



SAINT PATRICK

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

3500 Washington Street · McHenry, IL 60050

www.stpatrickmchenry.org

Leading and Serving Like Jesus

December 31, 2017



*Feast of the Holy Family of
Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

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Office Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8:30AM-Noon; 1:00PM-4:30PM
Closed for Lunch: 12:00(Noon)-1:00PM
Friday: 8:30AM-Noon

General Email

parishoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org

Mass Times

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 8:00AM
Thursday: 9:00AM w/Montini (Sept.-May)
8:00AM (June-August)
First Friday: 8:00AM
Saturday: 4:00PM
Sunday: 7:00AM, 9:00AM, 11:00AM
6:00PM (Advent/Lent)

Communion Service

Friday (Other Than First Friday): 8:00AM

Rosary

Saturday: 3:20PM
Sunday: 6:30AM, 8:30AM, 10:30AM
Tuesday: 6:30PM
Wednesday: 8:30AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation

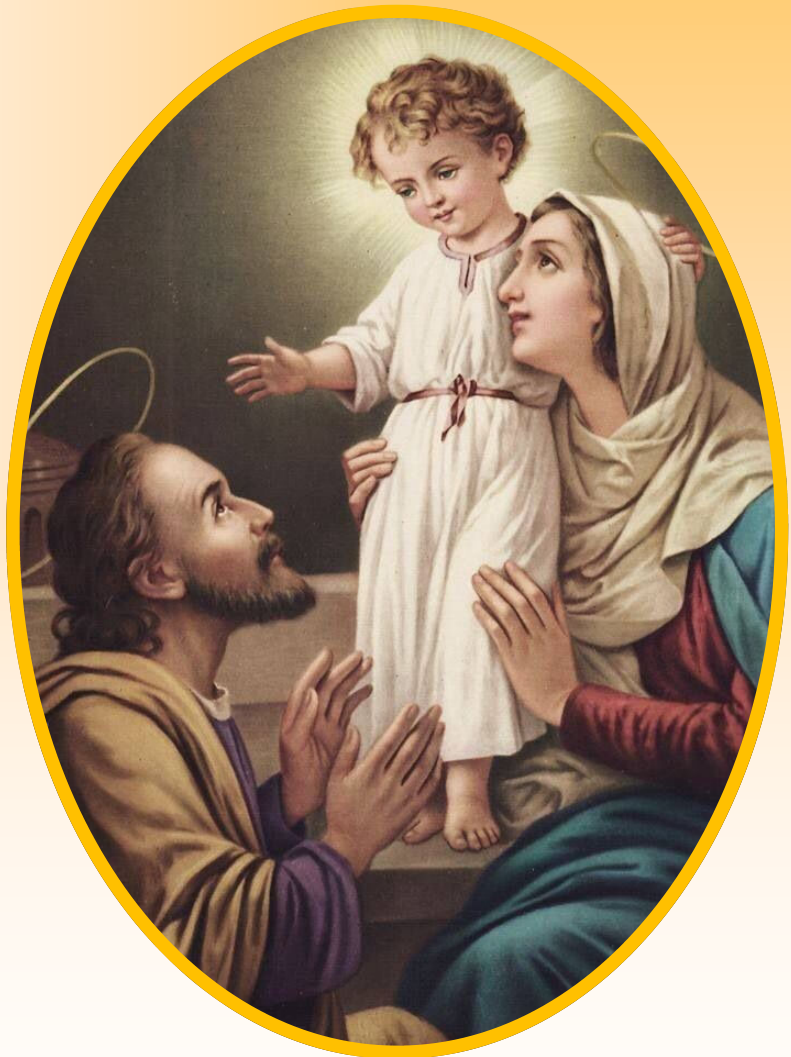
Saturday: 3:00PM-3:30PM
Weekdays: 7:30AM-7:55AM
By Appointment

Holy Hour with Benediction

Saturday: 3:00PM (Sept.-May)

Catholic Schools

Montini Middle School: 815-385-1022
Montini Primary Center: 815-385-5380
Marian Central: 815-338-4220



St. Patrick Mission Statement

*A Welcoming Faith community called to be witnesses of God's Love in the
Roman Catholic Tradition, through Discipleship, Celebration of His Word and
Sacraments, Evangelization and Service in the Hope of Eternal Salvation*



Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you from Nigeria where I arrived on Tuesday and officiated at my niece's wedding and am anticipating the start of our ImaBridge charity mission that will continue until January 18, 2018. After that I will spend about a week with my family and I will see you the last weekend of January. I can't wait.

