

Blessed is the one
**who takes no
offense at me**

St. Patrick

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**DECEMBER 7, 2025 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose	\$4,517.00
Flower Fund	\$620.00
School Support.....	\$400.00
Campaign for Human Dev	\$200.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$50.00
Immaculate Conception	\$340.00
Total.....	\$6,127.00

Cemetery.....	\$650.00
Mass Stipend.....	\$320.00
Building Fund	\$510.00
Food Pantry	\$3,500.87

Mass Schedule**Saturday, December 13th**

4:00 pm/Caroline Pfeffer Pace

Sunday, December 14th

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

Monday, December 15th

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 16th

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 17th

8:00 am/Jamie Ping

Thursday, December 18th

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

Friday, December 19th

8:00 am/Margaret Schwenk

Saturday, December 20th

4:00 pm/Miller & Clark Families

Sunday, December 21st

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 13th @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Randy Wojan

Ushers: Mike Wishall, Dennis Winslow

EMHC: Sharon Morgan, Annette Wishall

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, December 14th @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Linda Hewing

Ushers: Larry Hewing, Travis McCarter

EMHC: Larry Hewing, Michele Ducey

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Mike Miller, Connie Langley

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.

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.

ST. THOMAS MORE NEWS**2026 STM Gala: Rooted in More**

Saturday, February 21, 2026 • Pear Tree Estate
Join The High School of Saint Thomas More for our 2026 Gala: Rooted in More! This special evening celebrates the mission and impact of Catholic secondary education in Central Illinois. Proceeds will benefit academic and classroom enhancements, facility upgrades, and enrollment growth initiatives. Purchase tickets and explore sponsorship opportunities at <https://hs-stm.org/page/gala>.

The 2025-2026 Paideia Award and Distinguished Alumni Award will be presented at the Gala on February 21st. Please help us recognize those who are champions of our mission by submitting your nominations for this year's honorees no later than January 16th. Additional details and nomination forms can be found <https://www.hs-stm.org/page/gala>.
Questions? Email us at give@hs-stm.org

Admissions Application Open for 2026-27

STM is accepting admissions applications for the 2026-2027 school year. Go to www.hs-stm.org and click on the menu in the upper right corner, then "Apply Now" to get started today. Have questions or need help with the application? Contact the Enrollment Office at admissions@hs-stm.org. If you submit a completed application by February 1, 2026, you will be eligible to receive a 2% discount. We hope and pray to welcome you and your child to the Saber family!

Shadow Visit - Come spend a day at STM with a Saber! Shadow visits are not mandatory but a great way for a 7th or 8th grader to see The High School of St. Thomas More. Please sign up with this form: <https://forms.gle/4j4KVFc3m5ypBX4d8>

STM Job Opportunities

STM is currently seeking applications for a Part-Time Spanish Teacher, an English Teacher, a Girls Track Coach and an Athletic Bus Driver. If interested email Sr. M. Bridget at srmbridget@hs-stm.org and John Delaney, Athletic Director at jdelaney@hs-stm.org.

DECORATING THE CHURCH

After 10:30 am Mass on Sunday, December 21st, please stay after to help decorate the church for Christmas.

COMMUNITY FAITH & WELLNESS**Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD)**

Mayo Clinic tells us, "Seasonal affective disorder (SAD) is a type of depression that's related to changes in seasons — seasonal affective disorder (SAD) begins and ends at about the same times every year. If you're like most people with SAD, your symptoms start in the fall and continue into the winter months, sapping your energy and making you feel moody. These symptoms often resolve during the spring and summer months. Less often, SAD causes depression in the spring or early summer and resolves during the fall or winter months. Treatment for SAD may include light therapy (phototherapy), psychotherapy and medications. Don't brush off that yearly feeling as simply a case of the "winter blues" that you have to tough out on your own. Take steps to keep your mood and motivation steady throughout the year."

More information regarding symptom management, risk factors and more found here:

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/seasonal-affective-disorder/symptoms-causes/syc-20364651>

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.