

Mass Intentions This Week

Saturday, December 17, 2016

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Sunday, December 18, 2016

10:00 AM †Mary Hoyles—Hoyles Family

Tuesday, December 20, 2016

12:10 PM †Richard Vicario—Jeanne, Vicki, Dina

Thursday, December 22, 2016

7:00 PM †Rev. Patrick L. Sheridan--Peggy Sheridan

Saturday, December 24, 2016

4:00 PM †Kathleen Barnwell—Barnwell Family

Saturday, Dec 24, 2016

11:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Sunday, Dec. 25, 2016

10:00 AM †Carol Kelly—Kelly Family

† Ben Allison—Marj Alberts

Christ Masses at Saint Mary of the Woods

24 Dec 2016-6:00 PM; 25 Dec 2016-8:00 AM

Parish Offering Weekend: Dec. 11, 2016**Sunday Offering** \$ 6,241.03**Improvement Fund** \$ 55.00**Advent** \$ 1,484.00**Immaculate Conception** \$ 1,022.00**Retirement for Religious** \$ 110.00**TOTAL COLLECTIONS** \$ 8,912.03**Weekend Mass Attendance: 411****LITURGICAL MINISTRIES:*****December 24, 2016, 4:00 pm*****Mus/Can:** Tammy/Keith, Saul Bauer, Kathy LeVan**Servers:** Eckstein's-Kevin, Brenden, Connor, Ruth**Lec/Read:** Julia Quay, Sharon Hess**Extra Mins:** Emily & Kelsey Baughman, Susan Brewer***December 24, 2016, 11:00 pm*****Mus/Can:** Leanna George, Adult Choir, Mary Foust, Kim Martin**Servers:** Marchal's-Devin, Jaden, Treven, Micah Woolf**Lec/Read:** Tim Smith, Mary Woolf**Extra Mins:** Liz Marchal, Mary Smith, Keith LeVan***December 25, 2016, 10:00 am*****Mus/Can:** Leanna George, Mindy Bailey, Aaron Dunn**Servers:** Tori & Dennis Miller, Aubrey & Patrick Stolly**Lec/Readers:** Wendy Miller, Becky Jones**Extra Mins:** Mark Jones, Jennifer & Patrick Tynan**Commissions:** Finance/Stewardship, Keith Krieger, 599.5306
Property Maintenance & Development, Tim O'Rielley, 593.2365**PARISH PRAYER LINE:** Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645***CORRECTED...*****ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL****Tip of Saint Patrick's Hat****Departing** after 3 years of Dedication & Hard Work...

KATHLEEN DAVIS

RICK SCHRADER

TIM SMITH

JASON VOGEL

Welcome newly elected 2017
Parish Pastoral Council Mem-
bers...

MARY FOUST MIKE

LYONS

DIANE OLIVER MARY

SMITH

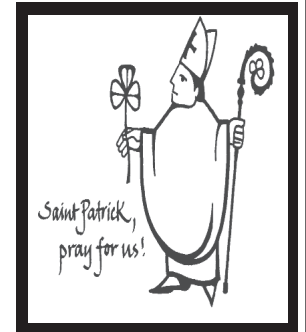
CONGRATULATIONS!!!!**Marriage, Youth & Family News**

We learn in the Gospel about Mary's early pregnancy, and of Joseph's concerns. A Jewish woman stayed in her father's house until an appropriate lapse of time,

because marriage was an economic transaction rather than about love. Joseph would take Mary into his home after about a year. Joseph is aware that he has not caused Mary to conceive, and he is distressed. It was with an enormous amount of trust in God that Joseph followed the will of God, once the angel appeared. . Matt. 1:18-24 (Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families 2016-17)

On the Way Home: Our patience is nearly exhausted!

What do we wait for this Christmas season? When will the rejoicing begin? (Celebrating Sunday's for Catholic Families 2016-17, LTP)

Flower Orders for Christmas. Due by Today!**Caroling - Wednesday Dec. 28** to Homebound and Elderly of the Parish. We will meet at Makley Hall at 6:30, wear warm clothing and bring a flash light. Music sheets will be provided. Afterwards we will continue our celebration with cookies and hot chocolate.**Rest in the Peace of Christ :*****Father Patrick Sheridan, our beloved pastor and our parishioners: Bernadette Bensman, Michael Fitzpatrick, Michael Tynan, Shirley Jorgensen, Kathleen A. Wilcoxon, John Entelisano and Patricia Woolf, who passed on to glory and are remembered with love and held in our prayers.***

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____

WAITING FOR CHRISTMAS IN SILENCE..OR NOT by *Tajci Cameron*
(singer/ songwriter and inspirational performing artist)

Growing up in my Croatia, I didn't know there was such a thing as Advent. Christmas Eve came quietly. Our city streets and lamp-posts weren't gleaming with millions of string lights during the darkest time of winter. Christmas was wrapped in a mystery, known only to those who believed.