This weekend, as we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, God presents before us, through Jesus, Mary and Joseph the model that we, as members of God's family, should imitate in order to have His gift of Christmas "**Peace on Earth**," endure in our hearts and in the world. In Jesus' humility to His parents, God teaches us to obey ours and all those He has put in authority over us. Mary and Joseph also teach us the model of discipline and discipleship through love and gentleness.

Permit me to thank all of you who, in your diverse roles, worked to make our Christmas celebration, this year, a joyous and memorable one. I am so indebted to our Deacon, our staff, the entire Liturgical Ministry (Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Ushers), Music Ministry (Adult & Children Choirs) and the Arts & Environment Ministry who helped in many and varied ways.

Please do remember that this Monday January 1, 2018 we will have Mass at 9:00AM for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. While not a holyday of obligation this year, it is still most fitting that we start the New Year 2018 with God our Father and Mary our Mother. Saint Patrick is a family with God our Father, Mary our Mother, Jesus our brother and St. Joseph with all the Saints as our models. Thank you for being part of our spiritual family.

Merry Christmas again and Happy New Year.

Yours in Christ.

Fr. Godwin

**PRIESTS
VS.
SEMINARIANS**

HOUSE of ROCK
ESTABLISHED SEPTEMBER 23, 1906

BASKETBALL GAME

Marian Central Catholic
High School
January 4, 2018
6:00pm

\$2 Admission // Free for Children under 12

*May the New Year
bring joy, peace &
happiness to you
& your entire family.....*

Happy New Year

In observance of New Year's, **the Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 1st.**

The office will re-open with normal hours on
Tuesday, January 2nd.





First Saturday Devotion

"Have compassion on the
Heart of your most holy Mother..."

Hosted by

St. Patrick Marriage, Family and Life Ministry
Saturday, January 6th, 2018

The Intention of this Devotion is to console the Immaculate Heart of Mary by offering reparation for the blasphemies and ingratitude of unrepentant sinners, and for peace in the world.

The promise of our Blessed Mother Mary is to assist at the hour of death all those who complete the following requirements on the **First Saturday of five consecutive months**. On each of the first Saturdays the following is necessary:

1. **Go to confession.** Available at St. Patrick beginning at **7:30AM**. (Confession can be completed eight days before or after the First Saturday provided the communicant is in a state of grace when receiving The Lord.)
2. **Receive Holy Communion** - Mass will begin at **8:00AM**
3. **Say five decades of the Holy Rosary** - Recited after Mass
4. **Meditate for 15 minutes on the mysteries of the Holy Rosary** - After Mass

All the requirements can be fulfilled at St. Patrick if you chose to stay after Mass for the Rosary and Meditation. You may complete the 3rd/4th requirements at a later time, but it **must** be completed on that Saturday.



St. Patrick's Marriage Ministry
extends our congratulations to the
following couples celebrating a

December Anniversary

Gary & Carolyn Hackney, December 24th, 15 years
Bill & Sue Snow, December 27th, 52 years

Lord Jesus, grant that I and my spouse may have a true and understanding love for each other. Grant that we may both be filled with faith and trust. Give us the grace to live with each other in peace and harmony. May we always bear with one another's weaknesses and grow from each other's strengths. Help us to forgive one another's failings and grant us patience, kindness, cheerfulness and the spirit of placing the well-being of one another ahead of self.

May the love that brought us together grow and mature with each passing year. Bring us both ever closer to You through our love for each other. Let our love grow to perfection. Amen.

St. Patrick's
Marriage, Family, Life Ministry

St. Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance

Adult Couples and Singles Welcome



Saturday, February 10, 2018
McHenry Country Club
820 John St., McHenry, IL

Cocktails begin at 6:00PM,
followed by Dinner at 7:00PM

Cash Bar Dancing Raffles

Tickets \$25 if purchased by January 7th



Marian Central
Freshman Placement Test
Saturday, January 13, 2018
At 8:00AM

Scholarships awarded for the top 20 test scores. \$15 testing fee; pencils provided; calculators not permitted.

