

February 23, 2025

Seventh 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. 10 am - 4 pm

MASS SCHEDULE :

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

Saturday: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 8:30 am, 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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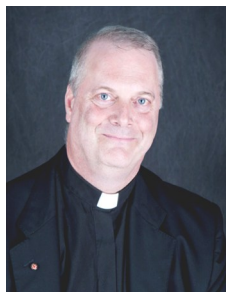
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A Path to Mercy

The heart of the Christian ethos can be found in the teaching of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew and as we have this week, in the Sermon on the Plain in Luke. In just a few paragraphs Our Lord lays out what will be the hallmark of his disciples as they encounter the world. His teaching is hard. "If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn the other; and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic." This goes well beyond simply not responding in kind. Jesus asks his disciples to literally "go the extra mile."

What's going on here? Is Jesus asking his followers to be a bunch patsies or doormats? Actually, quite the opposite.

In understanding the Sermon on the Plain, it helps to distinguish between "justice" and "mercy."

Justice in the classic sense is to give to each as he or she deserves. For example, if I take out a loan from you, justice demands that I pay it back. If I steal something from you or destroy it through negligence, justice demands that I return it to you or pay restitution for your loss. And so on.

Mercy is a bit different. Mercy acknowledges the demands of justice, but dispenses with them because a greater good will be achieved by doing so. (This is different from pity, which is an emotion that one might feel before being merciful.) Mercy is the higher virtue precisely because it achieves a greater good.

In the Sermon on the Plain, Jesus, gives many examples where a person who has been wronged could demand justice, but makes it clear that his disciples will be missionaries of mercy and thus pilgrims of hope.

Our modern "enlightened" society has become horribly litigious. Christ shows us a better way. It is not just about avoiding the wrong thing. It is not even about doing the right thing. It is about doing the loving thing.

- 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 NEWS & EVENTS

Stewardship Corner



Foot Care Ministry

Twice a month, the foot washing ministry serves the poor by providing a foot care clinic at Brother Francis Shelter. Their feet are washed, they are given clean socks, and nail clipping is provided. It is hands on training and provides an opportunity for spiritual growth for both the washer and the washee as well as for all involved.

Please see Judy Everard, Foot Care Ministry Coordinator, in the Gathering Area after Mass today if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



Adult Confirmation Class

Are you an adult who has never received the sacrament of Confirmation? Deacon Mick will once again be offering a class to prepare for Confirmation! It will be held at 1:00 pm in the hospitality room starting March 2nd. Confirmation will be at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday, April 19.

Contact Beth at bjones@st.patsak.org or call the parish office to sign up for the class.



St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure February 2025 Sunday Collection Goal: \$45,500

Sunday, February 2	\$12,319.40
Sunday, February 9	\$9,844.08
Sunday, February 16	\$11,772.00

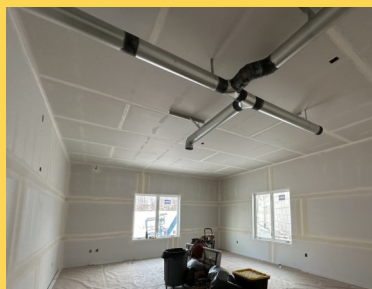
Total Collected:	\$33,935.48
Still Needed	\$11,564.52

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
OF OUR PARISH!**

New JPII - Construction Update:

When one door opens...

Finally, on the third try, the last door was hung this week. No, it wasn't the workmanship, it was the manufacturer. This week will be all mudding and taping and painting the interior walls and putting up the interior finishes. This will take about ten days or so. Lots of good things going on.



Additional and valet parking are available for Sunday Masses.

BE SAFE! DO NOT CROSS THE BARRIERS!

ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS



Women's Morning of Reflection First Saturday Devotion

All women of the Archdiocese are invited to a Women's Morning of Reflection at St. Patrick's Church next **Saturday, March 1st, at 9:30am.** Our time together will include the Rosary, a Reflection, Mass, Adoration, and opportunity for Confession.

For more information, please contact:

Tammy Williamson at 907-744-7887.

Brother Francis Shelter Foot Washing Clinic

Our parish's next service in the Brother Francis Foot Care Ministry will be this **Tuesday, February 25th @ 5pm** at the Brother Francis Shelter.

March 5th Ash Wednesday Mass Times with distribution of Ashes

7am

12pm

7pm



Registration is open for St. Therese's Camp summer 2025!

Register at www.stcak.com

Choose grade based on what grade your child will enter in fall 2025

June 1-6 kids entering grades 3-8
June 8-13 kids entering grades 3-8
June 15-20 kids entering grades 3-8
June 22-27: kids entering grades 9-12
June 29-July 4: kids entering grades 9-12
July 13-18 kids entering grades 3-8
July 20-25 kids entering grades 3-8

Campers registered by April 29 get a camp t-shirt.

Early bird rate until March 1:
\$412 for grades 3-8 and \$418 for high school.

After March 1:
\$433. for grades 3-8 and \$439 for high school.

Some financial aid is available

Register at www.stcak.com

Father Michael McGivney An American Blessed



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Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

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.