My Fireplace

Perhaps that's why I love the American tradition of decorating houses shortly after Thanksgiving, playing Christmas music on the radio, putting up lights and trimmed up trees on city squares and corners, watching people getting into the holiday spirit – everyone in their own way... Some by pulling out their favorite red and green sweater; some by writing and mailing their cards early, some by taking time to pray, doing the inventory of their heart's joys, fulfilled and unfulfilled dreams and hopes, facing that empty space left by a lost loved one. Some by finding ways to reach to those less fortunate...

I travel and perform. I offer a "concert experience" that tells the story of Christmas from a perspective of a child longing to believe, hoping to, in my own way, create an opportunity to get into the spirit of the season.

But I also sing about my own struggle to prepare my 'outside' world and create 'magical moments' for my family – and to prepare my soul to be still and able to really receive the true gift of Christmas – God himself.

"Sure I love the Christmas Season, all the pretty stars and angels, scented candles gold and silver, glitter that peels off and makes a mess right on my brand new sweater which I got me as a present.

Cause this year I'll be even better, I'll put up the decorations bake those peanut butter cookies, I will clean all floors and windows, make my husband put the lights up, our neighbors will be happy and I'll host a sit down dinner, I'll invite that lonely stranger...

Which reminds me I still have to buy another serving platter, and since I am going shopping I should really buy the presents... only three per person this year....

So goes the song... and it spins and spins as more and more thoughts and chores come to mind... In the end, it says: *"Dear Santa... take me on the sleigh ride, drop me off... where the night is so still, where there is nothing that you have to do... just believe..."*

I love how, during the Advent season, the world (yes, the secular world) creates movies, music, shows, all to open itself up to "feel" more kindness, more gentleness, more generosity than usual. I love how people are more willing to open their hearts to believing – like they did as children. And when they do, Christmas happens for them.

And yes, the decorations, scented candles, gold and silver glitter and all the pretty stars and angels – all of that is the 'outside' – a backdrop that nudges and awakens our hearts to melt the walls they had put up. A song, a fragrance, a star, a moment of gentleness can awake a memory of time when, as children, we loved and believed without fear.

That's what my song intends to say. All of this 'outside' is only a trig-

The Heart of St. Patrick Church (Part 3 of 3)

From Father Shawn Landenwitch...

On the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1, 2017), we will be moving the tabernacle back to the center of the sanctuary. Some people falsely believe that Vatican II mandated that the tabernacles be moved out of the center of the sanctuary. In churches with frequent marriages, funerals, or many tourists passing through, it was encouraged to have a separate chapel for people to pray without distractions (Eucharisticum Mysterium 53). However, Saint Patrick and many other parish churches don't meet that criteria.

That same document states that the tabernacle should be in the center of the main altar or on a side altar that is truly prominent (Eucharisticum Mysterium 54). The text makes it clear that the Church allows tabernacles to remain in the center of the sanctuary. The same document called for prudence in any renovations so that treasures of art would not be destroyed (paragraph 24). The Church calls us to respect the architectural design of churches and to avoid anything that would damage their beauty.

Vatican II also teaches us that the Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. All graces come from Christ, and the perfection of the Christian life is union with Christ. As such, there is beautiful symbolism in restoring the tabernacle to the center of the sanctuary on the highest step. May the Eucharist remain the source and summit of our lives, just as it is placed in the center and highest point in the sanctuary!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592-9455)

Hours.: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Tues. & Thurs.;
5:00-7:00 p.m., Wed.

Dates: Dec. 6,8,13, 2016 Clients: 94

Money spent on assistance: \$1815.00

Items Needed: cereal, deodorant, shampoo

THANK YOU

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Mon., Dec 19: Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a Ps 71:3-4a,5-6b,16-17 Lk 1:5-15

Tues., Dec 20: Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-6 Lk 1:26-38

Wed., Dec 21: Sg 2:8-14 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Thurs., Dec 22: Sm 1:24-28 Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8 Lk 1:46-56

Fri., Dec 23: Mal 3:1-4,23-24 Ps 25:4bc-5ab,8-10,14 Lk 1:57-66

Sat., Dec 24: Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5,16-17, 27, 29 Acts 13:16-17,22-25



Is 52:7-10

Ps 98:1-6

Heb 1:1-6

Jn 1:1-18