

SAINT PATRICK PARISH
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
December 27, 2009

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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.

HOMEBOUND individuals who wish to receive the Eucharist, please contact the Parish Office (337-1538).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION please contact the parish office for schedules. Marriage preparation requires four month's notice.

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 pm until all are heard or upon request

Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament

Monday 6:00 - 7:45 pm

First Fridays 6:00 - 7:45pm

Nursery Schedule

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.”

Mass Intentions for this Week
December 26 thru January 1, 2010

Saturday	5:00 pm	People of the Parish
Sunday	8:30 am	Barbara Huck, R.O.S.
	11:30 am	Goldie Arnold, R.O.S.
	5:00 pm	Russ McClaine, Return to Health
Monday	5:30 pm	Deacon Felix & Agnes Maguire, Thanksgiving
Tuesday	5:30 pm	Russ McClaine, Return to Health
Wednesday	5:30 pm	Russ McClaine, Return to Health
Thursday	5:30pm	Joe & Sharon Marchetti, Wedding Anniversary
Friday	11:00 a.m.	People of the Parish



December 27 Sunday	December 28 Monday	December 29 Tuesday	December 30 Wednesday	December 31 Thursday <i>New Year's Eve</i>	January 1 Friday <i>New Year's Day</i>	January 2 Saturday
K of C - Pancake Breakfast 9:30am - Parish Hall 12:30pm - Parish Hall	Parish Offices Closed	Mom's CC Group 11:00am - Tara	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Church	Adult Faith Study 10am - JPIIDnRm	Parish Offices Closed	Catechisis of the Good Shepherd 9am - Atrium
Breaking Open the Word 11:30am - Tara	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel	Daily Mass 5:30pm - Chapel	Folk Choir Practice 6:30pm - Church	Vigil Mass Solemnity of Mary 5:30pm - Church	Solemnity of Mary	Contemporary Choir Practice 3:45pm - Church
Praise Music Group Practice 3pm - Church	Eucharistic Adoration 6pm - Chapel	Legion of Mary 7pm - JPII CH 			Mass 11:00 a.m. - Church	Confessions 4pm - Recon. Rm.
Mass with Anointing of the Sick 5pm - Church		Praise Music Group Practice 7pm - Church				KofC Auxiliary Rosary 4:30pm - Chapel
						AA 8pm - Tara

PARISH NEWS

Mass with Anointing: We will have 2 Masses with Anointing this weekend. They will be on Saturday at 5pm and Sunday at 5pm.

Kairos Adult Lectures: Kairos adult lectures will be taking a break until Lent. Please watch the bulletin for the lecture topics for Lent.

2009 Christmas & Holy Day Mass Schedule

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday, December 26, Mass at 5pm

Sunday, December 27, Masses at 8:30, 11:30am, 5pm

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, December 31, Vigil Mass at 5:30pm

Friday, January 1, Mass at 11am

Master Plan Update: A review of the comments from the Master Plan meetings brought up some additional ideas to be explored. These ideas will be presented at a Master Plan Review meeting with the Pastoral Council on Monday, January 4th at 7pm in the hall. This meeting is open to all parishioners who would like to see and hear more about the plan. We hope you will join us and comment on the design.

Military Recognition Board in Gathering Area of church: Please submit the name and a picture of your loved one so they can receive additional prayers. Contact: Barbara Draper through the parish office at 337-1538.

2010 Parish Calendars: The parish calendars are here! Pick up your copy of the 2010 parish calendar in the gathering area after Mass today.

Parish Nurses Update:

Journey to Bethlehem miles **NEEDED**. Please email your miles to stpats.parishnurses@yahoo.com

MUSIC MINISTRY NEWS

Thank you, Thank you! Our Christmas and Advent liturgies were blessed with beautiful song. Take a moment to thank a choir member for all the hard work put into making these liturgies so special. A special thanks to our musicians and choir directors.

