

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH
Twenty Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
September 2, 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.



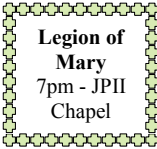

MASS SCHEDULE	
Saturday Vigil	5:00 pm
Sunday Morning	8:30 am
	11:30 am
Sunday Evening	7:00 pm
<i>Daily Mass</i>	Monday - Friday 5:30 pm
<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>	
Saturday 4:00 p.m. until all are heard or upon request	
<i>Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament</i>	
Monday 6:00-7:45 pm	
First Friday 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 September 1, 2007 thru September 7, 2007		
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Dr. Harvey Zartman, Special Intention
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Noel Reyes, R.O.S.
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	7:00 p.m.	Kurt & Daniel Leithead, Special Intention
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Katie Lefebure, R.O.S.
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Dave & Elaine Kling, <i>Thanksgiving, 50 years Wedding Anniversary</i>
Wednesday	5:30p.m.	Intention of the Donor
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Olive Corack, R.O.S.
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Waldroop, R.O.S.

September 2 Sunday	September 3 Monday	September 4 Tuesday	September 5 Wednesday	September 6 Thursday	September 7 First Friday	September 8 First Saturday
Praise Music Group 5pm - Church	Labor Day Office Closed  Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm -7:45pm Chapel 	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Praise Music Group 7pm - Church  Legion of Mary 7pm - JP II Chapel	Mom's CC Group I 11:30am - Nursery Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel Folk Choir Practice 7pm - Church Knights of Columbus 7pm—Hall	Adult Faith Study Group 10am - JP II Din. Rm. Seniors' Group Lunch & Meeting 12-1pm—Hall Managing Chronic Conditions Class 1-3:30pm—Hall Daily Mass 5:30pm 11:30 Mass Choir 7pm - Church	Daily Mass 5:30pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm -7:45pm Chapel 	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 JPPII 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: The Old Testament Book of 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 for this 30 week study 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: Seekers...an open session for the unbaptised, the uncatechised or unconfirmed...and not sure if RCIA (The Right of Christian Initiation for Adults) or confirmation is for you. Seekers provides an opportunity to ask questions about faith and the Catholic Church and provides the vehicle to assist you in your questioning phase. It is a two hour session of searching the spiritual journey intended for you. For information about the sessions, please call Angela Shemel at 276-0980 (voice mail available), or leave your contact information at the parish office. "Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light." Eph 5:14

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.

Sunday Mass Schedule Change - The Sunday evening 7pm Mass will be changed to 5pm effective Sunday, September 9th. This schedule will remain in effect until the end of May, 2007.

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.

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Next Sunday, September 9 begins Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 8:30am, 11:30am and 5:00pm Sunday Masses. This special liturgy is structured for children ages K-5th grade, takes place in the chapel and is part of the Mass. In the chapel appropriate church behavior is expected. Parents please respect the age guidelines and refrain from sending your children under age 5. However, if you would like to attend Children's Liturgy with a younger child you are welcome to do that. If you are interested in being a leader for Children's Liturgy please contact the coordinator, Jane Guzauskas, at 337-3674.

“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

— Lk 14:13-14

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October 4-6 Retrouvialle 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 Retrouvialle (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

It's time to register for the KAIROS Faith Formation Year!

Forms were mailed to each family in the parish with children ages 3-17. New families can pick up Parish Registration Forms and Individual Information Forms at the table in the Gathering Area. Please turn in all forms by September 10. Questions? Call the office 337-1538.

Archdiocesan Guidelines for Sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion:

Your child needs to be:

- 1) Active in a parish faith formation program the year prior to preparing for the Sacrament.*
- 2) 7 years old or older.
- 3) In the 2nd grade or higher.

*If your child is in 1st grade in school this year (07-08) he or she would need to be registered in KAIROS this year in order to be eligible for Sacramental preparation in 08-09.

Archdiocesan Guidelines for Sacrament of Confirmation:

Your youth needs to be:

- 1) Active in a parish faith formation program the year prior to preparing for the Sacrament.*
- 2) 16 years old or older.
- 3) In the 10th grade or higher.

*If your youth is in 9th grade in school this year (07-08) he or she would need to be registered in KAIROS this year in order to be eligible for Sacramental preparation in 08-09.

Thank You,

Julie Thomas

Director of Faith Formation

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.

Discipleship Days Choir: We are inviting all singers, and musicians to participate in the Discipleship Days Choir. Practices will start at 7pm this Tuesday evening at St Patrick's church, and will be held on Tuesdays at the same time through September until the three day event begins. Please join us on Tuesday evening at 7pm or contact the parish office at 337-1538 for more information.

Certificate in Youth Ministry Studies, Year 2: As an Archdiocese we have been bless 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 matthewb@st-mikesparish.org.

You are invited to the KAIROS Banquet!

When: Sunday, Sept. 9

Time: 6 pm

Place: Parish Hall.

Dinner is a potluck:

A-H brings Side Dishes and Breads

I-R brings Salads and Veggies

S-Z brings Main Dishes

The parish will provide Drinks and Dessert. We will be celebrating the beginning of our Faith Formation Year.

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. *Katie and Craig Gould*

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the Gospel today, Jesus warns us not to give in to hopes of repayment, but to give open-handedly to the poor and needy.

That sort of giving mirrors the bountiful giving of God, and Jesus assures us it is blessed indeed!

This Week's Readings
September 2, 2007 — September 9, 2007

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

Monday - September 3
St. Gregory the Great (Memorial)
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18
Psalm: 96: 1&3, 4-5, 11-12, 13
Luke 4: 16-30

Tuesday - September 4
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-6, 9-11
Psalm: 27:1, 4, 13-1
Luke 4:31-37

Wednesday - September 5
Colossians 1:1-8
Psalm: 52:10, 11
Luke 4: 38-44

Thursday - September 6
Colossians 1:9-14
Psalm: 98: 2-3, 3-4, 5-6
Luke 5: 1-11

Friday - September 7
Colossians 1: 15-20
Psalm 100: 1-2, 3, 4, 5
Luke 5: 33-39

Saturday - September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Micah 5:1-4
Psalm: 13:6
Matthew 1:1-16

Sunday - September 9
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 9: 13-18
Psalm 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14:25-33

Last week we asked for a Family to provide Housing for a Young mother with 21 month toddler . We have had a generous family respond to this request and Thank you,
Thank you and Thank you!

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.

Happy Birthday!

Sunday, September 2

Brittany Vo
Victoria Dutton

Monday, September 3

Michael Brummer
Taylir Kueter
Isaiah Atseriak

Tuesday, September 4

Jacklyn Nelson
Eleanor Smith
William Fontana

Wednesday, September 5

Timothy Miller
Dawson Packer

Thursday, September 6

Justin Byrd
Saphire Nunez

Friday, September 7

Andrew Roman Youngblood
Avery Northcutt
Braeden Bovey