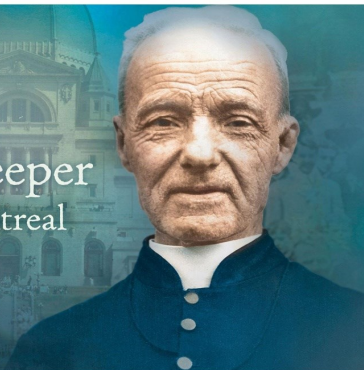
High School Girls Small Group

1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month,
6:30 - 8:30 pm
Dinner will be provided

Interested?

Contact Tammy at 907.744.7887

God's Doorkeeper St. André of Montreal



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This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!

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**ST. PATRICK'S PARISH
FINANCIAL REPORT**

**1ST Quarter - FISCAL YEAR 2024
7/1/23 - 9/30/23**

**ANCHORAGE, ALASKA
FR. LEO WALSH, PASTOR**

OPERATING REVENUE

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$137,755	\$139,500	(\$1,745)
OTHER DONATIONS	\$2,562	\$2,750	(\$188)
FEE INCOME	\$3,802	\$2,000	\$1,802
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$8,118	\$2,500	\$5,618
RENTAL INCOME	\$950	\$375	\$575
OTHER INCOME	\$152	\$250	(\$98)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$153,339	\$147,375	\$5,964

OPERATING EXPENSE

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$62,633	\$63,500	(\$867)
PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$6,676	\$2,125	\$4,551
SUPPLIES	\$28,895	\$17,300	\$11,595
FACILITIES	\$48,473	\$47,500	\$973
TRAVEL	\$136	\$950	(\$814)
ASSESSMENTS	\$32,515	\$32,513	\$2
RETREATS & TRAINING	\$925	\$750	\$175
OTHER	\$7,484	\$3,325	\$4,159
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$187,737	\$167,963	\$19,774

OPERATING SUMMARY

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
OP REVENUE	\$153,339	\$147,375	\$5,964
OP EXPENSE	\$187,737	\$167,963	\$19,774
OP MARGIN	(\$34,398)	(\$20,588)	(\$13,810)

First Quarter Summary

We are off to a good start on the revenue side for this fiscal year surpassing our Operating budget projection by \$5,964. We exceeded our budget projections on the expense side in a number of categories resulting in a negative operating margin of \$34,398 for the quarter. We often experience a negative operating margin in the first quarter since it includes two of the typically lower revenue months of the summer, and in this same quarter we usually pay for our annual hymnal subscriptions and faith formation textbooks. Preliminary numbers for the second quarter of the fiscal year look much better. Complete financial statements are available at the parish office upon request. Thank you to all who continue to faithfully and generously give financial support our parish community!

Statement of Financial Position

September 30, 2023

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>
Assets	
Cash Totals:	579,412.66
Investments Totals:	1,272,735.44
Accounts Receivable Totals:	52,344.36
Prepaid Expenses Totals:	8,570.26
Other Current Assets Totals:	23,872.00
Land, Buildings, Equipment Totals:	5,345,793.85
Other Long Term Assets Totals:	(25,672.00)
Due to/from Accounts Totals:	0.00
Total Assets:	<u><u>7,257,056.57</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable Totals:	34,104.95
Accrued Wages and Benefits Totals:	8,591.85
Funds Held for Others Totals:	961.00
Special Collections Totals:	6,649.85
Total Liabilities:	<u>50,307.65</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets Totals:	5,778,443.52
Without Donor Restrictions	776,546.99
With Donor Restrictions	670,325.12
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	<u>1,446,872.11</u>
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	(18,566.71)
Total Net Assets:	<u>7,206,748.92</u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	<u><u>7,257,056.57</u></u>

St. Patrick's Council 11745



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

Knights' Korner

Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month. The first Wednesday is our business meeting which starts with Rosary at 6:45pm followed by our meeting. The second Wednesday is our social meeting. All are welcome - Please prayerfully considering joining us!

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

Upcoming Council Events

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30pm - KofC Social - Potluck
All are Welcome!



Boys and girls ages 9 - 14, are invited to participate in the Knights of Columbus St. Patrick's Council #11745 Free Throw Contest, **Sunday, January 28th** from **1pm-3pm** in the Deacons

Hall. Registration and practice begins at 12:15pm. We would like to invite everyone in our parish to join us and support the kids that would be interested in competing in a free-throw contest. Hotdogs, popcorn and pop will be served and no fee will be charged. Please, come join us.

For more information or any questions, please contact: Rich Arsenault at (907) 333-6953.

MUSICAL NOTES



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

C.H.A.O.S. St. Patrick's Day Shows

Calling all actors, musicians, technical wizards, seamstresses, painters, crafters, beauticians, and make-up artists! **Our organizational potluck dinner is**

Sunday, January 14, at 5:00 PM in the Deacon's Hall. Come share with us and learn about the show.