No Taize Prayer in January. Please join us when we resume in February.

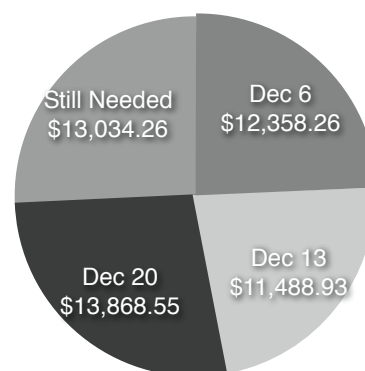
Evening Knitting Classes: Are you interested in learning how to knit or want to be part of a knitting group. Which is more convenient, Monday evening or Wednesday evening? Please call Inge the parish office at 337-1538 and leave your preference.

St. Francis House Food Donations: Thank You! We delivered 160lbs of food to assist those in need. During the year of 2009 we have collected & distributed an average of 212lbs. per week, an increase of 21lbs a week over of what was donated during 2008. What a Blessing to so many in need.

St. Pat's Young Adults:

The St. Pat's Young Adult group is open to all young adults (college ~ 35 years of age) whether they are single, dating or married. This is a group focused on service, faith, and fellowship. Our events include community service, social events, Bible studies, and holiday festivities. If you are interested in joining our e-mail list for updates on events, please contact Amy Medlock at amy_medlock@st.patsak.org.

Operating Collection for December 09



Goal for the Month: \$50,750.00

Total Collected for the month: \$37,715.74

Church Decoration for Christmas: Thank you to all who helped to decorate the church for Christmas. Your efforts enhanced the liturgies.

Alaska Pacific University Courses Open to Newman Observers (For more information contact Liz Hilpert at 564-8291 or email boiscl@alaskapacific.edu or liz@alaskapacific.edu)

January 11- February 8: Jesus at the Movies

Monday & Wednesday 6:00-9:10pm Observer fee \$100. Extra charge for Professional Academic Credit. This course will view and review selections from movies about Jesus. Participants will be encouraged to view whole films at home. We will read and discuss the four canonical gospels, a selection of non-canonical texts and Jesus of Hollywood by Adele Reinharts (Oxford, 2007). The course will explore how these movies tell us as much if not more about the times in which they were produced than the story and times of Jesus. Regina A. Boisclair, Ph.D. LS292- 2 credits

January 11 – February 8: Foundations of Christianity

Monday & Wednesday 9:00-12:10am Observer fee \$100. Extra charge for Professional Academic Credit. This course will review the history, beliefs and practices of those communities that identify themselves as Christian. It will explore the vast variety of Christianities that co-exist in Anchorage and encourage participants to experience the various kinds of Christian worship. Special attention will be given to those issues that distinguish Catholic Christianity from Orthodox, Anglican and Protestants. Regina A. Boisclair, Ph.D. RS 202- 2 credits

ST. PATRICK'S KNIGHTS NEWS

The St. Patrick's Council meets on the First Wednesday of each month (Members Only) with a Social meeting (Open to All - All are Welcome) on the Third Wednesday. Rosary at 6:45 pm. Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Meetings take place in Parish Hall.

Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 27th after both the 8:30 and 11:30 Masses. Come and enjoy pancakes, French toast, eggs, and other breakfast foods, as well as the opportunity for fellowship with new friends and old.

Join us for the Recitation of the Rosary each Saturday at 4:30 pm in the Chapel.

For more information, please contact Will Furby, Grand Knight at (907) 240-6916 or e-mail wfurby@gmail.com, or George Neuerburg, Financial Secretary at (907) 440-7723 or by e-mail kofc11745@gmail.com

Thank You from the Women's Auxiliary: Thank you for your support of the K of C Women's Auxiliary for our Advent Sale. We sold 74 candle sets and 14 brass wreaths. Our profit of \$376 will go to the parish for the Marian Shrine. Part of the stock for this sale included leftover stock from the K of C Squires 2007 sale which amounted to \$144. of the profit. Thank you Squires for your contribution to this fundraiser for the Marian Shrine. As you light your 4th Advent candle this Sunday, we pray that the lighting of your advent candles has brought you joy as you remember God's promise to our world - Christ our light and our hope will come.

