

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH
Twenty First Sunday In Ordinary Time
August 26, 2007

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WELCOME to anyone new to the parish community. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to the parish staff. Please complete a parish registration form, which can be found in the Gathering Area.

Those individuals who are homebound and wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office (337-1538).

Please contact the parish office for sacramental preparation requirements and schedules. Marriage preparation requires four months notice.


MASS SCHEDULE	
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday Morning	8:30 am
	11:30 am
Sunday Evening	7:00 pm
<i>Daily Mass</i>	Monday - Friday 5:30 pm
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
Saturday 4:00 p.m. until all are heard or upon request	
<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Monday 6:00-7:45 pm	
First Friday 6:00-7:45 pm	
<i>Nursery Schedule</i>	
Sunday Morning 11:30 am Mass	

MISSION STATEMENT

“Called by Christ to proclaim the Good News, the Catholic community of St. Patrick’s Parish seeks to nurture a prayerful community of believers while serving the needs of others, thereby witnessing to the reality of God’s saving love.”

Week of August 25 – September 1, 2007

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Madame Louise de Maillard, R.O.S.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Eleanor Hermann, R.O.S.
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	7:00 p.m.	Ken & Rudy Pazer, Birthdays
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Robert Merritt, R.O.S.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Intention of the Donor
Wednesday	5:30p.m.	Lorraine Pazer, 83rd Birthday
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Richard Palmer, R.O.S.
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Gerard Caron, R.O.S.

August 26 Sunday	August 27 Monday	August 28 Tuesday 28	August 29 Wednesday	August 30 Thursday	August 31 Friday	September 1 Saturday
K of C Squires 3pm - Cenacle Praise Music Group 5pm - Church	Linda Swanke Funeral Mass 11am - Church Reception G.A. - Noon	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Praise Music Group 7pm - Church <div style="border: 1px dashed green; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Legion of Mary 7pm - JPPII Chapel </div>	Mom's CC Group I 11:30am - Nursery Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Folk Choir Practice 7pm - Church	Adult Faith Study Group 10am - JPPII Din. Rm. Daily Mass 5:30pm	Daily Mass 5:30pm	Mary Ellen Arms Funeral Mass 11am - Church Reception Noon - Hall
	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm - 7:45pm Chapel  Faith at Work CC Group 7pm — JPPII LvRm					Confessions 4pm - Church Contemporary Choir Practice 4pm - Church A.A. 8pm - Tara

PARISH NEWSParish Web Site is: www.st.patsak.org**ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES**

R.C.I.A. Begins September 18th: Do you have friends or relatives who may be interested in studying the Catholic Faith in depth, wondering whether or not it might be for them? Have you been coming to Mass, but never made the step of joining the Church? Now is a wonderful time to take the next step in your faith journey or to invite your friends and family to investigate the Catholic Faith. We not only have a wonderful Seekers group, which is a small group meeting in an informal setting to answer your questions and encourage you on your journey, but we are also offering more formal RCIA sessions starting in September. RCIA is perfect for those who have been to Seekers meetings and wish to experience the Catholic way of life in a deeper way, while discerning if it is the faith in which they are called to participate. It is also a wonderful experience for baptized Christians who want to investigate Catholic Christianity. This year's RCIA community will be meeting in the JP II House on Tuesday nights, beginning on September 18. For more information contact Ruth Marchetti at 337-7850 or Julie Thomas in the parish office (337-1538).

Catholic Scripture Study International: Registration for the 30 week study of the Old Testament Book of Exodus begins this weekend August 18 & 19 after all the Masses. Exodus is an amazingly eye-opening book, especially for Catholics! Learn how the Eucharist is prefigured by the Passover; the symbolism of the parting of the Red Sea and more. This book has it all "murder, betrayal, plagues, idolatry, miracles" and best of all, it is life changing: it is the Word of God! Registration will continue after all Masses until class begins on **Tuesday, September 18**. We are offering a morning (9am) and evening class (7pm) this year. Registration cards can be filled out in the Gathering Area and placed in the box. The cost to the parish for this year's study is \$45 per person. Payment at registration would be helpful. Financial need scholarships are available. Call Sue Gerace 346-3165 or Kathy Tappel 332-2335 with any questions.

Seekers' Group: Are you interested in the Catholic Faith? If so, we have just the group you need. We are called Seekers and we meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 6pm in the JP II House. For more information please call Angela Shemel at 276-0980. Welcome to a group that will give you the knowledge you are desiring.

Free Public Lecture: Dr. John Borelli, of Georgetown University, will offer a presentation titled "Christians, Muslims and Jews in Dialogue" on Sunday, August 26, 2007, at the Grant Hall Theater, Alaska Pacific University, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Dr. Borelli has been a long-time participant in these dialogues representing the United States Catholic Conference. This is the opening event for "Engaging Muslims: Religion, Cultures, Politics", a year-long program of public education on Islam offered under the direction of the Cardinal Newman Chair of Catholic Theology at APU. For more information see <http://engagingmuslims.alaskapacific.edu>

Pull together, Pull the Weeds - September 8: St Patrick's parish needs your help pulling up weeds in our new entry way drive!!! Please volunteer on Sat, Sept 8th, from 10am-12pm, St Pats Parking Lot. Come for 15mins, 1/2 hr or the entire time. Many hands make light work. It's rain or shine, wear something that can get dirty. If you have a small hand shovel/trowel and gardening gloves, bring them. No need to pre register ... just show up. For more information, contact Jeannie Carey at 337-2086 or jdeagen@pobox.alaska.net.

