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with us

St. Patrick

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**DECEMBER 14, 2025 DONATIONS**

Regular/Loose	\$2,315.00
Flower Fund	\$80.00
Priestly Vocations	\$1,000.00
Retirement Fund	\$345.00
Immaculate Conception	\$125.00
Christmas	\$100.00

Total..... \$3,965.00

Cemetery	\$10.00
Mass Stipend	\$40.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Food Pantry	\$530.00

Mass Schedule**Saturday, December 20th**

4:00 pm/Miller & Clark Families

Sunday, December 21st

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

Monday, December 22nd

NO MASS

Tuesday, December 23rd

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

Wednesday, December 24th

4:00 pm/Betty & Gene Ducey

7:00 pm @ St. Joseph

Thursday, December 25th

9:00 am/Richard Breen

Friday, December 26th

8:00 am/Jamie Ping

Saturday, December 27th

4:00 pm/Anita & Ferrell Strack

Sunday, December 28th

10:30 am/Ron Adams

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES**Saturday, December 20th @4:00 pm Mass**

Lector: Brian Barnes

Ushers: Mike Wishall, Rick Bates

EMHC: Becky Hand, Annette Wishall

Gifts: Volunteers

Sunday, December 21st @10:30 am Mass

Lector: Linda Hewing

Ushers: Alan Schwenk, Gary Ducey

EMHC: Gary & Michele Ducey

Gifts: Volunteers

Money Counters: Alan Schwenk, Brian Barnes

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, 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. PATRICK FOOD PANTRY

Located in the parish hall at 304 E. Vine, the pantry is open on Monday 5-6:30 pm and Friday 9-10:30 am.

Choose the food you need with no restrictions related to residency, income, age, race, religion, or frequency.
Jan Blaney, coordinator, 217-621-5694

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**Crohn's & Colitis Awareness**

More than half a million people in the U.S. have Crohn's disease, and 600,000 to 900,000 people in the U.S. have ulcerative colitis, according to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. It is important to know the risk factors for both diseases and how the illness can affect your physical and emotional well-being.

Tips for help: Be informed, join a support group, talk to a therapist.

More information can be found from the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation here:

<https://www.crohnscolitisfoundation.org/about>

PRO-LIFE EVENTS

Micaella Clay, an Abortion Survivor, Speaker and Adoption Advocate, will be here in C-U area for a talk at the St. John's Catholic Newman Center, Jan. 21st, 6ish, & Ecumenical Memorial Pro-Life Prayer Vigil, Jan. 22nd at 7 pm, Savoy United Methodist Church, Champaign!

STEWARDSHIP 2025 UPDATE

Thanks to the generosity of 45 parish families, we are well on our way towards our assessment of \$25,566. Each gift is important to the mission of the diocese. The pledged/paid amount so far is \$21,950. There are cards in the pews, if you have not yet given. Your gift helps support the central ministries of our diocese including religious education of our young people, faith formation of adults, training of our future priests, Newman Centers on our college campuses and much more. Every dollar raised over our goal will be returned to the parish. To those who have contributed, we are most grateful.

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.