

SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH

First Sunday of Advent

December 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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 5:00 pm
 Sunday Morning 8:30 am
 11:30 am
 Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

Daily Mass Monday - Friday 5:30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00 p.m. until all are heard or upon request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6:00-7:45 pm
 First Friday 6:00-7:45 pm

Nursery Schedule

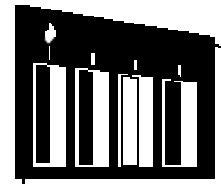
Sunday Morning 11:30 am Mass



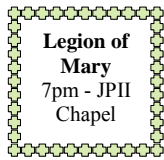
Week of December 1 — December 7

Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Michael Waldroop, R.O.S.
Sunday	8:30 a.m.	Tricia Cole, Special Intention
	11:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
	5:00 p.m.	Mary Tittle, R.O.S.
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Angela Quirk, Special Intention
Tuesday	5:30 p.m.	Tricia Wilson, R.O.S.
Wednesday	5:30 p.m.	Paul Kathelmyer, R.O.S.
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Waldroop, R.O.S.
Friday	5:30 p.m.	Michael Waldroop, R.O.S.

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.”



December 2 Sunday	December 3 Monday	December 4 Tuesday	December 5 Wednesday	December 6 Thursday	December 7 First Friday	December 8 Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
KAIROS AM 9:30am - Hall	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel	Catholic Scripture Study International 10am - Hall	Mom's CC Group I 11:30am - Nursery	Adult Faith Study Group 10am - JPII Din. Rm.	Vigil Mass for Immaculate Conception 5:30pm - Chapel	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd 8:30am - Youth Hse.
Adult Lecture 10am - Church	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm - 7:45pm Chapel	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel	Daily Mass 5:30pm	Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 6:00pm - 7:45pm Chapel	Holy Day Mass 9am
Breaking Open the Word 11:30am - Tara		Praise Music Group 7pm - Church	Folk Choir Practice 7pm - Church	11:30 Mass Choir 7pm - Church		RCIA Retreat 9am - JPII LvRm
H.S. Youth Choir Practice 3pm - Church	CC SEA Group 7pm - JPII LvRm	RCIA 7pm - JPII LvRm.	2 Be Our Faith CC Group 7pm - JPII LvRm.	Seniors Christmas Potluck 6pm - Parish Hall		Winter Wipe Out 9am - Hall
KofC Squires 3pm - Cenacle		Catholic Scripture Study International 7pm - Hall	K of C 7pm - Hall	Safe Environment Training for Volunteers & Parents 7pm—Chapel		RCIA Rite Practice 4pm - Church
Advanced Kairos Choir Practice 3:30pm - Chapel		Servants & Friends CC Group 7pm - JPII West	Seekers' Group 7pm - JPII Chapel			Confessions 4pm - Church
KAIROS PM 6pm - All Room			Ministry of Bereavement 7pm - JPII DnRm			Contemporary Choir Practice 4pm - Church
Adult Lecture 6:30pm - PM						Mass with Rite of Acceptance 5pm - Church
						A.A. 8pm -Tara

PARISH NEWS
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ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Kairos Faith Formation for Adults: Join us this Sunday at 10am and 6:30pm in the church to continue the series on Mother Theresa, focusing on her book, Come Be My Light. Come and learn more about this modern day saint. This lecture series will continue on December 9th.

Martyrs of Magadan: Martyrs of Magadan, the book by Fr. Michael Shields is available for purchase. Complete the order form located in the Gathering Area and include payment to reserve your copy. Orders will be taken until December 5th. Cost of the Book is \$15.

Safe Environment Training: STAR (Standing Together Against Rape) will be here to train all volunteers who work with children/youth and those who visit the homebound for Safe Environment training. **This session is also open to all parents.** If you have not attended this training or you are new to ministry, plan on attending this **Thursday, December 6th at 7pm in the Chapel**. A letter has been sent to all eligible volunteers who need to attend this training session.

Winter Wipe Out Cookie Pre-orders: Order sheets for the annual cookie sale by our youth are available this weekend in the Gathering Area. Please pre-order your cookies if you plan on ordering more than 3 dozen cookies. The order forms and money can be placed in the box in the Gathering Area. Please return your form by December 5. Thanks for your generous support of this service project.



Advent Candle Sets, Wreaths Available - Do you need Advent candles or a wreath? Do you like driving around town looking for the right color candles? Consider buying them from St. Patrick's Squires after all Masses this weekend. Squires will be set up in the gathering area after Mass and the candle sets and wreaths will be available for purchase. Support the Squires and prepare your home for Advent.

Thanksgiving Food Project Donations: We received a total of \$1,763.91 in our collection at the Thanksgiving Day Mass in support of our Thanksgiving Blessings food outreach project. Added to funds collected the previous two weekends, we have received a total of \$5,940.43 for the Thanksgiving Blessings collection! After having purchased \$4,150 worth of food for the project, we have \$1,790.43 left to support parish outreach efforts throughout the rest of the year. Thanks very much to all who contributed to this, our largest single annual outreach project!

