

March 30, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent



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 and Thursday 5:30 pm
Wednesday and Friday 12 noon

Stations of the Cross Friday 6:00pm

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

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

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Return of the Prodigal

Today, we find ourselves gathered around a story, a parable, that is as timeless as it is profound: the parable of the Prodigal Son.

Why did Jesus tell this story? He told it because the Pharisees and scribes were grumbling. They were indignant that Jesus would associate with those they deemed unworthy. They forgot the very heart of God is a heart overflowing with mercy, forgiveness and love.

Now, let us turn our attention to the parable itself. This story is about the extravagant, boundless love of God. He doesn't hold our sins against us. He doesn't keep a tally of our transgressions. He yearns for our return, no matter how far we have strayed. He rushes to meet us, to embrace us, to restore us to his family.

There is the younger son, once lost but returning to the love of the father. He represents those caught up in sin and materialism. He is willing to do whatever is necessary to regain the loss of hope and love. There is the elder son. He represents those who, like the Pharisees and scribes, believe they have earned God's favor through their obedience. He is resentful, angry, and unwilling to celebrate his brother's return. He complains about his own faithfulness, failing to understand that his father's love is not a reward for merit, but a gift of grace.

The father, in his infinite patience, also pleads with the elder son, reminding him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found."

This parable teaches us several vital truths:

God's Mercy is Limitless: No matter how far we wander, God's love and mercy are always available to us.

Repentance Brings Restoration: True repentance, a turning away from sin and a return to God, brings about healing and restoration.

Grace is a Gift, Not an Earning: We cannot earn God's love; it is a free gift, offered to all who seek it.

Love and Forgiveness are Essential: We are called to imitate the father's love, to forgive those who have wronged us, and to rejoice in their return.

Avoid Self-Righteousness: We must guard against self-righteousness and remember that we are all sinners in need of God's grace.

Today let's examine our own hearts. Are we like the younger son, lost and in need of returning to the Father? Or are we like the elder son, resentful and unwilling to forgive?

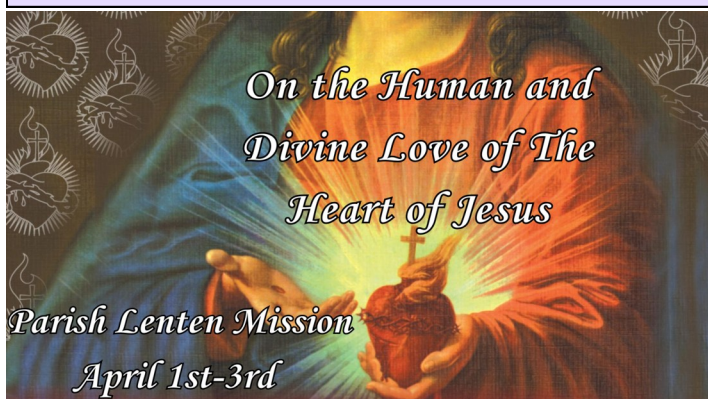
~ Deacon Mick



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

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



Parish Lenten Mission and First Friday Adoration

Join us for our Parish Lenten Mission on April 1 & 2 @ 7pm, and Thursday, April 3 @ 5:30pm.

Following the last day of our parish mission, we will have our First Friday 24 hour Adoration beginning Thursday at 6pm and going up to Friday, April 4, 6pm.



Come for Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent, then stay and join us for fellowship and soup supper in the Deacons Hall.



Join us this **Thursday, April 3rd**, for our St. Pat's Seniors Luncheon. We will begin at Noon in the Deacons Hall.

Join us for good food and good fellowship!

Come early to enjoy live music by Davis Normand and The Country Memories Band.

Sponsor an Easter Lily!

Help beautify our worship area for the great celebration of Easter by sponsoring an Easter Lily. A limited amount of envelopes are available in the gathering area.

You may place completed envelopes in the regular collection at Mass, or you may return them to the office no later than

Wednesday, April 16



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 on **Saturday, April 5, at 9:30am** with Mass, adoration, confession, and Rosary to follow. Event concludes at 11:30am. For more info, contact Tammy Williamson at 907-744-7887.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025

April Jubilee Mass

Please join Archbishop Bellisario, C.M.
on April 9th at the
Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe
at 6:30 p.m.

