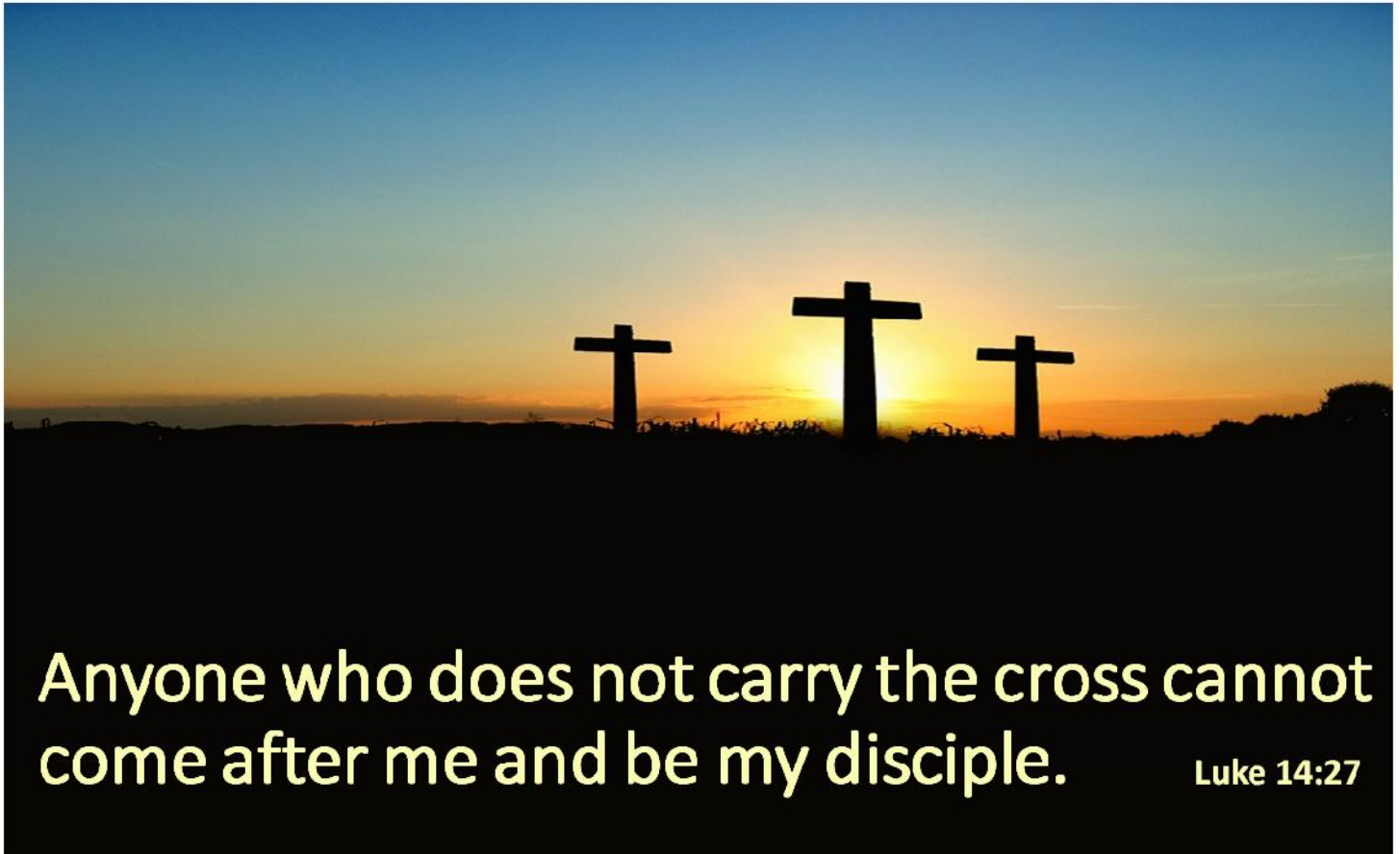


St. Patrick Roman Catholic Parish

An Arizona Non-Profit Corporation

St. Patrick Church

St. Michael Mission



**Anyone who does not carry the cross cannot
come after me and be my disciple.**

Luke 14:27

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Church

Tues. - Sat. 7:30 a.m.