Visit www.marian.com for more information or contact Mr. Mike Maloney, Admissions Director at mmaloney@marian.com or 815-338-4220 ext. 108

THANK YOU

Dear Parishioners,

The Religious Education Program is very grateful to all who donated medals of saints and other religious items. The children in the program were able to choose the item they wanted. It was wonderful to see their excitement over getting the saint or special gift they wanted! Thank you to all who brought such joy into their lives. We will continue to accept any medals you have and want to pass on to a student. These Sacramentals are an important exposure to a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith and what it means to be Catholic.

Bonnie Curry and Catechists.



Montini 6th grade engineering students are learning about alternative energy sources. They dissected a solar power lamp to explore how it works. They then used that circuit to create their own unique Christmas ornament.



St. Patrick Catholic Church

Hearts Afire Ministry Presents:

THE ONE THING IS THREE



How the Most Holy Trinity Explains Everything

With humor and ease, Fr. Michael Gaitley, MIC, deftly unlocks the 'one thing,' the key to the Church's wisdom, and the greatest mystery of the Catholic faith: the Most Holy Trinity. Far from being an academic read, the 'One Thing' is Three makes deep theology accessible to everyday Catholics. What's more, it makes even what's familiar or forgotten new, exciting, and relevant.

Thursday Evenings
7:00PM-8:30PM
Lane Room

Beginning: Thursday, January 11, 2018

Participants are asked to purchase their own book through
www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org
\$14.95 plus tax and shipping

Registration (Deadline January 5, 2018):
Please Contact
Carmella Dobler
 815-236-3130 or cmdobler@sbcglobal.net

Word of Life

"Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
 "Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End."
www.goo.gl/fvSEYp

Mass Times: 9:00AM January 1st

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

1ST JANUARY



On New Year's Day, the octave day of Christmas, the Church celebrates the [Solemnity of the Holy Mother of God](#), the divine and virginal motherhood of the Blessed Virgin.

It is the highest title of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Theotokos, Mother of God. This title was given to Mary at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. The council taught, however, that the humanity and divinity of Jesus could not be separated and that they exist in one person, with the momentous implication that we can rightly give Mary the title of Mother of God. Mothers bring life, a gift from God, into the world. That's why you sometimes hear the Church referred to as "Mother". The Evangelist, Luke, describes her as the silent Virgin who listens constantly to the Eternal Word, who lives in the Word of God.

This feast is the celebration of Mary's motherhood of Jesus and is the oldest feast of Mary celebrated by the Catholic Church. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. She consents to God's invitation conveyed by the angel (Luke 1:26-38).

Elizabeth proclaims: "Most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.

St. Patrick Catholic Church Parish Registration - Do You Need to Register?

ARE YOU: (1) New to the parish; (2) Moving back; (3) Just Married; (4) Attending mass but never officially registered? (4) Even if you grew up in St. Patrick, you (as an adult—18+) need to register independent from your parents.

Please do not take your church registration for granted. Attending Mass is not enough; there must be an official record of your membership in the Parish. **Parish registration is essential for many reasons.** It becomes important when you or your family members are receiving the Sacraments - First Communion, Baptism, Confirmation and Marriage. Registration is also required for those wishing to become a Baptism or Confirmation sponsor. In addition, becoming a member of a parish gives one the identity of belonging to a family—the parish family of St. Patrick Catholic Church.

If you are not officially registered with the parish, please do so as soon as possible. All you have to do is contact the parish office at 815-385-0025 or stop in during office hours and request a registration packet. Registration packets are also available on the parish website at www.stpatrickmchenry.org—just click on Registration at the top of the home page.

St. Peregrine Cancer Support Group



A multi-parish group of cancer survivors and caregivers, formed to offer a place for individuals, families, caregivers and anyone concerned about cancer to meet with others to share information, concerns, and pray together for support. We also have guest speakers that we welcome to our group meetings. Our group meets the second Tuesday of every month rotating between St. Patrick, St. Mary, Holy Apostles, St. Peter (Spring Grove) and St. John the Baptist.