Mass Intention is for Victims of Violence

Please bring a new small stuffed animal or
travel size hygiene products

We are collecting for child advocacy centers and
domestic violence shelters



New JPll - Construction Update:



BE SAFE! DO NOT CROSS THE BARRIERS!

PARISH MINISTRIES & FAITH FORMATION

Middle School Lenten Retreat

April 4th and 5th, Deacons' Hall
Friday 5pm-9pm
Saturday 9am-6pm
Open to all students in grade 6-8



Knights' Korner St. Patrick's Council #11745

Dear Brother Knights,

Just this morning I found out that the Knights have put out a film on soon to be Saint Carlos Acutis, our newest young saint. It will be aired on April 27, 28, and 29 at the Regal Tikahtnu Theatre. Call me if you're interested in going as a group from St Patrick's and maybe we can get a group package/ticket discount.

Please join me after each of our parish missions in the back of church as we sign up for first Friday Eucharistic adoration.

Knights work party is scheduled for **Saturday, April 12** starting at **8:00 am**. Please contact me about our *Sweep the Parking Lot* party. We will have a big piece of machinery coming as well wheelbarrows, brooms, and shovels, and of course *Pizza*. Stay tuned for more details.

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

Upcoming Council Events

Parish Mission - April 1 & 2 @7pm, and April 3 @5:30pm

First Friday Adoration - April 3, 6pm through April 4, 6pm

Sunday, April 6 - New Member Exemplification

Sunday, April 13 - Pancake Breakfast (after both Masses)

Stewardship Corner

Ministry of the Week!



Deacons Fund Ministry Outreach

Since the creation of the Deacons Fund Ministry, we have assisted hundreds of families and individuals. In this past year alone, we have assisted almost 100 individuals or families with public utility support totaling over \$26,000. Currently, with donations from parishioners, we are able to assist our parish family and the 99504 community in one time emergency situations with support for public utilities. Twice a week, on Tuesday and Thursday, a trained volunteer with the Deacons Fund, receives calls or emails from individuals in need. Return calls are made and personal assistance is provided with prayers, possible financial support and assistance referrals. The Beatitudes are lived at St. Patrick's where we extend support and prayer to parishioners and our 99504 community. Special Thanks and Blessings to all of you who hear the cry of those in need and support this special ministry. Envelopes for donations can be found on the table in the narthex. Please deposit them in the Sunday donation basket.

COME SING EASTER CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Jesus Has Risen!!!

Easter Mass will be April 20th at 11:30

Practice will be located at the church choir area
on

Sunday March 23rd at 1:00-2:30

Sunday March 30th at 1:00-2:30

Sunday April 6th at 1:00-2:30

Sunday April 13th at 1:00-2:30

* Announcements for the Bulletin *

Deadline to submit information to be put in the
bulletin about your ministry and or event is
Wednesday by noon



	OPERATING	REVENUE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
WEEKLY COLLECTION	\$317,568	\$292,250	\$25,318
OTHER DONATIONS	\$53,651	\$64,500	(\$10,849)
FEE INCOME	\$6,323	\$4,250	\$2,073
INVESTMENT INCOME	\$48,298	\$19,675	\$28,623
RENTAL INCOME	\$901	\$1,000	(\$99)
OTHER INCOME	\$4,905	\$500	\$4,405
TOTAL REVENUE	\$431,646	\$382,175	\$49,471

	OPERATING	EXPENSE	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
PERSONNEL EXPENSE	\$143,429	\$148,477	(\$5,048)
PROFESSIONAL SVCS	\$6,283	\$3,000	\$3,283
SUPPLIES	\$40,829	\$44,417	(\$3,588)
FACILITIES	\$106,140	\$120,400	(\$14,260)
TRAVEL	\$119	\$1,125	(\$1,006)
ASSESSMENTS	\$64,922	\$64,707	\$215
RETREATS & TRAINING	\$885	\$1,600	(\$715)
OTHER	\$8,515	\$6,250	\$2,265
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$371,122	\$389,976	(\$18,854)

