

**Saint Patrick's Catholic Parish**  
**Community**  
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**Daily Masses are celebrated in the Eucharistic Chapel** -Please use the southwest entrance. When a funeral Mass is held, there will be no daily Mass. The Mass intention will be rescheduled.

**Baptisms:** Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese.

**Marriages:** Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese six months before scheduling (a four-month period of preparation is required).

**Pastoral Home/Hospital Visitations:** If a family member or friend is homebound or in the hospital and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. & Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.

**New Parishioners: Welcome! Please register at the Parish Office, 1039 14th Ave.**

**Diocesan Mass times:** [www.gidiocese.org/Parishes.aspx](http://www.gidiocese.org/Parishes.aspx)

**Nationwide Mass Times:** [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org)

**From FR C.P**

It's the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is traditionally called 'Gaudete Sunday'. In Latin, 'Gaudete' means 'Rejoice'. It is a time to begin rejoicing as we approach the Christmas celebrations. St. Paul tells us, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say 'rejoice'" (Philippians 4:4). We, Christians are meant to bring about joy and happiness in the lives of people around us. This should be the hallmark of all those who follow Jesus. But, it is not unusual to see diametrically the opposite taking place in our society and in the world. Religion instead of being an agent of peace and harmony tends to divide people, bringing in unrest and disharmony. Down through the centuries wars have been fought in the name of God and religion. As we approach Christmas this year, let us try as much as possible to be instruments of mercy, joy, peace, and unity.

On another note, we are seeing the spread of covid and flu around us in our community. So, as a precaution, we shall suspend the sharing of the cup during Sunday masses until everything changes and looks better. Have a great time of Christmas preparations.

**Mass Schedule for the Week**

Monday, Dec 15	5:15 p.m.	Lewis Bruns
Tuesday, Dec 16	5:15 p.m.	Bing & Bernice Miller
Wednesday, Dec 17	7:15 a.m.	Henry Kalinowski
Thursday, Dec 18	12:15 p.m.	Rich Rolls
Friday, Dec 19	7:15 a.m.	David Busekist
Saturday, Dec 20		
Sloan Estates	9:30 a.m.	Int. Dick Mohatt
	5:00 p.m.	Int. People of St. Patrick's
Sunday, Dec 21	10:00 a.m..	Marge Schmitt

**Knights of Columbus News:**

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a coat for kids drive. Please bring in your gently used coats to the Parish Office weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Fridays) and Saturday at the Rummage House 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**VOLUNTEERS WELCOME**

We will be decorating for Christmas after the 10:00 a.m. Mass, Sunday, December 21. Anyone interested in helping, please meet in front of the Sanctuary right after Mass.

**January 5th– February 5th, 2026**

Father C.P will be on vacation.

**The Lord's Portion**  
**Dec 6-8- \$5,087.50**  
**Immaculate Conception- \$985.00**  
**Esk-Omi- \$25.00**  
**Diocese Annual Appeal- \$56.00**  
**Christmas- \$100.00**

**Rummage House News**  
Open Friday & Saturday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
**Dec 19-20**  
Team #5 Betty Mika

**Communion to Extended Care/Home Bound**  
December 20-21  
Nyla Hobson/ Deanna Gaston

**++ FAITH FORMATION & EVENTS ++**

**PRE-KINDERGARTEN-8TH:**  
**WEDNESDAY 6 P.M. - 7:15 P.M. Dec 17**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**  
**WEDNESDAY 7:30 P.M. - 9 P.M. Dec 17**


No Faith Formation class on  
**Wed 12/24 & 12/31**

No OCIA class on  
**Tues 12/23 & 12/30**

**OCIA Classes:**  
**Dec 16 6 P.M.—7 P.M.**

**Ministries for Dec 20/21**

	Sat. 5:00 p.m.	Sun. 10:00 am
<b>Greeters:</b>	Tom Von Seggern Cindy Von Seggern	Joan Falcon Mencho Falcon
<b>Leader:</b>	Charlotte Dorwart	Deb Gartner
<b>Lector:</b>	Deanna Gaston	Nicole Radcliffe
<b>Min. of Bread:</b>	Jim Cabela	Don Egging
<b>Min. of Cup:</b>	Diane Cabela Jean Holly Scott Rolls VOLUNTEER	Walter Egging Coleen Langdon Jerry Langdon Rick Spearow
<b>Altar Servers:</b>	Hunter Elston Zach Schumacher	Grace Beyer Luke Beyer Grant Beyer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Leininger Tino Lopez	Charles Gartner Jeff Smith
<b>Music:</b>	Jamie/ Dennis/ Jim/ Nyla/ Kathy/ Patricia	Guitars/ Heather/ Stevi/ Nicole




**SACRED ART**  
CHRISTMAS

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Christmas | Sacred Art


Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they look at the painting Adoration of the Shepherds by Gerard van Honthorst to celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. This famous painting reveals the Christ Child as the light that has come into the world and also depicts the Blessed Mother, St. Joseph, and the shepherds to be models of adoration to our humble Lord who came as a helpless baby.

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**Advent Diaper Drive:**

The annual Advent Diaper Drive will begin November 30th. We are asking for donations of Diapers, Wipes, Baby Formula and Baby food for families in need. Please place your donations in the baby cribs in the gathering areas anytime during Advent.




**The Story of Christmas**  
Benjamin Cello

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The Story of Christmas | Benjamin Cello Christmas Special

In this special hour-long television event, Benjamin Cello and his friends travel to Perryville Park for a spectacular shadow puppet retelling of "The Story of Christmas" by Brother Joseph and "The Shadow of His Wings" puppet theater.

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**Catholic Living**  
**Treasure Every Child**

THERE IS MUCH anticipation in the air. During Advent, we eagerly await the Christ child among us and all the blessings and transformations this infant brings. Our readings during this season remind us of the Christ child's vision for our world — and of God's power to upend existing political orders. This is the child whose mother proclaims that he will "cast down the mighty," "lift up the lowly," and change the course of history for God's people. We welcome the arrival of new life in Christ, imbued with hope and reminders that life is never fully defeated by empire's death-dealing designs.

But this Christ child comes in many guises. This child appears as an unhoused person, a racial other, an incarcerated person, a foreigner. Will we receive every child of God as we receive the Christ child and honor their hopes and full potential? Will we give to all of God's children the gifts of our time, energy, joy, and relationship so that our communities become hospitable places for the Christ child and every child?

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