Saturday 5:00 p.m. (Sunday Vigil)

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

St. Michael Mission

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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Pastoral Associates

Deacon Joe Delgado

Deacon Bill Lugo

Parish Corporation Board of Directors

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Rev. Edward Lucero

Rev. Gregory Adolf

Ruth Dugie / Mary Gomez

REMEMBER ST. PATRICK PARISH IN YOUR WILL

Weekend Mass Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 5:00pm Saturday Evening Vigil

St. Patrick Church - Bisbee

- 9:00am Sunday Morning

St. Michael Mission - Naco

- 11:00am Sunday Morning

Weekday Schedule

(Confession – 30 minutes before each Mass)

7:30am Tuesday – Saturday
(St Patrick Church)



MASS INTENTIONS

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 06SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Flavio Borbon

+Alex & +Maria Moroyoqui

Int of Artemisa Carbajal

Sunday 07SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Dolores & +Daniel Valle

+Peter Michael Polanco

Int of Hernandez Family

Int of Artemisa Carbajal

St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 08SEP25

No Mass Celebrated

Tuesday 09SEP25

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Wednesday 10SEP25

Int of Hernandez Family

Thursday 11SEP25

Int of Gonzales Family

Friday 12SEP25

+Pat Kambourian

Saturday 13SEP25

+Ruth Whitehead

MASS INTENTIONS

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday Vigil 13SEP25

5:00pm Mass

+Charlie & +Dolly O'Malley

+Librada, +Yolanda, +Arturo,

+Manuel Vargas

Int of Mary Jane Dugie

Sunday 14SEP25

9:00am Mass

+Jonathan Hallsted

+Frank Moreno

Int of Bick Family


St. Michael Mission

11:00am Mass

+Bert Whitehead Sr.

Psalm 119:135

*Let your face shine upon your servant;
and teach me your laws.*

A photograph of a person walking away from the camera on a gravel path that winds through a field of tall, dry grass. The path leads towards a line of trees in the distance. The scene is captured in a cinematic style with soft lighting.

Anyone who does not carry
their cross and come after me
cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:27

September 7, 2025

A single word in today's Gospel makes its lesson difficult to accept. Jesus tells the crowds that no one can be his disciple without first hating all their own family members. How could Jesus, who had just taught them to love their neighbor, say such a thing? Bible scholars suspect that Jesus may be employing Semitic exaggeration here, choosing an overly strong word instead of renouncing or refusing. Jesus' lesson is that discipleship demands total commitment: a willingness to carry one's cross, to renounce one's possessions, to put Jesus first. After all, the first disciples left their families to follow Jesus, sharing in his ministry and becoming his family. In the second reading, Saint Paul, having converted Philemon and then his runaway slave Onesimus, urges Philemon to accept Onesimus, not as a slave, but as a brother in Christ, serving the gospel rather than himself. As his disciples now, we too are called to put Christ first, even as we serve our neighbor, our spouse, our parent. Loving our family is great, but building up the kingdom of God is greater. Participating in this mission as Jesus' disciple is our most important calling.

What should you renounce or sacrifice in order to share in Christ's mission more fully?



September 7, 2025

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18b | Phlm 9-10, 12-17 | Lk 14:25-33

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

I am particularly struck by this line from Solomon's prayer in today's first reading from the Book of Wisdom: "Or who ever knew your counsel, except you had given wisdom and sent your holy spirit from on high?" Solomon doesn't seem to be seeking direct answers to the questions he presents today, but rather, uses them as a sort of poem of praise to honor God in all his glory. In modern language, we could rephrase his questions: *What do we know that God has not instilled into our minds? What wisdom do we have that was not infused by the Holy Spirit?* There are many things that we cannot understand without the wisdom God gives us. May we, like Solomon, praise and thank God for this gift. Let us trust that where our feeble, corruptible humanity falters, our heavenly Father is our refuge in every age.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's Gospel is certainly one that we need God's wisdom to understand. This reading always makes me do a double take or a read-over. "*What did Jesus just say?!*" His words today are stark and can feel disconcerting. "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." When I encounter a challenging Scripture such as this one, I try to immediately root myself in concrete truths about the Lord. First, I acknowledge that he is good and desires *my* good. He is all-knowing, all-powerful and all-loving. After centering on those realities, I can look at this Gospel again, but this time through a clearer lens. Ultimately, this Gospel is a piercing reminder of the radical renunciation desired by the Lord. It is a rubric for the narrow road and for sanctity. Jesus does not mince his words, nor does he seek to confuse or confound: to follow Jesus is to release our hearts from earthly attachments, to embrace our cross and to set our lives in proper order. Clear and direct? Certainly. Easy? Not at all. But doing this in union with Jesus? *Absolutely possible.*