	OPERATING	SUMMARY	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER/(UNDER)
OP REVENUE	\$431,646	\$382,175	\$49,471
OP EXPENSE	\$371,122	\$389,976	(\$18,854)
OP MARGIN	\$60,524	(\$7,801)	\$68,325

First Half Summary

Today we present the numbers for the first half of Fiscal Year 2025. Our fiscal year continues to be very positive! Sunday collections for the period are up 9.7% over the same period last year, and total Operating Income is up 14.6% over last year! These great numbers resulted in a positive Operating margin of \$60,524 after the first half, far exceeding our budget projections. These positive numbers will allow us to continue to grow our ministries as we plan for Fiscal Year 2026.

Complete financial statements are available at the parish office upon request. Thank you to all who continue to faithfully and generously support our parish community!

St Patrick Parish

Statement of Financial Position

December 31, 2024

	<u>Year to Date Balance</u>
Assets	
Cash Totals:	469,166.67
Investments Totals:	1,715,691.69
Accounts Receivable Totals:	53,037.00
Prepaid Expenses Totals:	9,369.59
Other Current Assets Totals:	25,793.00
Land, Buildings, Equipment Totals:	5,106,236.26
Other Long Term Assets Totals:	(25,672.00)
Due to/from Accounts Totals:	0.00
Total Assets:	<u><u>7,353,622.21</u></u>
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable Totals:	32,764.99
Accrued Wages and Benefits Totals:	8,591.85
Funds Held for Others Totals:	1,872.00
Special Collections Totals:	19,543.72
Total Liabilities:	<u>62,772.56</u>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets Totals:	5,707,049.02
Without Donor Restrictions	760,665.39
With Donor Restrictions	729,188.76
Dedicated Accounts Totals:	<u>1,489,854.15</u>
Current Period Changes to Net Assets	93,946.48
Total Net Assets:	<u><u>7,290,849.65</u></u>
Total Liabilities & Net Assets:	<u><u>7,353,622.21</u></u>

PARISH NEWS AND NOTES



The Music Ministry is responsible for the music at all Masses and other Feast Days. The Choir signup book is in the Choir Area at church or you can **send a text to 907-242-0668 or an email to queenowrits@arctic.net (Margaret Simmons).**

All music ministry info will be in the bulletin each week. You can find the bulletin on the parish web site, <https://st.patsak.org>, in the *Bulletins* section.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Holy Thursday Mass, April 17, 7 PM

Rehearsals are Saturdays, March 29 (*in Deacons Hall*), April 5, 12 from 2-3:30 PM in the Church.

Good Friday Service, April 18, 7 PM

The Good Friday Men's Choir rehearsal is Wednesday, April 9 from 7-9 PM in the Church, and April 15 from 7-9 pm in the Deacons Hall.

Easter Vigil, April 19, 8 PM

Rehearsals are Tuesday, April 8, and Thursday, April 10 7-9 PM in the Church.

Easter Masses, April 20

- **7:30 AM** - (SUAS at 6:30 am)
- **9:30 AM** - Rehearsal is Tuesday, April 15, 6:15-8:00pm in the Deacons Hall.

Easter Youth Mass, April 20, 11:30 AM

Rehearsals are 1:00-2:30 PM in the Church Sundays, March 30, April 6, 13.

Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion, April 27, 3:00 PM

Rehearsal—Tuesday, April 22, 6:15—8 PM

PROTECTING CROPS FROM NATURAL DISASTERS IN BANGLADESH

Shahadat's village, and much of Bangladesh, is located on flat lowlands. The intense rainy season causes flooding that often destroys farms and crops. Find out how Shahadat learned new farming skills from a Catholic Relief Services program that enabled him to increase the yield of his vegetable crops despite the challenges of climate change. Visit crsricebowl.org/week-4 to read this week's Story of Hope. CRS Rice Bowl - 50th Anniversary

St. Patrick's Parish Stewardship of Treasure March 2025 Sunday Collection Goal: \$57,000

Sunday, March 2	\$11,890.00
Sunday, March 9	\$12,754.73
Sunday, March 16	\$13,333.75
Sunday, March 23	\$12,824.48

Total Collected:	\$50,802.96
Still Need:	\$6,197.04

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH!