Find out why we call it **CHAOS!**

For more information, contact our Director **Brenda Bergsrud** at akberg2010@gmail.com or call the Parish Office. Have a friend who doesn't go to this parish, is not Catholic, or is just looking for some excitement? Let them know about the **BIG Show**.

All are welcome!



Show dates—Mark your calendars!

Family Show—Friday, March 8

Dinner Show—Friday, March 15

Rehearsals

Thursdays begin Jan. 18, 6:30-8:30 PM

Sundays, 5:00-7:30 PM (starting date to be determined at potluck)

This year we're having a talent show. The cast will start the show telling the story of the talent show and then non-cast members will perform in the "talent show."

The Talent Show participants have to commit to the following dates:

- **Sunday, Feb. 4, 5:00–7:30 PM** - to give us your "pitch" and tell us about your talent.
- **Thursday, March 7, 6:30 - 10 PM** (dress rehearsal)
- **Friday, March 8, 6:30 - 8:30 PM** - (Family Show)
- **Friday, March 15, 6:30 - 9:15 PM** (Dinner Show).



C.H.A.O.S. and the Knights of Columbus can use your help to make this a successful event. We need waiters and waitresses, clean-up crew, dessert donations, and items for the silent auction and other drawings.

Silent Auction

Help support the Parish.
Donate an item for our Silent Auction. All items will be on display in the Deacon's Hall and some will be in the Gathering Area. Bidding continues until the St. Patrick's Day Show, Friday, March 15.

To donate an item for the silent auction, please bring it to the parish office, **or** send a text to Margaret Simmons at (907)242-0668 or an email to

queenowrits@arctic.net

We also need volunteers to help with the auction.

Text or email Margaret Simmons.



ARCHDIOCESAN AND COMMUNITY NEWS

March for Life - Stand Up for the Unborn



**MARCH
FOR
LIFE**

MEET ON THE CORNER OF LAKE OTIS PKWY AND E. 40TH AVE. (IN FRONT OF THE ABORTION FACILITY) AT 1:00PM.
WE WILL BEGIN OUR MARCH AT 1:30PM. WALKING PEACEFULLY. 3.5 MILES TO ANCHORAGE CEMETARY'S
"MEMORIAL TO THE UNBORN CHILD". OR... MEET US AT THE MEMORIAL, WHICH IS JUST INSIDE THE
PEDESTRIAN GATE AT CORDOVA & 8TH AVENUE AT 3PM FOR THE MAIN EVENTS.

SPEAKERS * PRAYER * SINGING

Those who want to walk: Meet at 1:00 pm at the corner of Lake Otis and 40th Ave (the location of the abortion facility). Beginning at 1:30pm sharp, we will walk peacefully 3.5 miles to the Memorial to Unborn Children in the Anchorage Cemetery, located just inside the pedestrian gate at Cordova and 8th Avenue. We plan to arrive there by 3:00 pm.

Those who do not want to walk: Meet the walking group downtown at 3:00 pm. Gather at the Memorial to Unborn Children in the Anchorage Cemetery, located just inside the pedestrian gate at Cordova and 8th Avenue. The two groups together: At 3:00 pm at the Memorial to Unborn Children, let us remember the more than 60 million innocent lives lost to abortion since 1973, when the Supreme Court allowed abortion in our nation through the Roe v. Wade decision. Through our speakers, music, and prayer, be educated and inspired to take action to end abortion.

"You are not forgotten. We are fighting for you. We've answered your silent cry to be your voice."

Recognizing Sex Trafficking

Someone may be experiencing sex trafficking if they:

- Want to stop participating in commercial sex but feel scared or unable to leave the situation.
- Disclose that they were reluctant to engage in commercial sex but that someone pressured them into it.
- Live where they work or are transported by guards between home and workplace.
- Have a "pimp" or "manager" in the commercial sex industry.
- Work in an industry where it may be common to be pressured into performing sex acts for money, such as a strip club, illicit cantina, go-go bar, or illicit massage business.
- Have a controlling parent, guardian, romantic partner, or "sponsor" who will not allow them to meet or speak with anyone alone or who monitors their movements, spending, or communications.



NATIONAL
**HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**
PREVENTION MONTH

National Human Trafficking Hotline
1-888-373-7888

Recognizing Labor Trafficking

Someone may be experiencing labor trafficking or exploitation if they:

- Feel pressured by their employer to stay in a job or situation they want to leave
- Owe money to an employer or recruiter or are not being paid what they were promised or are owed
- Do not have control of their passport or other identity documents
- Are living and working in isolated conditions, largely cut off from interaction with others or support systems
- Appear to be monitored by another person when talking or interacting with others
- Are working in dangerous conditions without proper safety gear, training, adequate breaks, or other protections
- Are living in dangerous, overcrowded, or inhumane conditions provided by an employer



Is Your Marriage Tearing You Apart?