REFLECT

Today, consider reflecting on your attachments – the places you cling to anything that is not Christ. As you go into these tender places, invite Jesus to gently reveal where he wants to grant you his freedom.

Lectio Divina



Lectio Divina for the Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time

We begin our prayer:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption,
look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters,
that those who believe in Christ
may receive true freedom
and an everlasting inheritance.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

(Collect, Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Reading (*Lectio*)

Read the following Scripture two or three times.

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds were traveling with Jesus, and he turned and addressed them, "If anyone comes to me without hating his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry

his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him and say, 'This one began to build but did not have the resources to finish.' Or what king marching into battle would not first sit down and decide whether with ten thousand troops he can successfully oppose another king advancing upon him with twenty thousand troops? But if not, while he is still far away, he will send a delegation to ask for peace terms. In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

Meditation (*Meditatio*)

After the reading, take some time to reflect in silence on one or more of the following questions:

- What word or words in this passage caught your attention?
- What in this passage comforted you?
- What in this passage challenged you?

If practicing lectio divina as a family or in a group, after the reflection time, invite the participants to share their responses.



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Prayer (*Oratio*)

Read the Scripture passage one more time. Bring to the Lord the praise, petition, or thanksgiving that the Word inspires in you.

Contemplation (*Contemplatio*)

Read the Scripture again, followed by this reflection:

What conversion of mind, heart, and life is the Lord asking of me?

Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. What crosses am I carrying right now? How can I grow as a missionary disciple?

Otherwise, after laying the foundation and finding himself unable to finish the work the onlookers should laugh at him. What spiritual projects have I failed to complete? When have I been subject to ridicule for my faith?

Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple. Am I a steward of my possessions or am I subject to them? How can I grow in generosity and develop a healthy relationship with my possessions?

After a period of silent reflection and/or discussion, all recite the Lord's Prayer and the following:

Closing Prayer:

You turn man back to dust,
saying, "Return, O children of men."
For a thousand years in your sight
are as yesterday, now that it is past,
or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep;
the next morning they are like the changing grass,
Which at dawn springs up anew,
but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright,
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Return, O LORD! How long?
Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,
that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.
And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be
ours;
prosper the work of our hands for us!
Prosper the work of our hands!

(From Psalm 90)

Living the Word This Week

How can I make my life a gift for others in charity?

Offer up your struggles or sacrifices this week for those who are persecuted for their faith.

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Footprints

Two gas company servicemen had finished checking the last meter for the day. The supervisor challenged the young trainee to a race back to the truck. So off they go.

As they arrived at the truck, they realized the lady from the last house was huffing and puffing right behind them. They asked her what was wrong. And gasping for breath, she replied, "Well, when I see two gas men running as hard as you two were, I figure I'd better run, too!"

You may not think of yourself as a leader. You may not think of yourself as important.

But you are.

You are somebody's role model. You are somebody's hero. You are somebody's example.

Children, family, friends, coworkers and the like, are watching you. And they will follow.

Leave good footprints.

Let your thoughts, words, and actions guide them to know – the Carpenter from Nazareth.



Available

George Shinn was a pastor back in 1880. He was summoned one midnight to the bedside of an old woman who lived by herself. She had little money and few friends, and she was dying. She told Shinn that she wanted another woman to come stay with her for such time as she might have left, so Shinn and the old woman's doctor struck out in the darkness to try to dig one up for her.