PARISH MINISTRIES & FAITH FORMATION

St. Patrick's Council 11745 Knights' Korner

Brother Knights and Fellow Parishioners,

Get ready for what's coming to our parish - **First Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.**

I would encourage everyone to take time to see what these devotions are about. They have a long history going back a few hundred years. As a parish we will be returning to the devotions beginning probably in Lent. Recently Pope Francis has published an encyclical regarding the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It's a good read, and can be found on the Vatican's website. Also, on the kfc.org website is a multitude of information. This is the time to become familiar with how Jesus' Sacred Heart is calling you.



Also, this is a reminder to pray for all those men that might become Knights next month during our Recruitment Drive in March.

John Streit 350.1722

ps. Hawaii was lovely!

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

Upcoming Council Events

March Business Meeting - TBA

(Please check your emails - it may be a very short meeting after Mass March 5)

March 8 & 9

Recruitment Weekend

And Pancake Breakfast after both
Sunday Masses

Liturgical Ministers

EMHC Training this Tuesday

We will offer a training for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, those currently serving, and those interested in serving in this vital liturgical ministry. The training will be this **Tuesday, February 25, from 6:30pm to 8pm** in the church.

Thank you to all who serve our parish
in this important ministry!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**C.H.A.O.S. St. Patrick's Day Dinner,
Talent Show, and Sing-Along**

SAVE THE DATE: March 15 at 6 PM

"Show Us Your Talent" - is the theme for our St. Patrick's Day show this year. Have a favorite song, a happy dance, play an instrument, know a good story? Individuals or groups are welcome. Pick up a Talent Show form from the office or request one from Brenda via eMail. You can also get a form Sunday. Let's all get together and support St. Patrick's Parish!



This year it's a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, Dinner, Talent Show, and Sing-Along. The theme is "the '50's" (and I don't mean the 1850's!) Dig out your poodle skirt and find your saddle shoes (I know you still have them in the back of your closet!).

Sponsored by our Knights of Columbus, the St. Patrick's Day Show is a great time to get together with friends.

For more information, contact **Brenda Bergsrud, our Director**, at akberg2010@gmail.com. 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 Show; all are welcome! Our next rehearsal is Sunday, Feb. 23, from 4-6 PM. in the Deacons Hall.

Sing-Along—Is there a special Irish song you'd like us to include in the Sing-Along? Send a text to Margaret Simmons at (907)242-0668.

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The Newman Chair of Catholic Theology at APU presents.

"Flannery, Dante, & Sinatra: My Life Among the Saints"

by

Dr. Angela Alaimo O'Donnell



QR Code for Zoom link

Professor of Catholic Studies,
Fordham University

Monday, March 3, 2025

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Gym and online.

Jambalaya at 6:15 pm

Presentation from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Contact: newmanchair@alaskapacific.edu

Images from angelaalaimo.com and www.newmanchair.org/students/angela/



St. Patrick's Grief Support Ministry

One of the myths about grieving in our culture is that those who have suffered losses should be over their losses within a few months. In reality, each journey through a loss is unique. If you are grieving a loss, come, be supported by our Grief Support Ministry. Our next meeting is **Wednesday night, February 26th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Tara Lounge. The road to healing is the path of sharing with those who care, and WE CARE! For more information, contact Evelyn Fink at 602-882-5197.

St. Paul's Corner

Catholic Bookstore and Gift Shop

St. Paul's Corner is Holy Family's books and gifts store, located in the Holy Family Center at the corner of 5th & I.

(Kitty-corner from the Hotel Captain Cook)

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Sunday 10:30am - 2:30pm

Resources for Lent are now available.

For more information call: (907) 646-3070

In-kind Needs for Catholic Social Services Programs

All programs: Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th AVE, Anchorage, Monday-Thursday 1-4pm and Friday from 9am-4pm. Please drop items off at the grey double doors on the north side of the building.

Twin sheets - urgently needed

Spoons

Pots and pans

Glasses (no mugs please)

Complex Care: donations can be dropped off at 303 West Fireweed, 7 days a week from 9am - 6pm.

Towels

Hygiene items- such as shampoo, lotion, and body wash

Sweatpants and sweatshirts- currently needing size 8x shirts and size 4x-5x sweatpants for a male client

3rd Avenue Resource and Navigation Center: Donations can be dropped off at 1101 E 3rd Ave, Anchorage Monday-Friday from 8:30am - 3:00pm.

Gloves, hats and socks

Come Work With CSS!

Are you looking for a way to serve your community and work with our neighbors in need? Join the team at Catholic Social Services!

Client Advocate

Youth Enrichment Specialist

Direct Care Provider

Guest Services Staff

Chief Financial Officer

To see our current job openings, visit

cssalaska.org.

Bishop's Attic

Hours: Tuesday-Friday 10-6 and Saturday 10-5

Located at 1100 Gambell Street, Anchorage

A few facts you may not know...

- Did you know that Bishop's Attic thrift store has been in operation in Anchorage for over 50 years?
- Did you also know that they give their earnings to the Archdiocese of Anchorage-Juneau?
- Did you know that Bishop's Attic not only provides quality wares to the community at some of the lowest prices, but also offers entry-level jobs and training for many who have had difficulty finding employment?
- Did you know that Bishops Attic practices "reduce, reuse, and recycle" in accordance with Pope Francis' Laudato Si encyclical on the care and protection of the environment and the Earth?