Knights of Columbus: Please support the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus "Pot O' Gold" Raffle. Grand Prize - \$25,000 cash or Vehicle of Equal Value. Two \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 cash prizes. Drawing to be held on Sunday, December 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Lumen Christi High School. Winners announced on www.alaska-kofc.org Need not be present to win. \$10.00 per ticket. Please see any Knight after church or call Shawn Early at 337-3680, 748-5962 or 428-2650.

Pro-Life Demonstration: Come join a Pro-Life demonstration at Planned Parenthood, 4001 Lake Otis Pkwy, every Thursday from 1p.m. to 2p.m. Abortions are being committed there. Signs will be provided if necessary. All are welcome. Call Julie Thomas at 345-7438.

Kairos Registration: Registration Packets are in the mail for all registered parishioners will receive the forms in the mail. If you are new to the area or St. Patrick and have not registered yet we welcome you to *Kairos*, our faith formation classes. Classes are held on Sundays, starting September 16. The morning session is from 10 - 11:15pm and is for pre-school thru 5th grade and adults. The evening session is from 6:30 - 8 pm and is for 3,4,5 grades, middle school, high school and adults. Each Sunday morning and evening we have food fellowship time 30 min. be-

Prayers for Men and Women who are in the Armed Services:

Do you have a friend or a family member who is serving our Country in America or in harms way? Barbara Draper at 338-3486 and Leigh Pope continue to maintain the collection of photo's on the Display Board in the Gathering Area of the church. Photo should be 3" by 5" to accommodate all who would like to take part in this display. Please include the name of your loved one and if you choose, the location of his or her duty station. Photos can be dropped off at the parish office or placed in the collection basket on Sunday.

October 4-6 Retrovialle of Alaska | 4 Stages of Marriage – The 4 stages of marriage are: (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening to Joy. Many marriages experience the first 3 Stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening to Joy. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening to Joy. If you believe your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about the program or to register for the Fall program beginning with a weekend October 5,6,7, 2007, call 1-907-360-2227 or visit our web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Thank you letter from Marty Purvis:

A huge thank you to the bereavement committee who helped my brother Roy Johnson and I plan my sister, Cheryl Henneken's funeral Mass. Their compassion and caring was so very much appreciated.

Another huge thank you to the hospitality committee for the wonderful lunch celebration - it was definitely a time of celebrating Cheryl's life with family and friends and wonderful food. I did receive the recipe for the chicken salad croissants but not who made them - they were outstanding and I have had several requests for the recipe!

Another huge thank you to everyone who made me feel so very much a part of your parish for the four and a half months I was caring for my sister here in Alaska - it was truly a life - changer. Judy, thanks so much for everything including the use of your "old" waffle iron. Father Ron - thanks for letting me know all I had to do was be here - God is the one who is in charge of miracles, not me.

I will miss you all!!

Love, Marty Purvis

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you! For all of you who came out and supported us at our Alaskan wedding reception and for all of you who have done so much to help us celebrate our wedding Katie and I want to offer our most sincere thanks. The reception was wonderful, and a special thanks to Julie Thomas and John Gagnon for setting up the hall and for Ed Grantier and Jennifer Hughes (and band) for the music provided. We truly have felt like we were with family.

HUGGS: A very big thank you to all who contributed school supplies, coats and hats, as well as mittens and snow pants to recent HUGGS program. Because of your generosity, we were able to provide a good beginning to school for 4,763 children.

Global Solidarity Partnership Raffle: Tickets are available in the parish office for this fundraiser in support of the Archdiocesan Global Solidarity Partnership with Cotabato, Philippines. Cost for the raffle tickets is 1 ticket/\$5 or 6 tickets/\$25. First prize is \$1,000, second prize is \$500, and third prize is \$250. The drawing will be held on September 14 at Our Lady of Angels in Kenai and you need not be present to win. Call the office by September 10 to purchase your tickets. The Archdiocese will have an Alaskan group travel in late November to the Philippines to take part in the Week of Peace. The delegation is forming and anyone interested in traveling with the delegation is welcome to apply. The application forms are available in the office.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Holy Family Cathedral

every Friday from 10 a.m. -12 Noon

Blessed Sacrament Monastery

Weekdays - 7 a.m.— 9 p.m., Monday thru Friday

First Friday: 8 a.m.— ending with Mass at 8 a.m. Saturday

Saturday & Sunday - 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

St. Patrick's Parish

Every Monday 6:00-7:45 p.m., First Friday 6:00-7:45 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

every Friday from 7 p.m.—8 p.m.