They knocked at doors and threw pebbles at second story windows. One woman said she couldn't come because she had children. Another said she simply wouldn't know what to do, what to be, in a crisis like that. Another was suspicious of two men prowling around at that hour of night and wouldn't even talk to them. But finally, they rapped at the humble door of an Irish woman, the mother of a brood of children. She put her head out of the window. "Who's there?" she said. "And what can you want at this time of night?" They tell her the situation, her warm, Irish heart cannot resist. "Will you come?" "Sure and I'll come, and I'll do the best I can." And she did come," the story ends. "She did the best she could."

This woman was willing. She was available.

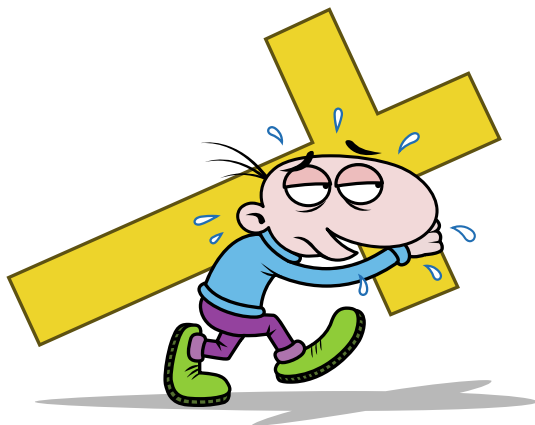
Is there a warmer word in our language? Available. It means, I'm here when you call. I'm ready, willing, able. Great crowds were following Jesus. He turned around and said to them: "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters yes, more than his own life otherwise he cannot be my disciple."

Jesus was asking, "Are you available?" Well, are we?

Love God more than your own life

Luke 14:25-27

My name is



Jesus tells us that choosing
his way is not always easy.
When might it be hard to do
what Jesus asks us?

What are some good choices you can make this week? Draw yourself doing one of the things from the list.



DO YOUR CHORES
WITHOUT BEING ASKED

CONTRIBUTE TO THE
OFFERTORY PLATE

MAKE FRIENDS WITH
SOMEONE NEW

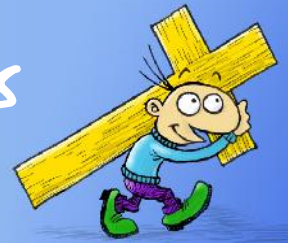
OWN UP TO MAKING
A BAD DECISION

TURN OFF THE T.V.
AND READ A BOOK

DO SOMETHING NICE
FOR YOUR PARENTS



Solutions



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

The Love Maze

Find the path to God



SECOND COLLECTION – CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

WEEKEND OF SEPTEMBER 27-28, 2025

FLOCKNOTE or BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING FOUR WEEKS

WEEK OF SEPT. 1-5:



Catholic Schools' Second Collection September 27-28! How does your donation help? This annual second collection helps the Department of Catholic Schools provide necessary resources to our 24 Catholic schools to include the following areas of support:

- Standardized Assessments
- Administrative Meetings and Professional Development
- St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Annual Award Event and Celebration of Catholic Schools
- Notre Dame ACE Teacher Partnership
- School Board Support and expenses
- Principal Retreat Formation
- Notre Dame Pastor Institute Support
- New Catholic School Support and Development

CATHOLIC QUIZ

7 September 2025

This week's Question: "What is the 'Nave' of a church?"

The answer to last week's Question: "What is a 'Chancel'?"

The Chancel is the area around the altar reserved for the clergy and those assisting them at Mass. It comes from the Roman custom of separating lawyers from the public in court by a lattice screen (Latin: cancellus, screen). The word "Chancery" is also derived from this legal term. Before the liturgical reforms of 1963, the Chancel (also called 'the Sanctuary') was divided from the nave of the church by an 'altar rail' – strictly setting the limits to which laypersons could approach the altar. This 'screening' of the altar was an 'Imperial innovation' following the legalization of Christianity in 325 A.D., it was unknown in the early Church! Like the iconostases (the wall which 'shields' the altar from the nave in Eastern Rite and Eastern Orthodox Churches), the altar screen evolved into major architectural and decorative element – but limited the participation of the Faithful to 'viewing' the Mass.