HOLY SPIRIT CENTER

Legion of Mary Annual Silent Retreat: January 15-17, 2010 directed by Retreat Master, Rev. Msgr. Maurice O'Connell, Senior Priest at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Washington, D.C.

Location: Holy Spirit Center, Anchorage

Time: 7pm Friday to 2pm Sunday

Cost: \$230 single room / \$175. per person double room

Call Phyllis at 344-8947 to register.

Celtic Retreat: February 26-28, 2010 led by Fr. Timothy Joyce OSB from Glastonbury Abbey in Massachusetts. This is a time to rediscover the Celtic emphasis on imagination, the appreciation of nature, the importance of story and poetry, a mystical approach to God and the universe. It is a time for healing and for finding joy in the Christian story, again, no matter where our ancestor lived. Call HSC at 346-2343 for additional information or to register.

Other Upcoming Holy Spirit Center Retreats:

MENS RETREAT - March 19-21 2010 led by Fr. Vince Beuzer, S.J. More details to follow.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: - MARCH 26-28, 2010 led by Sr. Alexandra Kovats, CSJP, PhD from Seattle. More details to follow.

January 11 | 2010 St. Francis of Assisi Awards Nominations - must be received by Monday, January 11, 2010 by 5pm. Complete the nomination form and fax to the attention of Julie Varee (907)279-3885, or mail to Archdiocese of Anchorage, 225 Cordova St, Anchorage, AK 99501, ATTN: St Francis of Assisi Awards, or email to jvaree@caa-ak.org

February 10, 2010 St. Francis of Assisi Awards Banquet - Hotel Captain Cook starting at 6pm on Thursday, February 10. For more information please contact Julie Varee (907)279-3885, or mail to Archdiocese of Anchorage, 225 Cordova St, Anchorage, AK 99501, ATTN: St Francis of Assisi Awards.

Archdiocese of Anchorage

January 26: Healing Service with Mass: A healing service for individual and generational family healing will take place in the Resurrection Chapel at Holy Spirit Center on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 from 7-8:30pm. The service will invoke the Holy Spirit and Our Lady, Mother of Nations, with optional laying on of hands and Anointing of the Sick.

Alaska Pacific University courses open to Newman Observers (For more information contact Liz Hilpert at 564-8291 or email boiscl@alaskapacific.edu or liz@alaskapacific.edu)

Winter is Here! Please join Shoenoek Family Footwear's Kicks for Klunkers program. Donate a pair of wearable winter boots, shoes or a winter jacket and save 20% off a new pair of kicks. Donations benefit Catholic Social Services programs. Shoenoek Family Footwear (510 W. Tudor Road #9) Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 6pm.

Are you interested in learning more about infant adoption? Our weekend workshops are open to anyone interested in exploring adoption and is required if you are applying for adoption through Catholic Social Services. The scheduled dates for 2010 are January 15-17, May 14-16 and September 17-19. Visit cssalaska.org to find out more.

A Great Way to Ring in the New Year. Pick. Click. Give. The Permanent Fund Dividend Check-Off program starts January 1, 2010. Please remember CSS when you are filling out your PFD application on-line. You are able to designate CSS as a benefactor of all or a portion of your PFD! To find out more visit pickclickgive.org or cssalaska.org. Thank you!

December 28: Holy Innocents Eucharistic Vigil: Monday, December 28 is the feast of the Holy Innocents, the children martyred by Herod in pursuit of the Christ Child. In reparation for contraception, abortion, and other sins against family and children throughout the world, the Legion of Mary will host a Eucharistic vigil at Holy Family Cathedral, beginning with the Mass of the Holy Innocents at noon, celebrated by Archbishop Schwietz, OMI. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after Mass, with a rosary every hour and the Divine Mercy chaplet at 3:00pm. The vigil will conclude with Benediction after 5:00pm. Vespers with the Dominican community. Venite Adoremus!