[Next Meeting](#)
Tuesday January 9, 2018 - 10:00AM

St. Patrick - Lane Room

For more information please contact Anna Schweder at 815-385-5321.



*The first end I propose
in our daily work is to
do the will of God;
secondly, to do it in the
manner he wills it; and
thirdly to do it because it
is his will.*

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
1774-1821



Giving

at Year End

Your gift to our parish will help to sustain our parish ministries and the work of our Church. We hope that you will find this information useful as you consider your year-end giving!

A Gift of Stock — Provides Tax Advantages

A gift of appreciated stocks or mutual fund shares can provide you with the best tax advantages. You will get a charitable deduction for the full amount of the gift, just as you would if your gift was made with cash, and you don't incur capital gains tax on the appreciation. If you can't use all of the income tax charitable deduction resulting from the gift, you can carry it forward for up to 5 years!

How to Transfer a Gift of Stock

Gifts of stock or mutual fund shares can be given to benefit your parish, favorite Catholic school, or the Diocese of Rockford. The proceeds can be restricted according to your wishes, or directed to a building fund, Diocesan Annual Appeal or an endowed fund in *The Catholic Foundation*. For transfer instructions, please call the Office of Charitable Giving at 815-399-4300.

Deduct Now—Gift Later

Donor Advised Funds allow you to establish an account in *The Catholic Foundation* in your (or a loved one's) name that may be distributed later. You can choose to establish either an endowed or a provisional Donor Advised Fund. The endowed fund type is designed to retain the principal (or corpus) at all times with only the earnings and market gains available for distribution. The provisional fund type, on the other hand, allows for the distribution of both the earnings and principal.

Gift of Real Estate

Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of a home or undeveloped land. Call the Office of Charitable Giving at 815-399-4300 for additional information.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Charitable Gift Annuities provide for your own and your family's financial future with a dependable, secure, and unchanging life income. You write a check or give securities to *The Catholic Foundation* for the benefit of your parish, Catholic school or the diocese, and we agree to pay you a fixed payment for as long as you live.

Benefits of a Charitable Gift Annuity include:

- Lifetime income for you and/or a secondary beneficiary.
- A charitable income tax deduction (if you itemize).
- A portion of your payments not subject to federal income tax.
- Favorable treatment of capital gains taxes on gifts using appreciated stocks.
- Deferred gift annuities allow you to establish your gift now and defer your payments to a future date at an even higher rate.
- The satisfaction of knowing that you are supporting your Catholic faith.

The chart indicates the approximate annuity payment based on a single life...

AGE	RATE
90	9.0%
85	7.8%
80	6.8%
75	5.8%
70	5.1%
65	4.7%
60	4.4%



On a gift of \$50,000, a person 75 years old could expect to receive an annual payment of \$2,900 (5.8%) and an initial tax deduction of \$22,886. The minimum amount required to establish a Charitable Gift Annuity is \$5,000.

Please remember the Church in your estate planning!

PLEASE CONSULT YOUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR BEFORE MAKING ANY CHARITABLE GIFTS.

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

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CHEESE!



Parish Directory: Status & Last Opportunity to be Included

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are on the last step of completing the St. Patrick Parish photo directory and would like as many St. Patrick families to be included in our directory as possible. LifeTouch, the directory company, will allow us to include non-copyrighted photos that have been submitted by individual families at a cost of \$10 per photo. If it is not possible to pay the \$10 submission fee let us know and we will arrange to have the cost covered.

Submit your digital photo to parishoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org or drop off your printed photo to the office by **Friday January 12th**. Printed photos will be scanned and returned to you. In addition to the photos please include the following information:

- Family Name
- Parent's Names
- Children's Names
- If there are any family members who are not present in the picture please include those names in parentheses.

Imagine a picture album missing your family member, it would not be complete. We wish this directory to fully represent our whole parish family.