Baptism Class: The next Baptism Class is Thursday, December 20 at 7pm in the Tara Lounge.

Advent Reconciliation Service: Keeping with the two-fold nature of Advent as both a season of joy and penance, we will celebrate a Communal Penance Service on Tuesday evening, December 11th at 7pm in the Church.

Journey to Bethlehem: Our parish has started its "Journey to Bethlehem". This 10-week walking program has begun. What better way to truly prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. Please remember to turn in your mileage weekly. Simply write your name and mileage on a slip of paper and place it in the box in the gathering area. For more info, please call Jo Huskey at 337-1538.

Mass for Immaculate Conception: Saturday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (a Holy Day of Obligation) with a Vigil Mass of Friday, Dec. 7th, at 5:30pm. On Saturday, December 8th, we will celebrate our Holy Day Mass at 9am. (The 5pm Mass on Saturday, December 8th, will be the Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.)

Archbishop Schwietz 40th Ordination Anniversary: Archbishop Schwietz will celebrate his 40th Ordination Anniversary on Thursday, December 20th. He will celebrate the 12:10pm Mass at the Cathedral that day, and immediately following, there will be a desert reception. All are welcome! If you wish to send him a card in honor of this occasion please send it to: 225 Cordova Street, Anchorage, AK. 99501. The cards are being collected and put into a box which he can then open and read at his leisure. Please mark the cards in the lower left corner with a "40th" as it will ensure they are placed in the box for him. If you have question please call Mary Gore at 297-7755.

Parish Directory Photo Session: Our Parish is creating a new 2007-08 directory of our Parish families. To be included in the directory you'll need to schedule a time for your portrait to be taken. Scheduling will continue this Sunday after all the Masses. Photo sessions are now in progress with additional photo sessions to be held on December 18, 19, 22, & 23 to accommodate family members home for Christmas. If you have any questions or need to reschedule your appointment you may call Ron Kuczek, Jr. directly at 274-8876.

Knights of Columbus: Please support the 13th Annual Knights of Columbus "Pot O' Gold" Raffle. Prizes include the Grand Prize - \$25,000 cash or Vehicle of Equal Value, two \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 cash prizes. Drawing to be held next Saturday, December 8, 2007 at 7:00 PM at Lumen Christi High School. Do not miss this opportunity to have extra money for Christmas. 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 Bill Bancroft at 333-5006 or Shawn Early at 337-3680, 748-5962 or 428-2650.

The members of Ministry of Bereavement would like to invite you to stop in the Gathering Area after Mass this weekend to sign a banner with the names of your loved ones who are deceased. This banner will be hung above the altar at the Mass of Remembrance which will be held on Monday, December 10th at 7pm.

Watch for Special EWTN Christmas Programming: Join EWTN Global Catholic Network in celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. EWTN is proud to bring you LIVE Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, D.C., as well as inspiring musical performances, animated features, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations the whole family will enjoy. EWTN is available 24 hours a day on: GCI cable channel 122 and Dish Network satellite tv ch. 261. (part time GCI ch 18)

Father Steven Maekawa, OP, the director of Western Dominicans' Vocations office will be staying at Holy Family Cathedral, Anchorage, from December 29 through January 14, 2008. For men or women who wish to discuss a vocation to the religious life or priesthood, you may contact Fr. Steven at Holy Family Cathedral, 907/276-3455.

Retirement Fund for Religious: The second collection next week benefits elderly women and men religious. More than 19,000 religious have less than 20 percent of the amount needed for projected costs of loving and health care. To learn more, visit www.retiredreligious.org.

Kairos Faith Formation Sunday Schedule

9:30 am Food Fellowship - Hall

Breakfast for all - \$4/person or \$12/family

10 - 11:15am Classes for Pre School thru 5th grade

Dismissal and Pick Up from the Hall

6:00 pm Food Fellowship - Hall

Dinner for all - \$4/person or \$12/family

6:30 - 8pm Classes for 3rd thru High School

Dismissal from the Hall

Adult Lecture in the Church

10 - 11:15 am and 6:30 - 8 pm

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

Archdiocesan Web Site is: www.archdioceseofanchorage.org

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.

Special Masses & Liturgical Celebrations

December 2 | First Sunday of Advent

December 8 | Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 15 | Catholic Native Mass & Potluck, St. Anthony 5:30pm

December 16 | Simbang Gabi Begins, St. Anthony Church 6:00pm

December 17 | Simbang Gabi, St. Patrick's Church 5:30pm

December 2: "What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam" - In response to feedback from previous events in the Engaging Muslims: Religion, Cultures, Politics, Dr. Regina Boisclair, Cardinal Newman Chair of Theology at Alaska Pacific University and members of the Islamic Community Center of Anchorage Alaska will offer a two-part program, "What Everyone Needs to Know About Islam" on December 2, 2007 2:00-4:30 p.m. in the first floor Wilda Marston Theater of the Z. J. Lousac Public Library. Part One (2:00-3:00 p.m.) will consist of presentations concerning the Foundational Beliefs, Practices and Understandings of Islam. Part Two (3:15-4:30p.m.) will consist of a panel to answer questions from the audience. This program is part of Engaging Muslims: Religion, Cultures, Politics, a community education program sponsored by the Cardinal Newman Chair to promote dialogue and understanding in the Anchorage community.

