

**Prepare
the way of
*the Lord***



St. Patrick

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**November 23 & 30, 2025 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose \$1,404.00/\$877.00
Flower Fund \$25.00/100.00
School Support..... \$175.00/\$0.00
Priestly Vocations..... \$0.00/215.00
Campaign for Human Dev \$270.00/\$0.00
Votive Candles \$0.00/136.00

Total..... \$1,874.00/\$1,328.00

Cemetery..... \$0.00/\$250.00
Building Fund \$0.00/\$250.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, December 6th**

4:00 pm/Anita Strack

Sunday, December 7th

10:30 am/Alberta Pfeffer

Monday, December 8th

8:00 am/For the People of the Parishes
5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Tuesday, December 9th

NO MASS

Wednesday, December 10th

8:00 am/Joseph Mitsdarfer

Thursday, December 11th

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, December 12th

8:00 am/Bernard & Evelyn Meyer

Saturday, December 13th

4:00 pm/Caroline Pfeffer Pace

Sunday, December 14th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, December 6th @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Brian Barnes

Ushers: Chris Humer, Rick Bates

EMHC: Becky Hand, Beth Hewing

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, December 7th @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Diane Ducey

Ushers: Mike Miller, Alan Schwenk

EMHC: Larry Hewing, Carol Miller

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Carol Miller, Angie Standford

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.

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, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Marco & Celia, Jim Like, Sandra Novak, Amanda Clark, Jeff Hester, Gavin Holt, Jodi Huebner and requested prayer intentions.

ALTAR & ROSARY

Altar & Rosary will be collecting personal care items to be donated to the St. Patrick Food Pantry. We are asking for men's/women's deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes (individually packaged), shampoo, toilet paper, hand lotion, body soap, chapstick, winter hats, & gloves.

Boxes will be in the vestibules for your donations.

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Our monthly senior luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 10th at St. Pat's Parish Hall at 11:30 am. Everyone 55 and older are invited to attend and bring a dish to share.

ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH—BEMENT

The final Mass to be said at St. Michael's Church in Bement will be Sunday, December 28th at 3 pm.

All are welcome to join in prayer, fellowship, & song.

Reception to follow Mass in the Parish Hall.

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS MEETING

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be meeting on Thursday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Parish Center. 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 Rakers, Regent at 217/417-6041 or crakers@comcast.net.

NOTE: THERE IS NO MEETING IN JANUARY.

CHRISTMAS IN TOLONO

December 13th there will be town-wide activities throughout Tolono. From 9-11 am, St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary will provide donuts and hot chocolate at the parish hall along with an ornament make and take craft.

There will also be horse-drawn carriage rides, house lighting awards, a tree lighting ceremony, and so much more!

For to TolonoFunDays.org for more info.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

To A&R for the purchase of the new storm door on the church ramp and to Larry Hewing for installing it.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is celebrated on December 8th, and is a Holy Day of Obligation.

There will not be a vigil Mass. Mass at St. Patrick will be at 8 am and at 5:30 pm at St. Joseph.

YOUTH GROUP FUDGE SALES

After Masses on December 6th & 7th & December 13th & 14th, the youth group will be selling homemade fudge in the back of church. Chocolate with/without nuts, white chocolate, peanut butter, chocolate peanut butter, white chocolate peanut butter \$25/lb, 15/0.5 lb. Please support this worthy group!

PRO-LIFE DISCUSSION

Panera on Kirby, Mon, December 15th 11-12:30pm. Grab a cup of coffee and join for a drop-in conversation.

2026 CHURCH DONATION ENVELOPES

Please pick up your box of donation envelopes for 2026, in the back of church. They are listed alphabetically with your last name on the top of the box.

CDOP BOOK

The Diocese is publishing a large photographic history celebrating the 150th anniversary of its founding. Every parish is featured including ours.

The cost of this large pictorial book is \$39. It will be available around Easter.

Please let the parish office know if you'd like to reserve a copy.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES & SIGNUP SHEETS

The Christmas Mass schedule will be:

St. Patrick—December 24th at 4 pm
St. Joseph—December 24th at 7 pm
St. Patrick—December 25th at 9 am

If you are a lector, usher, or extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, consider signing up on the sheets in the back of church for one of these holiday Masses.

ANGEL TREE

All presents must be returned by December 8th, wrapped and in a bag with the angel tied around the top.