Sincerely,
Father Godwin

Ladies Guild News

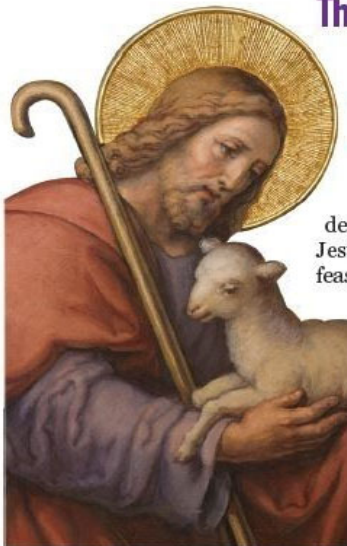


The Ladies Guild will be meeting in church to pray the Rosary on **Wednesday, January 3rd at 11:30AM**. Please join us afterwards for lunch at the Green Street Café. All ladies of the parish are cordially

invited. We wish all of you a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and we're looking forward to seeing you in the New Year.

The Ladies Guild would like to thank the many parishioners who helped to make our Bake Sale fundraiser a huge success, making \$944. Thank you also to our members who donated the delicious baked goods and helped at the sale. Through the kindness and generosity of our parishioners, the Ladies Guild has made donations to charity and has purchased many needed items for St. Patrick. This holiday season \$200 was donated to FISH Food Pantry and \$200 to the Knights of Columbus Holiday Meals. We are very appreciative of your support and feel honored to be able to help our parish and our community. Thank you and God bless you.

The Holy Name of Jesus



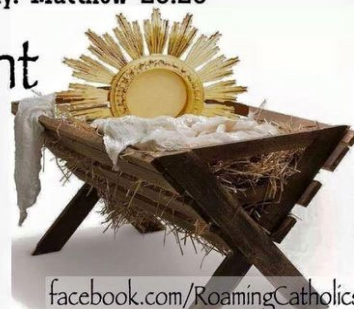
"It is the divine name that alone brings salvation."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 432

The month of January is dedicated to the Holy Name of Jesus. The Church celebrates the feast of the Holy Name on Jan. 3. This month, take time to celebrate its power and significance with your family, for the name of Jesus is truly the "Name above all names." *Discuss the meaning behind your family name and each individual's name. Share stories about how each family member was given their name.*

Bethlehem is a Hebrew word that means House of Bread

Mary placed Jesus in a manger,
a feeding trough for sheep to come and eat.
Jesus the Good Shepherd calls His sheep
to eat His Body. Matthew 26:26

Prefigurement
of the
Eucharist



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**THIS WEEK OUR TABERNACLE CANDLE
BURNS FOR:**

ASUQUO FAMILY

† May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle welcome them into His eternal presence.

Saturday, December 30 - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM Mass - † Joan Preston

Sunday, December 31 - Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

7:00 AM Mass - † Julian, Evelyn, Rosalia & David Scripp

9:00 AM Mass - † Mary Jean Kleinhenz

11:00 AM Mass - † Stanley, Michael & Steven Alm

Monday, January 1 - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

9:00 AM Mass - † Asuquo Family

Tuesday, January 2 - Memorial of Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors of the Church

8:00 AM Mass - † Dr. Gerard Dominique

Wednesday, January 3 - Christmas Weekday; Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM Mass - † Francis Golbeck

Thursday, January 4 - Memorial of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

8:00 AM Mass - Stephen Stahler (Living)

Friday, January 5 - Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop; First Friday

8:00 AM Mass - † Recently Deceased & Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 6 - Christmas Weekday; Memorial of St. Andre Bessette, Religious; First Saturday

8:00 AM Mass - The People of St. Patrick

4:00 PM Mass - † Arlene Guzzardo

Sunday, January 7 - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 AM Mass - † Jeanne Kevil

9:00 AM Mass - Joyce Dolezal (Living)

11:00 AM Mass - † Baldino & Ferrara Families

The following have been given a share in the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ. Please remember them in your prayers.

Bolded names have recently been added to the prayer list.