SOUL FOOD

7 September 2025

"Concepts create idols; only wonder comprehends anything. People kill one another over idols. Wonder makes us fall to our knees."

- St. Gregory of Nyssa (d.394)



In August 2025

16 volunteers spent about

235 volunteer hours

in service to our friends.

231 friends and 879 family members

were served during July.

**Walking with Jesus.
Every. Day.**



ST. PATRICK FALL FESTIVAL NOTICE

In response to many inquiries: There will be no Fall Festival this year. This fund raiser has been canceled due to our aging volunteers and lack of younger parishioners taking an active role in parish life.

It is unfortunate, but it is no longer possible for the parish to host this wonderful event. The safety, well being, and health of our aging volunteers who continue to do so much, for so many, is our priority.

Evening Glow...

Each evening, locals and visitors alike are treated to the stunning view of the church windows when they drive up Tombstone Canyon.

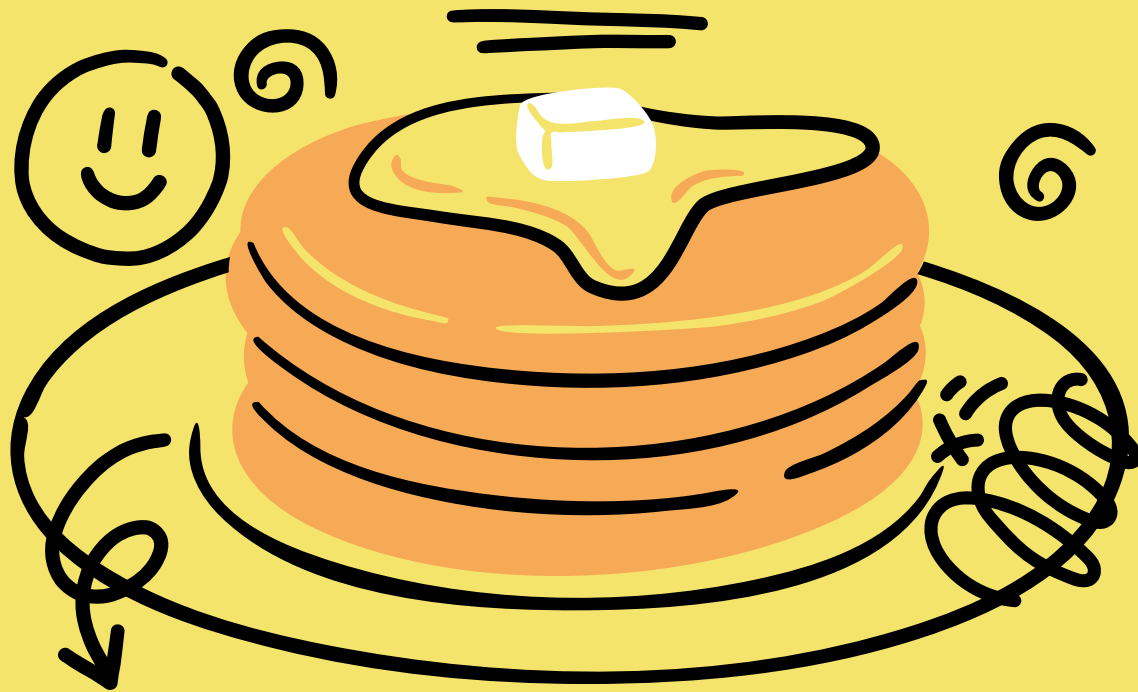
The interior lights of the church are on from 7 - 9 p.m. each evening. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity, and tell your friends & family as well.



Supporting those in need is key to living a good Christian life. Not just to those within our reach, but outside of our circle as well. On September 14, our Good Shepherds will host an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast to raise funds for the Bisbee Coalition for the Homeless. By participating, you will enjoy a delicious meal and support those during their time of need. Your generosity and support are vital in making a positive impact and demonstrating the values of love and service to our community and neighbors. We hope you will join us!

Can't make it that day? You can still help! Advance tickets may be purchased at the gift shop and gifted to someone. They can enjoy breakfast on you!!

