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Advent

St. Patrick

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Financial Corner from November 27th, 2021**General Fund**

Regular Envelopes \$456.50
Loose \$25.00
School Support \$370.00
Campaign For Human Development \$155.00

Total \$1006.50

Separate Funds

Cemetery \$15.00
Building \$50.00

ADA Balance

2018 Shortfall \$6,488.00
2019 Shortfall \$8,378.00
Total Shortfall \$14,866.00

2021 ADA Goal \$19,540.00
2021 Pledged \$16,992.00
2021 ADA Due \$0.00

Total ADA \$ Due \$14,866.00

2021-2022 School Tuition Assessment

Tuition Owed \$12,109.00
Tuition Paid \$2,159.00
Tuition Due \$9,950.00

***2021 ADA Goal has been met. Thank you to all who donated!**

***When we are able to afford to send payments to the Diocese of Peoria, we will work towards reducing our previous ADA debt from 2018/2019. If you have any questions concerning this ADA debt, please speak with Father or one of the Trustees.**

**Mass Schedule****Saturday, December 11th**

4:00pm/Kenneth Stanford

Wednesday, December 15th

8:00am/Jamie Ping

Friday, December 17th

8:00am/Skip Hartman

Saturday, December 18th

4:00pm/Bruce Millsap

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm at Tolono

Wednesdays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono

Fridays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono

Any other time by appointment

**Father Fredi Office Hours**

Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:00am

Fridays 9:00 am to 10:00 am Or by Appointment

*Please take note: Father Fredi's schedule changes frequently. If you have something of importance to discuss with him, it is best to make an appointment. You may contact him at gomezstor@yahoo.com.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, December 11th at 4:00 pm**

Lector: Beth Hewing
Ushers: Jim Hand, Alan Schwenk
Eu Min: Jon Baker
Gifts: Volunteers

Saturday, December 18th at 4:00 pm

Lector: Brian Barnes
Ushers: Denny Morgan, Tom Tempel
Eu Min: Annette Wishall
Gifts: Volunteers



Rejoice in the Lord always! Great in our midst is the Holy One of Israel, a mighty savior. It is he whom John foretold; it is he who will baptize in the Holy Spirit.

Third Sunday

Behold, I am sending
my messenger ahead of
you; he will prepare
your way before you.

Matthew 11:10



Advent Prayer, Week Three

Joy-filled Giver of Life, let the anticipation of your birth fill us with overflowing joy. May our excitement and anticipation be a sign to the world that you are always near. Amen

Meaning of Gaudete Sunday

Gaudete pronounced Gow-day-tay Sunday is celebrate on the third Sunday of Advent. Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin. During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope! The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.



Christmas Flower Memorial

You can remember a loved one this Christmas by contributing to the Christmas Memorial Flower fund. Envelopes can be found in your regular envelop box. If you do not have envelopes, you may put your donation in the collection. Please make sure it is labeled Christmas Flowers and who it is in memory of. Through your generous donations, we are able to fill the altar with beautiful Christmas flowers for the Christmas season. Once all donations are in, a memorial list will be available at Christmas in the information sections of the church.



Vicariate Penance Service

There will be a Vicariate Penance Service on Tuesday, December 21st at 7 pm in St. Matthew's in Champaign.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass is at 4:00 pm in St. Patrick, 6:00 pm in Ivesdale and 8:00 pm in St. Mary's in Champaign. Christmas Day Mass is at 10:00 am in St. Patrick and 12:00 pm in St. Mary's in Champaign. Since Christmas Day falls on a Saturday this year, the Sunday Mass is required to be said. Therefore, the weekend Mass will be as normal on December 25th at 4:00 pm.

Decorating the Church for Christmas

On December 18th after the 4:00 pm Mass we will be decorating the church for the Christmas. Many hands, make light work. It takes many hands to decorate our church for Christmas. If you are willing to help out in this much needed area, please stay after Mass on December 18th. Let us all come together to make our church beautiful for Christmas.



REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

Prayer Requests Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Diaconate Class 11, Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Vida Freidlein, Mary Humer, Paula Ingrum, Patty Kirby, Miss Barbara Kleiss, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Ina Eckstein, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Sue Millikin, Ron Adams, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Ochs, Randy Wojan, Johnna Rawdin, Bonnie Rowley, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird and requested prayer intentions.



St. Thomas More News

Job Opportunities: STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time PE/Health Teacher, an Assistant Wrestling Coach and a Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and

Mr. Anthony Corapi at axorapi@hs-stm.org

STM is going to Washington D.C. for the March for Life!

A group from the High School of Saint Thomas More is going to attend the annual pro-life event in late January and humbly asks for your help in donating to the trip. Checks can be payable to The High School of Saint Thomas More, with March for Life included in the memo line. Please contact Miss Lyons at elyons@hs-stm.org if you have any questions or would like to assist. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Early Application Tuition Discounts: Our 2022-2023 admissions application is now live and it is FREE to apply! Please note that if you submit your completed application, including all the forms, before February 1st, 2022, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. Get started on the first step of three for the admissions application by going to <https://ecollect.accelaschool.com/stm>

STM Shadow Days: Attention Future Sabers: STM Shadow Days are open to 7th and 8th graders. Please go to <https://forms.gle/8NyCPGiRf3CZj5az9> to register. We look forward to welcoming you to campus! You belong here; sign up today!

STM App: Don't forget the High School of St. Thomas More has an app for your smartphone! It's everything St. Thomas More, in your pocket. Download the app on Android: <http://bit.ly/39Tytt6> or iPhone: <https://apple.com/303rQQx>

Distinguished Alumni of the Year: STM is asking for nominations for the Distinguished Alumni of the Year Award which will be presented on Saturday, February 5th at the Spring Gala at the Pear Tree Estate. This award is presented to an STM alum who has made a positive impact on the community (local, long distance, or international), has displayed exceptional human and ethical qualities, and out of the classroom or in his/her chosen career. If you know of a deserving STM Alum, submit his/her name to alumni@hs-stm.org along with a short explanation of why you feel this STM alum is deserving of this prestigious recognition. Nominations are due by Thursday, January 6th, 2022



MASS Changes

Mask are once again required to be worn during Mass. The Facebook live Mass will continue until the Bishop dictates that is no longer an acceptable way of attending Mass. At this time, the Body of Christ will only be offered. The Blood of Christ will not be offered until The Diocese of Peoria has allowed it to resume. If you have any questions or concerns about these changes, please speak with Father or one of the Trustees. Thank you for your continued understanding and support during these changing times. God Bless!