Marie Asuquo + Vinnie Baldocchi + Rev. Robert Balog + Josephine Beninato + Margaret Bedulski + Ron Bergsma + Susan Bjork + Sr. Eleanor Blake SSF + Michaela Bogdanske + Dave Boger + Irene Bole + Michael & Kathleen Bonagura + Kale Brenner + Mark Brown + Tim Brown + Martessa Brownlow + Deen Bryan + Jake Brzovich + Rev. Thomas Burr + Anna Ciesielka + Bridget Clarke + Thomas Clifford + Susan (Brefeld) Coston + Joe Cromer + Lee Ann DeMarais + Jeanette Dentre + Marya Dixon + Geri Dryer + Heather Dufthiemer + Richard Dunther + Frank & Lee Estis + Mary Ann Farenzena + Kris Felix + Annette Feller + Patricia Flynn + James Foster + James B. Foster + Robert & Helen Foster + Ruth Franger + David Freund + Kay Godina + Christopher Goerdt + LeAnn Golembeiski + Gregory Lee Graham + George Haegler + Gary Hackney + Catherine Hansen + Stephanie Hansen + June Harris + Bill Hartmann + Peter Harwood + Robbie Harwood + Greg Haze + George Haze Jr. + Mary Haze + Jeanette Heinisch + Lance Heinz + Carolyn Herriges + Harry Hettermann + Emil Houda + James Houda + Eileen Huff + Ann Hurley + Steven Jaszka + Mary Fran Jones + Mark Jozefik + Kathy Kane + Garry Keller + Maura Kirchner + William Kirchner + Elaine Kolner + Dan Kowelec + Beverly Linsner + Kenneth Ludwig + Brian Lundquist + Lauriel Luther + Michael Major + Joanne Maloney + Carol Makowski + Carmella Mazzullo + Norita McAndrews + Kathleen McLaughlin + Heriberto & Elisama Medina + Been Meek + Anthony P. Melone + Alice Mirro + John Mostyn + Sheila Murphy + Arianna Nelson + Jean Neumann + Margaret Ann Neumann + Chrissie Noble + Christine Nylander + Mary Jo O'Brien + Eddie O'Connor + Tom O'Conner + Bill Ogryzek Jr. + Jacqueline O'Laughlin + Renata Pokorski + Ann Pugliese + Emma Quid + Cheryl Rabine + Deborah Rannie + Dorothy Reinboldt + Chuck Riemma + Richard Robinson + Danelle & Mike Rockwell + Ron & Lydia Rother + Larry Rother + Joan Rubino + Lincoln Scatena + Helen Schaefer + Shirley Schweder + J.L. Shade + Ken Sien + Marianne Simon + Nick Stevens + Grace Bolger Stilling + Terri Swanson + Collin Swedberg + Kathleen Swedberg + Frank Sweeney + Ronald Sweetwood + Marie Thonn + Drew Thorstenson + Michael Walsh + Jane Wiedemann + Kevin Wellington + Paul Wember + Michael Werner + Brynlee Wold + Robert Zeller + Jennifer Zielinski

We pray for those who passed away one year ago

Arlene Guzzardo

We remember those serving our country

SPC Sara Mahan, Wisconsin National Guard

Tech Sgt. Timothy Davis, USAF Bagram AFB Afghanistan

Staff Sgt. Paul Reber

Corpsman Ean Reid, U.S. Navy, Camp Pendleton

Sgt. Daniel Snow & Sgt. Melissa Snow, U.S. Army, Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas

LTC Thomas Snow, U.S. Army, South Korea

Sgt. Kennon Speciale, USMC, Yuma, AZ

Pvt. Ben Zeller, USMC, Camp Pendleton



**St. Patrick
Compassionate Care Ministry**

If you or a loved one is homebound and unable to attend Weekend Mass, but would like to have prayers and receive the Blessed Sacrament, please contact the Compassionate Care Ministry through the parish office at parishoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org or 815-385-0025. A member of the ministry will make contact with you or your loved one to setup a time for a weekly Sunday visit.

Week At A Glance

Monday January 1	Tuesday January 2	Wednesday January 3	Thursday January 4	Friday January 5	Saturday January 6	Sunday January 7													
Office Closed New Year's Day	7:45AM Morning Prayer	7:45AM Morning Prayer	7:45AM Morning Prayer	7:45AM Morning Prayer	6:30AM That Man Is You	6:30AM Rosary													
9:00AM Mass	8:00AM Mass	8:00AM Mass	8:00AM Mass	8:00AM Mass First Friday	7:30AM Confessions First Saturday	7:00AM Mass													
	6:00PM #351 Pack Mtg.	8:30AM Rosary & Divine Chaplet			8:00AM Mass First Saturday	8:30AM Rosary													
	6:30PM Rosary with the Music Ministry	11:30AM Ladies Guild Rosary			3:00PM Holy Hour	9:00AM Mass													
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		7:00PM KofC Officer's Meeting		3:20PM Rosary	10:00AM RCIA														
		7:00PM Cursillo: Men's Group		4:00PM Mass	10:00AM RE Classes														
					10:30AM Rosary														
					11:00AM Mass														