St. Paul's Corner Catholic Bookstore and Gift Shop

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

Not just any shop around the corner...

They provide an affordable local supply of religious articles, books, art, and other items that help us celebrate joyful occasions and nourish us to become more knowledgeable Catholics along our faith journeys.

Resources for Lent, Easter, and Sacramental gifts are now available.

Hours of Operation:

Wednesday 11am - 2pm

Sunday 10:30am - 2:30pm

For more information call:

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ARCHDIOCESAN & COMMUNITY NEWS

Please join us for our Spring Speaker Series as we welcome

Dr. Joe Zalot

*Director of Education and Ethicist from the
National Catholic Bioethics Center*



Using Faith to Guide Health Care Decisions

A framework of dignity and
understanding for you and your family.

Tuesday, April 29th, 7-8pm
Lumen Christi Catholic High School
8110 Jewel Lake Road
Free and open to the public

All are welcome



In-Kind Donations for CSS Programs

In addition to food donations, there are several in-kind items needed for various CSS programs. If you can donate any of the following, it would greatly support our efforts.

General Needs: Donations can be dropped off at 3710 E 20th Ave, Anchorage Monday-Thursday 1 – 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Please drop items off at the grey double doors on the north side of the building.

- Pots and pans ; Cooking utensils; Plates, bowls, and silverware
- Blankets & sheets ; Towels

Refugee Youth Program

The refugee youth program is looking for 2 acoustic guitars for a youth guitar circle. If you have a guitar gathering dust in your closet, it will find a grateful home. This donation provides an outlet for creativity and wellness for our clients. Please reach out to Katie Gordon at kgordon@cssalaska.org to help support this guitar group.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

prayer and peaceful witness
on the sidewalks
outside Planned Parenthood

**Find a partner and sign up for an hour!
now to April 12**



Questions?
<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/anchorage>
40DaysforLife-Anchorage@protonmail.com

ends with a closing Mass and prayers, 7am on April 12

Help St. Therese's Camp Mission

Please Join Us for Raisin' of the Green!

Tuesday, May 20 @ 6 PM

Saint Coyote Restaurant

EARLY BIRD TICKET SPECIAL:
TICKETS ARE \$40 UNTIL APRIL 4!

After April 4 tickets are \$50

To order your tickets go to:

[https://
sainttheresescamp.ticketspice.com/
raisin-of-the-green-2025](https://sainttheresescamp.ticketspice.com/raisin-of-the-green-2025)

St. Therese's Camp Fundraiser May 20, 2025

SCHEDULE

6:00 PM	Doors Open and Dinner Begins
6:30 PM	Why Camp Matters: Successes and Goals
7:00 PM	Live Auction Begins
7:30-9:00 PM	Guests Socialize and Talk with Camp Representatives
9:00 PM	Time to go Home

See you there!

Saint Coyote Restaurant
135 W Dimond Blvd Suite 111
Anchorage AK 99515

scan QR code ticket and donation website



WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sunday, March 30 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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, Faith Formation (K-6, Middle/High School, O.C.I.C)
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, CGS Levels 1 & 2, CGS Atrium
 11:30 am, Mass
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Hospitality Room
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Children's Choir Rehearsal (Easter), Church
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, CGS Level 3, CGS Atrium
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Choir Directors' Meeting, Chapel

Monday, March 31

Parish Office Closed

6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, SPRED - Catechist Prep, Hospitality Room
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study (Walk w/Mary to Jerusalem), via Zoom

Tuesday, April 1

5:30 pm, Mass
 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm, O.C.I.A, Tara Lounge
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Parish Mission

Wednesday, April 2

12 Noon, Mass
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Parish Mission
 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm, Adult Bible Study (Bible Time-Line), via Zoom