An Opportunity for Nurses to Become Involved In Parish Ministry:

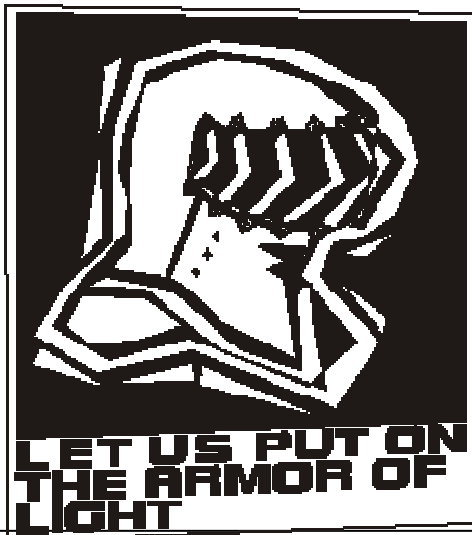
Parish Nurses of Alaska and Northwest Parish Nurse Ministries in collaboration with Providence Health System Alaska are sponsoring an upcoming training course for nurses interested in parish ministry. Parish Nursing focuses on "whole-person" care "including the patient's spiritual, physical and emotional needs", according to Sr. Jackie Stoll, OP, ANP, Archdiocesan coordinator for Parish Nursing and Parish Ministries of Health. The course will be offered **January 10-March 6, 2008** at Providence Medical Center in Anchorage. Go to the Archdiocesan web-site to download registration forms. For more info contact Sr. Jackie at 297-7736 or jsckie.stoll@caa-ak.org

First Sunday of Advent

The Son of Man will come at an hour you do not expect. Good stewards know that they are accountable to God for all they have and are, and they strive to live in readiness for His coming.



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**This Week's Readings
December 2 — December 9**

**Sunday - December 2
First Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122: 1-9
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:37-44

**Monday - December 3
St. Francis Xavier (Memorial)**
Isaiah 4: 2-6
Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Matthew 8: 5-11

Tuesday - December 4
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Luke 10: 21-24

Wednesday - December 5
Isaiah 25: 6-10
Psalm 23: 1-3, 3-4, 5, 6
Matthew 15:29-37

**Thursday - December 6
Saint Nicholas**
Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm 40: 2&4, 7-8, 8-9,10, 11
Luke 10:1-9

**Friday - December 7
Saint Ambrose (Memorial)**
Isaiah 29: 17-24
Psalm: 27: 1, 4, 13-14
Matthew 9: 27-31

**Saturday - December 8
Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary**
Genesis 3: 9-15, 20
Psalm: 98: 1, 2-3, 3-4
Ephesians 1: 3-6, 11-12
Luke 1: 26-38

**Sunday - December 9
Second Sunday of Advent**
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Psalm 72: 1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
Romans 15:4-9
Luke 3:4, 6

“Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.” — Mt 24:42-44

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YOUTH NEWS



Winter Wipe Out

When: December 8th and 9th
Dec. 8th Cookie baking from 9 am - 5 pm
Dec. 9th Sell cookies and shop 9 am - 5 pm
We leave for the mall at 12:45 for lunch and shopping.
Place: St. Pat's Kitchen and Hall

If you are in 6th grade thru High School you are just the person for this service project! Join the youth of St. Pat's for this annual event. You can mix, bake, scoop, decorate and package cookies on Saturday. On Sunday we need youth to sell cookies after all the Masses. Sunday afternoon we take all who want to shop to the mall to use the money we raised to purchase gifts for teens just like you. Sign up in the Gathering Area or in class. Lunch is provided Saturday and Sunday. You must help with the project for two hours to shop at the mall. Sign up in the Gathering Space or in class.

Are you an adult who would like to help? Adults are needed on Saturday in all areas and on Sunday as drivers and chaperones at the mall. Questions? Talk with Julie Thomas at 337-1538 or home 929-5213.

Happy Birthday!

Sunday, December 2
Michael Hansmeyer
Durante Verzola
Elizabeth DeVito
Elizabeth Gonyea

Monday, December 3
Caitlin Reynolds
Lucia Verzola
Taylor Adams

Tuesday, December 4
Karina Ramos
John Raiter

Wednesday, December 5
Amanda Barnard

Thursday, December 6
Shawn Gingrich

Friday, December 7
Rebecca Fischer
Lilly Kocurek

Saturday, December 8
Melanie Millar
Rachael Pope

Sunday, December 9
Michael McLaughlin
Avery Williams
Viancy Solis
Gabriel Camero
Adriana Latonio
Taylor Dooley