Retrouvaille
A Christian Peer Ministry
A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages

- Are you thinking about separation or divorce?
- Are you frustrated, hurt, angry, with each other?
- Are you constantly arguing or fighting?
- Have you given up on talking it out?
- Do you feel cold, alone, distant?
- ...and you don't know how to change or where to turn? Retrouvaille can help.



January 19-21, 2024
Camp Maranatha, Big Lake, AK
907-863-8000

Holy Spirit Center - The Parable Project

Saturday, February 10, 2024, at 6pm

Come join us and Magic Carpet Theater who flew all the way from Detroit Michigan to offer this Diocese wide event at Resurrection Chapel. Tickets are \$20 per person or \$60 for a family of four and will be available online beginning January 1, 2024, and at Daily and Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit Center beginning January 14, 2024.

Individual Tickets Available Here

<https://buy.stripe.com/eVa7tE8kB8T10mc4qi>

Individual or Family of Four Tickets are available at Daily and Sunday Masses beginning Sunday, January 14th, 2024.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 PM, Mass
 9:30 AM, KofC Pancake Breakfast, Deacons Hall
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, CGS / Faith Formation K-6
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.C, Deacon's Office
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.A. 2, Chapel
 11:30 AM, Mass (SPRED Mass)
 12:30 PM, KofC Pancake Breakfast, Deacons Hall
 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM, Faith Formation - Middle/Highschool
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS Spring Show - Opening Potluck, Deacons Hall
 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, Young Adults - Ribs at the Rectory, Parish House

Monday, January 15

Parish Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 16 - Parish Office Closed

7:00 AM, Cor - Men's Small Group w/Kevin Jones, APU
 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
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM, VBS - Organizational Meeting, Hospitality Room

Wednesday, January 17

12 Noon, Mass
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Youth Group - Chili Cookoff Organizational Meeting, Cenacle
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Knights of Columbus - Social, Deacons Hall
 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM, Usher Training, Church

Thursday, January 18

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Adult Bible Study (Sunday's Readings), Hospt. Rm.
 12:00 Noon - 2:30 PM, Senior's Group Luncheon & Bingo, Deacons Hall
 5:30 PM, Mass
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, Confessions, Reconciliation Room
 6:00 PM - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel
 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM, CHAOS Spring Show - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

Friday, January 19

12 Noon, Mass
 5:30 PM, HS Confirmation Retreat, St. Therese's Camp
 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM, Well-Read Mom, Cenacle

Saturday, January 20

HS Confirmation Retreat, St. Therese's Camp
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM SoulCore Rosary & Exercise, Cenacle
 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, Usher Training, 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
 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM, AA (Happy Honkers) Meeting, Tara Lounge

Sunday, January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM, Rosary prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 PM, Mass
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, CGS / Faith Formation K-6
 9:45 AM - 11:15 AM, O.C.I.A. 2, Chapel
 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM, Adult Faith Formation - Jesus and the Eucharist; What's Our Story?, Deacons Hall
 11:30 AM, HS Confirmation Retreat - Return
 11:30 AM, Mass
 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM, CGS - Sacramental Prep, CGS Atrium
 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM, CHAOS Spring Show - Rehearsal, Deacons Hall

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

January 14 - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20;
 Jn 1:35-42

January 15 - Monday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 15:16-23; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mk 2:18-22

January 16 - Tuesday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22, 27-28; Mk 2:23-28

January 17 - St. Anthony, Abbot

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Mk 3:1-6

January 18 - Thursday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 18:6-9, 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-13; Mk 3:7-12

January 19 - Friday of the Second Week in Ordinary Time

1 Sm 24:3-21; Ps 57:2-4, 6, 11; Mk 3:13-19

January 20 - St. Fabian, Pope and martyr & St. Sebastian, Martyr

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Ps 80:2-3, 5-7; Mk 3:20-21

January 21 - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

MASS INTENTIONS

January 13, 2024 - January 21, 2024

Sat.	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30 am	Warren Wolfe, Birthday Blessings
	11:30 am	Jeannie Engebretsen, R.O.S.
Tues.	5:30 pm	
Wed.	12 Noon	Bob Christal, R.O.S.
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Peter Christopher Calderon, R.O.S.
Fri.	12 Noon	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Sat.	5:00 pm	Olivia Brummer, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30 am	Dennis Riski, R.O.S.
	11:30 am	People of the Parish

MASS ATTENDANCE

Mass Date & Time	In Church	Live stream	Total	Weekend total
Sat. Dec 30 – 5 PM	146	265	411	
Sun. Dec 31 – 8:30 AM	95	167	262	
Sun. Dec 31 – 11:30 AM	199	230	429	1102
Mon. Jan 1 – 11:30 AM	176	361	537	537
Sat. Jan 6 – 5 PM	162	226	388	
Sun. Jan 7 – 8:30 AM	160	248	408	
Sun. Jan 7 – 11:30 AM	245	234	479	1275

* Announcements for the Bulletin *

Deadline to submit information to be put in the bulletin is
Wednesday by noon