Thursday, April 3

10:00 am - 11:30 am, Adult Bible Study (*Sunday's Readings*), Hospitality Room
 12 pm - 2:30 pm, Seniors' Group Luncheon, Deacons Hall
5:30 pm, Mass & Parish Mission
 6:30 pm, Confession, Reconciliation Room
6:00pm - Friday 6:00 pm, Adoration (24hr - First Friday), Chapel
 6:15 pm - 7:30 pm, Legion of Mary, Cenacle
 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal, - Easter Vigil, Church

Friday, April 4

12:00 am - 6:00 pm, Adoration (First Friday), Chapel
 9:00 am - 10:30 am, CGS - Level 1, CGS Atrium
 12 Noon, Mass
 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm, Middle School Lenten Retreat, Deacons Hall
 6:00 pm - 6:30 pm, Stations of the Cross, Church
 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, Lenten Soup Supper, Deacons Hall

Saturday, April 5

9:00 am - 6:00 pm, Middle School Lenten Retreat, Deacons Hall
 9:30 am - 1:00 pm, Women's Morning of Reflection, Church
 10:00 am - 11:00 am, SoulCore Exercise Group, Cenacle
 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Holy Thursday Choir Rehearsal, Deacon Hall
 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, April 6 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:15 am - 8:15 am, Folk Choir Rehearsal, Church
 8:00 am, Rosary Prayer before Mass, Chapel
 8:30 am, Mass w/ Third Scrutiny
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, Faith Formation (K-6, Middle/High School, O.C.I.C)
 9:45 am - 11:15 am, CGS Levels 1 & 2, CGS Atrium
 11:30 am, Mass
 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, CGS - First Communion Prep, CGS Atrium
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Adult Confirmation Class, Hospitality Room
 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm, Children's Choir Rehearsal (Easter), Church
 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, CGS Level 3, CGS Atrium
 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Young Adults Gathering

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 29 - 30	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers:	See Schedule In Sacristy	See Schedule In Sacristy	See Schedule In Sacristy
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):	Joy Fazio Michael Fazio Blake Fazio Mary Floyd* Lisa Mayfield Susan Tyree Elizabeth Tyrell*	Makenzie Cashmer Cathy Donohue Harriet Furton* John Furton* Marie Preheim Joyce Moss John Tappel	Sarah Barnard Tom Bruce Ted Ireton* Veronica Pope Debbie Pottinger Tina Sagato Carlos Stevens*
<i>*Wash vessels after Mass</i>			
<i>** New Minister</i>			
Lector:	Antonio Monterrosa	Lena Shilha	Tina Sagato
April 5 - 6	Saturday 5:00pm	Sunday 8:30 am	Sunday 11:30 am
Altar Servers:	See Schedule In Sacristy	See Schedule In Sacristy	See Schedule In Sacristy
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC):	Phyllis Day* Susan Hildebrand* Thomas Hildebrand Lisa Nash Robyn Rehmann Elizabeth Tyrell Susan Tyree**	Ian Grundhauser Mary Lanza* Connie Rickard* Lena Shilha Jason Shilha John Streit Evie Streit	Tom Barnard Tom Bruce* Ted Ireton Minnie Keller* Debbie Pottinger Tina Sagato Carlos Stevens
<i>*Wash vessels after Mass</i>			
<i>** New Minister</i>			
Lector:	Phyllis Day	Harriet Furton	Shirley Chappell

MASS INTENTIONS

March 29 - April 6, 2025

Sat.	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sun.	8:30 am	Rima Ostrom, Birthday Blessings
	11:30 am	Fr. Leo Walsh
Tues.	5:30 pm	Healing for Monica Cingel
Wed.	12 Noon	Betty Espitalier-Noel, R.O.S.
Thurs.	5:30 pm	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Fri.	12 Noon	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Sat.	5:00 pm	Joe Reloza, R.O.S.
Sun.	8:30 am	People of the Parish
	11:30 am	Kathleen Bailey, S.I.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mar. 30:	Joshua 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
Mar. 31:	Isaiah 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; John 4:43-54
April 1:	Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9; John 5:1-16
April 2:	Isaiah 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; John 5:17-30
April 3:	Exodus 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; John 5:31-47
April 4:	Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
April 5:	Ezekiel 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
April 6:	Isaiah 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11

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