Readings for the Week Divine Office: Week I/Proper Psalter

Monday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mk 1:7-11 or
Lk 3:23-28 [23, 31-34, 36, 38]
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6;
Mt 2:1-12



Pope Francis's Prayer Intention January 2018

Evangelization:
Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

Welcome

If you are new to the area or visiting from another parish, welcome to our faith community! Please visit our website www.stpatrickmchenry.org to find out more about St. Patrick parish. We invite you to become a member of our parish. If you'd like a registration form, please contact the St. Patrick parish office at 815-385-0025, email us at parishoffice@stpatrickmchenry.org or you may print a form from the parish website.

You are a stranger here, but once.

The Music Ministry invites you to join them every **Tuesday evening at 6:30PM in the Church to pray the rosary** for all the sick of our parish family. They will be praying for those whose names are listed in the bulletin as well as any special prayer intention which you wish to include.

Finance News

The Offering Report for December 24th and Christmas was not available by the print deadline for this weekend's bulletin. They will be printed in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you in advance for your understanding.

ATTENTION: MONTINI CATHOLIC SCHOOL ALUMNI McHenry, IL

The Montini Parent-Teacher Alliance (MPTA) is on a mission to find and connect with as many Alumni as possible

Please check out the
Montini Catholic School Alumni Facebook page

Please feel free to send the below information to
montiniPTA@gmail.com:

- Name
- Contact information
- Email
- Year of graduation

Our goal is to have a robust alumni database by the end of the year!

GO MUSTANGS!



"Find new ways to spread the word of God to every corner of the world."

~Pope Francis

Christmas Flower Memorials

The below names were received too late to be published in the Christmas bulletin.

*John Fuchs Family
John Reinboldt*



Vocation Corner

Fear makes us see things that don't exist. I remember when I was little every time I went into a dark room I began to see things that were not there. I was afraid of darkness, my mind worked so fast that I started seeing ghosts everywhere. In the present, sometimes when I go to an old empty building, and it is dark I am scared, fear makes me see things that do not exist. What I want to say is that the lack of knowledge leads to fear, so if there is fear and lack of knowledge, love is absent.

Some passages of the Gospel talk about how the disciples don't always understand the things Jesus does. Others say that the disciples at the beginning did not recognize the risen Lord. That is why when they saw Him walking on the water they thought it was a ghost. Fear, lack of knowledge, and therefore lack of love, make them blind to see reality. They believed Jesus was a ghost. Sometimes in our relationships with other people we may be afraid, we may see things that don't exist, we may imagine situations that don't even happen. Jesus is always inviting us to love, and to allow ourselves to be loved. So, we won't see things that don't exist.

This likewise happens when trying to find our vocation. Am I called for priesthood? Is marriage my call? If we don't recognize the risen Lord, if we don't accept His call, fear will take over us blocking any possibility of love. Let us open our mind to the knowledge of Jesus, so we can love Him and answer His call.

"There is not fear in love, but perfect love drives out fear".



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Sacrament of Marriage:

At St. Patrick, couples planning to marry need to meet with the Pastor before a wedding date can be set. Please contact the parish office to setup an initial meeting **at least 6 months prior to any requested marriage date.** This initial meeting will give you an overview of the requirements for marriage and the preparation required. **At least one of the couple, or their parents, must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and be active participating members of St. Patrick Church in order to be married at the church.** Both individuals must be at least 19 years of age.

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

Ministry	January 6 Saturday 4:00 PM	January 7 Sunday 7:00 AM	January 7 Sunday 9:00 AM	January 7 Sunday 11:00 AM	Jan. 8-11 Mon-Wed. 8:00AM Thurs. 9:00 AM
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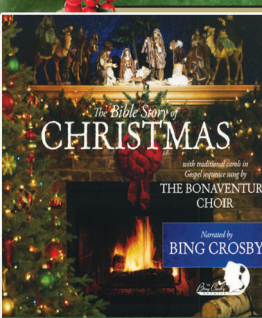

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