

Advent



St. Patrick

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**December 1, 2024 DONATIONS****General Funds**

Regular/Loose	\$2,761.00
Flower Fund	\$550.00
School Support	\$100.00
Campaign for Human Dev.	\$80.00
Hall Rental.....	\$250.00
Priest Vocation	\$330.00
Retirement Fund	\$100.00
Total.....	\$4,171.00

Cemetery Fund	\$360.00
Mass Stipend	\$130.00
Building	\$300.00
Food Pantry.....	\$100.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, December 7th**

4:00 pm/Alberta Pfeffer

Sunday, December 8th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

Monday, December 9th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 10

5:30 pm @St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 11th

8 am/Kelly Anderson

Thursday, December 12th

8 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, December 13th

8 am @ St. Patrick/Bill Lannon

Saturday, December 14th

4:00 pm/Bruce Millsap

Sunday, December 15th

10:30 am/Loretta Taylor

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, December 7th @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Brian Barnes

Ushers: Mike Wishall, Rick Bates

EMHC: Beth Hewing, Annette Wishall

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, December 8th @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Diane Ducey

Ushers: Alan Schwenk, Gary Ducey

EMHC: Gary Ducey, Marlene Breen

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Rosie Spencer, Carol Miller

Hospital Rules

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

Father Pat's Office Hours

If you would like to speak or meet with Fr. Pat,
please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email
frpkoneal@yahoo.com

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment.
Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

Prayer Requests

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Ron Adams, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Ferrell Strack, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Anthony, Sharon, and Sam Novak and requested prayer intentions.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

After 10:30 am mass on Sunday, December 22nd, everyone is invited to help decorate the church for Christmas.

This is large project and your help would be greatly appreciated. Many hands make light work.

YOUTH GROUP FUDGE SALE

After Sunday Mass on December 8th & 15th, the youth group will be selling homemade fudge in the back of church. The price is \$15/half pound and \$25/pound.

Please support this worthy group!

ST. NICHOLAS VAN

The St. Nicholas van will be in the parish hall parking area on Friday December 13th at 12 noon. They will distribute Christmas presents along with the usual items of paper towels, toilet paper, shampoo, toothpaste, etc.

CHRISTMAS IN TOLONO

December 14th there will be town-wide activities throughout Tolono. From 9-11 am, St. Patrick's will provide donuts and hot chocolate at the parish hall along with an ornament make and take craft.

SENIOR POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck will be Wednesday, December 11th beginning at 11:30 am. Ham will be on the menu and you can visit with Santa after lunch.

Anyone age 55 and over is invited to bring a dish to share!

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday, December 24th 4 pm Mass at St. Patrick
Tuesday, December 24th 7 pm Mass at St. Joseph
Wednesday, December 25th 9 am Mass at St. Patrick

Fr. Pat will then be out of town on December 26th and 27th visiting family for the holidays.

The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect...Prayer—is not just informing God of our needs...He already knows them. Rather, the purpose of prayer is to give God the opportunity to bestow the gifts He will give us when we are ready to accept them. The person who thinks only of himself says only prayers of petition; the one who thinks of his neighbor says prayers of intercession; whoever thinks only of loving and serving God, says prayers of abandonment to God's will, and this is the prayer of the saints.

Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

Catholic Daughters Meeting

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas – Court Champaign County #1070 will be meeting on Thursday, December 12th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center – 405 West Clark Street – Champaign. All Catholic women 18 and older are invited to join us. The Court has been active in helping Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, Craft Sale for the Children of Hope and Faith, 40 Days for Life, Catholic Education scholarships and many other worthy causes.

If you have any questions, please contact Cheri Rak-ers, Regent at 217/417-6041/crakers@comcast.net . FYI - THERE WILL BE NO JANUARY MEETING.

THIS SEASON IS AN ESPECIALLY "BRIGHT" ONE

You, your family and friends are invited to "All is Bright," the 9th Annual Peoria Area Community Festival of Nativities, held Thursday through Sunday, December 5-8, 2024, at 3700 West Reservoir Boulevard, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in Peoria. For the second consecutive year the ecumenical festival features a live nativity outside on Thursday, from 4:00-7:00 PM. Inside, "all is bright," with hundreds of nativities from around the world on display. The beauty of the event derives from the unique detail of each nativity, whether a single piece or hundreds.

The complete schedule for the event is as follows:

Thursday, December 5, 3-9 PM
Live Nativity 4-7 PM

Friday & Saturday, December 6-7, 10 AM- 9 PM

Sunday, December 9, 12 Noon – 6 PM

Admission is free. The event also features music from area performers. Additional details can be found at communityfestivalofnativities.com or on the festival's Facebook page. We hope you will join us for this celebration of Jesus' birth.

WINTER CARNIVAL WITH SANTA AT STM

Calling all families to a fun morning of games, crafts, a Christmas Cookie Walk, face painting, photos with Santa and more on Sat., Dec. 14 from 9 – 11 am at the High School of St. Thomas More, 3901 N. Mattis Ave. in Champaign.

The cost is \$30 per family and includes unlimited games as well as coffee, donuts and light refreshments. Register online at <https://forms.gle/K4YdtTZraht4CHx5> and pay by venmo or check. Proceeds benefit STM Parent Association. For more information contact pa@hs-stm.org. See you there!

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

Altar & Rosary are selling nice fresh Georgia pecans. We have halves and small pieces at 1lb. for 10.00 each. These are very nice and freeze well. Call Marlene at 217-485-6500