JOB OPPORTUNITIES:

Catholic Social Services currently has several job openings available. For full details on the positions please visit the CSS web-site at www.cssalaska.org.

Readings for The Week
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 Psalm: 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 Luke 2:41-52</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, December 28 Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs 1 John 1:5 - 2:2 Psalm 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Matthew 2:13-18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, December 29 The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:3-11 Psalm 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Luke 2:22-35</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, December 30 The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:12-17 Psalm 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 and 14 Luke 2:36-40</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, December 31 The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas 1 John 2:18-21 Psalm 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 John 1:1-18</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday, January 1 The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God Numbers 6:22-27 Psalm: 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, January 2 Memorial of St. Basil the Great and St. Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors of the church 1 John 2:22-28 Psalm 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 John 1:19-28</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, January 3 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12</p>

Upcoming Event for High School

St. Patrick's Confirmation Retreat 2010: This is a do not miss event, make sure to put it on your calendar for January 15, 16, & 17. Location: Birchwood Camp. For registration information, contact Jon Hunt at 337-1538.

Mission Trip Fund Raiser Continues: If anyone is interested in purchasing gift cards or the Northern Lights Coupon Book please contact Caroline Eddens at 830-0619 or e-mail at ceddens@gci.net.

Kairos Classes resume on Jan. 3rd. The Faith Formation Office wishes all of our families and teachers a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year! We will see you in 2010.

Kairos Confirmation Growth Groups will have their first meeting for the new year on Sunday, Jan. 3 at 3:30pm in the JP II House.

Safe Environment:

The Safe and Sacred training program needs to be completed by all individuals who work with children, youth or the homebound. The training needs to be completed by Dec. 31st for all those who volunteer. Follow the directions below to complete your training to help keep us in compliance with the Charter for Children and Youth.

- Access the "Safe and Sacred" course by going to the Archdiocesan webpage – <http://www.archdioceseofanchorage.org> – and clicking on the "Safe & Sacred Environment Training" banner.
- The name of the course you will take is Recognizing Child Abuse. Taking the course and the 10-question quiz at the end takes between 45 minutes and 1 hour, but can be interrupted if necessary, and you have unlimited opportunities to pass the quiz, (9/10 questions correct), as long as the whole process is completed within 45 days.
- When completed, email the certificate of completion to jthomas@st.patsak.org (You may also print it off and turn it in to me, if you prefer.)
- Please do your best to complete Safe Environment training by Dec. 31, 2009. If you encounter any problems in completing the training notify Julie Thomas to assist you.

Family Polka Dance

St. Patrick's Parish Hall on Friday, January 8 from 7-10 pm
Enjoy an evening of fun as you dance with your family & friends to the sounds of **Marge Ford & The Alaska Polka Chips**

Tickets are \$4.00 per person or \$20.00 per family.

Instructions/demonstrations for the group dances will be given.

Sodas, juices, popcorn and hot dogs will be available for purchase.

Ice water and birthday cake will be provided.

There will be door prizes for lucky winners.

Questions?Carolynn Green 279-9277 or Danielle Rybickii 677-2131

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sunday, December 27	Monday, December 28	Tuesday, December 29	Wednesday, December 30	Thursday, December 31	Friday, January 1	Saturday, January 2
Luke Schmidt	Michael Lucas	Nicholas Feild	Abigail McDiffett	Tristan Groom	Joseph Snyder	Katrina Stringfellow
Zane Hansen	Garrett Cox	London Mena	Kendell Stubbs		Amy Hunt	
Bella Papsodora	Samantha Kontz	Daniel Borja				
Indiana Lucas						