PANCAKE DAY



HELP US RAISE MONEY FOR THE
BISBEE COALITION
FOR THE HOMELESS

SUNDAY 14 SEPTEMBER

8AM - 12PM

ST. PATRICK CHURCH HALL
100 QUALITY HILL - BISBEE

\$10

PLATE INCLUDES EGGS, SAUSAGE,
AND ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT PANCAKES
(ADDITIONAL SAUSAGE & EGGS
AVAILABLE FOR ADDED CHARGE)



Be sure to take advantage of our gift shop -- a "one-of-a-kind" place with many "one-of-a-kind" items.

- * New items every week
- * Our own lending library!
- * Religious items for every occasion
- * Seasonal items
- * Many quality hand-made items



Mondays -- GIFT SHOP IS CLOSED
Tuesday thru Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Open for after-Mass shopping after weekend masses

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED



Our choir is gearing up for fall. Our first rehearsal will be August 27, and we will begin singing for Mass in September. We usually sing for the 5 pm Saturday Mass, occasionally for the 9 am Sunday liturgy.

Some of our current members have been with the choir for 50+ years. At one time we could gather a group of 35+ voices with no problem. But each year our message to the congregation is the same--we have fewer singers and have a harder time each season because one by one our members are unable to continue. To maintain a choir we need singers.

We welcome anyone of any age who would like to join us to sing for a Mass most weekends, and a once a week rehearsal. Please consider helping us continue.

Questions? Speak to any of the choir members. Or contact

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Yvonne Torres	520-508-3725	vonn_11@outlook.com

Parish Financial Report



Last Sunday's Collection

St. Patrick Church

Envelopes/Loose:	\$1743
Online Giving	\$514
Total	\$2257

St. Michael Mission

Envelopes/Loose:	\$40
Online Giving	\$25
Total	\$65

YTD Weekly Collections

(Comparison to last year)

St. Patrick Offertory: Up \$12,249
St. Michael Offertory: Down \$45

June Report

Income:	\$25,002
Expenses:	\$48,080
In the RED:	\$23,079

YTD July 2024 to June 2025

Income:	\$367,773
Expenses:	\$309,599
Balance:	\$58,174
Other Revenue	\$11,825
Project Exp	\$89,643
In the RED	\$19,644

Use Online Giving

www.stpatsbisbee.com

Use "Give Now" link

THANK YOU!



Help Support

St. Patrick Parish and it's ministries.

Please share this QR Code with a family member or friend.

Their support matters and strengthens the good our parish lives for EVERYONE in our Bisbee / Naco community.



**Scan this QR Code with your cell phone
and make your donation today.**

Simple, Quick, Easy, and APPRECIATED!



Remember...
St. Patrick Church & St. Michael Mission
in your Will

Today, the Parish faces a shifting landscape. Changing demographics and cultural attitudes challenge full engagement, while economic pressures make sustaining ministry more difficult.

By leaving a gift in your Will, you help ensure that the Church's mission and pastoral outreach that have been important to you and so many others will continue for today's needs and those in the future.

Please, consider leaving a planned gift that demonstrates your faith and inspires future generations to carry on Christ's work. With your help, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Faith Community for many years to come.

God bless you for your prayerful consideration.
*"As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another
as good stewards of God's varied grace."
(1 Peter 4:10)*



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Report Abuse

 Call 911 – Tell the Police!

Our Call to Protect

We all have a duty to protect the vulnerable.

All volunteers, employees, clergy (priests and deacons) who serve in any parish ministry, group, club, or liturgy will only do so AFTER they have been processed through our Diocesan / St. Patrick Parish Safe Environment Program, received a High-Level Clearance, and completed Safe Environment training.

Parish Compliance

Representative

Deacon Tony Underwood

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Thinking about a Vocation?

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Director of Vocations and Seminarians

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Diocese of Tucson Vocations Prayer

Loving and generous God, we need more vocations to the priesthood.

Send us faith-filled servants to minister as dedicated and loving priests in the Diocese of Tucson. Inspire us with your Holy Spirit so that we will encourage and foster a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people. Bless our Diocese with men and women who will work together with your priests as deacons, religious, and lay ministers to bring to life the Gospel and to realize the Church's mission in our Diocese.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.