Did you know the Bishop's Attic offers a 10% discount to students and seniors over age 65 upon presentation of an appropriate ID?

Come by and see some of the great items we have and find something you can't live without!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, February 23 - The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 am - 8:15 am, Folk Choir Rehearsal, Church
 8:00 am, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 am, Mass
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, CGS Levels 1 & 2, CGS Atrium
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, Faith Formation Classes K-6, Middle, High School, O.C.I.C.
 11:30 am, Mass
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, CGS Level 3, CGS Atrium
 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm, CHAOS St. Patrick's Day Show Rehearsal, Hall

Monday, February 24

Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, SPRED Catechist Prep., Hospitality Room
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study (*Luke*), via Zoom

Tuesday, February 25

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Foot Care Ministry, Brother Francis Shelter
 5:30 pm, Mass
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Eucharistic Minister Training, Church
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, O.C.I.A., Tara Lounge

Wednesday, February 26

10:00 am - 11:30 am, Adult Bible Study (*Arise to Blessedness*), via Zoom
 12 Noon, Mass
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Grief Support Group, Tara Lounge
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study (*Bible Time Line*), via Zoom

Thursday, February 27

10:00 am - 11:30 am, Adult Bible Study (*Sunday's Readings*), Hospitality Room
 5:30 pm, Mass
 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Confession, Reconciliation Room
 6:00 pm - 12 Midnight, Adoration, Chapel
 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Youth Night, Deacons Hall
 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm, Legion of Mary, Cenacle
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Folk Choir Rehearsal, Church

Friday, February 28

9:00 am - 10:30 am, CGS - Level 1, CGS Atrium
 12 Noon, Mass

Saturday, March 1

9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Women's AM of Reflection, Church
 10:00 am - 11:00 am, SoulCore Exercise Group, Cenacle
 12 Noon - 1:30 pm, Ministry Coordinators Lunch, Deacons Hall
 12 Noon - 3:00 pm, YM Tubing, Arctic Valley
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, OCIA Retreat Planning Meeting, Tara Lounge
 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm, Confessions, 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, March 2 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:15 am - 8:15 am, Folk Choir Rehearsal, Church
 8:00 am, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 am, Mass
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, CGS Levels 1 & 2, CGS Atrium
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, Faith Formation Classes K-6, Middle, High School & O.C.I.C.
 11:30 am, Mass with SPRED
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, CGS First Communion Prep, CGS Atrium
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, CGS Level 3, CGS Atrium
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Hospitality Room
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Young Adults, Tara Lounge

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

February 22 - 23	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers:	Blake Fazio Candace Fazio Hunter Fazio	Evelyn Grundhauser Anna Welch Marella Ferreira Kieran Jones	Leslie Hunemuller Zita Lindamood
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):	Phyllis Day* Mary Floyd Susan Hildebrand Thomas Hildebrand Robyn Rehmann Elizabeth Tyrrell*	Makenzie Cashmer Harriet Furton* John Furton* Ian Grundhauser Lena Shilha Jason Shilha	Sarah Barnard Judy Calhoun Shirley Chappell Veronica Pope Tina Sagato Carlos Stevens
* Wash vessels after Mass			
Lector:	Ron Chandler	Ed & Geri Amituanai	Gretchen Malone
March 1 - 2	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers:	See Schedule In Sacristy	Lia Welch Anne Ruebelmann Alex Litteral Juju Litteral	Marai Moore Patrick Speldrich Gabriel Giacalone
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):	Joy Fazio Michael Fazio* Blake Fazio* Michelle Fornelli Kathy Monterrosa Lisa Nash	Geri Amituanai Cathy Donahue Connie Rickard Evie Streit* John Streit* John Tappel	Tom Bruce Judy Calhoun David Chadwick Ted Ireton Minnie Keller Debbie Pottinger
* Wash vessels after Mass			
Lector:	Pat Ford & Julie Irving	Anna Welch	Tracy Green

MASS INTENTIONS

February 22 - March 2, 2025

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
 Tues. 5:30 pm Jean Jacobsen, R.O.S.
 Wed. 12 Noon Barbara Ward, R.O.S.
 Thurs. 5:30 pm Fr. Sunder Pasala
 Fri. 12 Noon Fr. Leo Walsh
 Sat. 5:00 pm Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
 Sun. 8:30 am Austin & Barbara Huck, R.O.S.
 11:30 am People of the Parish

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feb. 23: 1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38

Feb. 24: Sirach 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mark 9:14-29

Feb. 25: Sirach 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mark 9:30-37

Feb. 26: Sirach 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mark 9:38-40

Feb. 27: Sirach 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mark 9:41-50

Feb. 28: Sirach 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mark 10:1-12

Mar. 1: Sirach 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18; Mark 10:13-16

Mar. 2: Sirach 27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45

Thinking of selling your home?

Downsizing? Relocating?

Give me a call for a no-obligation Free consultation.



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