St. Andrew Parish, Eagle River

48 hour Devotion , every Friday, 10 a.m. thru Sunday 8a.m.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

Perpetual Adoration - Pope John Paul II Adoration Chapel

Sacred Heart Parish, Wasilla

First Saturday, begins with Mass at 10 a.m.

followed by Adoration until 4 p.m.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archdiocesan Web Site is: www.archdioceseofanchorage.org

Discipleship Days 2007 will take place September 27 -29 at Lumen Christi High School. Reserve this weekend on your calendar now. The theme for this years 3 day conference is "Many Roads Lead to Conversion, Discipleship and Church". There will be many local and national Catholic speakers giving workshops on a wide variety of topics that are for adults and youth. This is a great adult education and catechist training opportunity. The cost for the conference is \$85 before Sept. 15. For more information call the office 337-1538 and speak with Julie Thomas.

Finding The Elusive God: This is a wonderful book written by Fr. Paul Scanlon, OP who shares his experiences in these moving stories of his service to the poor. Fr. Scanlon talks about his struggle to change his own vision to see Christ in the ordinary people and extraordinary misery around him. Hard as it may seem sometimes, God's hand can always be found and this series of stories and reflections shows how that is so. Each chapter ends with reflection questions. You can buy a copy at the Holy Family Cathedral office or Library for \$11.95.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies, Year 2: As an Archdiocese we have been blessed to have received a grant that has allowed the Center For Ministry Development to provide Youth Ministry training here in Anchorage at a discounted rate. In October we will enter the second year of this two year certification program. If you are interested in finding out more about how to get involved contact Matthew Beck at (907) 745-3229 or via email at matthewwb@st-mikesparish.org.

Twenty-Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's reading from Isaiah describes the Israelites bringing their offering to the Lord "in clean vessels." The gift of myself - my patient endurance and fidelity to the will of God ---is as important as the monetary gift I offer. (See Isaiah 66:20)

This Week's Readings
August 26, 2007 —September 2, 2007

Sunday - August 26
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Isaiah 66:18-21
 Psalm 117:1, 2
 Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13
 Luke 13:22-30

Monday - August 27
St. Monica
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10
 Psalm: 149:1-6:9
 Luke 7:11-17

Tuesday - August 28
St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor
 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
 Psalm: 139:1-3, 4-6
 Matthew 23:23-26

Wednesday - August 29
The Martyrdom of St. John of St. John the Baptist
 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
 Psalm: 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12
 Matthew 6:17-29

Thursday - August 30
 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13
 Psalm: 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14, 17
 Matthew 24:42-51

Friday - August 31
 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8
 Psalm: 97:1, 2, 5-6, 10, 11-12
 Matthew 25:1-13

Saturday - September 1
First Saturday
 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11
 Psalm: 98:1, 7-8, 9
 Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday - September 2
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
 Psalm 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11
 Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a
 Luke 14:1, 7-14

Calling all Adult Catholics who are seeking the Sacrament of Confirmation! If you are an adult and have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation, Deacon Felix will be offering classes to prepare adult candidates to receive the Sacrament Confirmation on October 13th at the 5pm Mass. Class sessions will be held in September on Tuesday evening at 7pm. Class dates are: Sept. 11, 18, 25, Oct. 2, 9. Call the office at 337-1538 if you are interested and speak with Julie Thomas for additional information.

YOUTH NEWS

Parent Meeting

A new Confirmation class will begin this fall and we welcome all parents and youth to an information meeting.

When: Sunday, Sept. 9
 Time: 4:00 pm
 Place: Parish Hall

The Confirmation program is for youth in 10th grade or higher, who are 16 yrs. old and have been enrolled in a faith formation program here or in another location. Archbishop Schweitz requests that all youth are prepared for Confirmation in a parish program, this includes those who attend catholic schools and those who are home schooled.

Annual Youth Hike

Our Annual Youth Hike is for all youth in grade 6th thru High School. This hike will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8th. We will gather in the hall at 8:30 am and car pool to our hike location. Permission forms are available in the Gathering Space on the *Kairos* Information Table. Sign up today and begin your Kairos year on a high! There is no charge for this youth event. Youth are asked to wear comfortable shoes, bring a lunch, snacks and water.

Calling all 6th and 7th Graders

Mark your calendars to participate in our day field trip to the BLM Center on Abbott Loop. This fun filled day will include lots of team building activities as well as let you make a new friend at church. This field trip will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22, the cost is \$16, complete the permission form and pack a lunch. We will meet at St. Patrick at 9:30 am and return to the parish by 4:30. Permission forms will be available next weekend.

Housing Request! Young mother with 21 month toddler is in need of housing for one to two months. Mom is interested in living with family. If you are in a position to help please call the Parish Office at 337-1538.

Happy Birthday!

Sunday, August 26
 Franz Pio Youngblood

Monday, August 27
 Esha Nelson
 Alyson Holder
 Sean Adams
 Mary Tappel

Thursday, August 30
 Nicholas Johansen

Friday, August 31
 Matthew Bennett
 Aiden Williams
 Anna Tappel
 Dajan Treder
 Courtney Fox-Singh

Saturday, September 1
 Alexander DeVito

Sunday, September 2
 Brittany Vo
 Victoria Dutton