

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

4:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass
For the people of St. Patrick's

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

The Nativity of the Lord
9:00am Christmas Day Mass
For the people of St. Patrick's

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

St. Stephen, The First Martyr
NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

*St. Thomas Becket, Bishop
and Martyr*
NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

*The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph*
NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31

Saint Sylvester I, Pope
5:00pm Elearor Kashuba -
Sally

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1

Mary, the Mother of God
8:00am Evelyn Frish –
Matt & Pina Willsey
10:00am Joy Caster –
Tom & Donna LaPrairie

*In your kindness, please pray for all
deceased members of our parish
family
and especially for:
Marilyn McLaughlin*

Please pray for the safe return of our soldiers who are stationed in areas of harm. Our hope is that they, as well as all our other young men and women, return home safely, and soon.

**Marcus Bolen*Connor Bush*Tanner
Bush*Matthew Eck*Jennifer Gillian*
*Jason Green*Stephen Paul*Jared
Twist**

Liturgies – December 17 & 18

Budget.....\$4,500
Collection \$8,581
Deficit/Surplus.....\$4,081

Please turn off your cell phone before entering church to preserve the spirit of prayer and reverence. Thank you.

Readings for Dec. 25 – Jan 1

Sun. Is 52:7-10 / Heb 1:1-6 /
Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Mon. Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 /
Mt 10:17-22
Tues. 1 Jn 1:1-4 / Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wed. 1 Jn 1:5-2:2 / Mt 2:13-18
Thur. 1 Jn 2:3-11 / Lk 2:22-35
Fri. Sir 3:2-6, 12-14
Sat. 1 Jn 2:18-21 / Jn 1:1-18
Sun. Nm 6:22-27 / Gal 4:4-7 /
Lk 2:16-21

You may request to light the Infant of Prague Candle or the Sanctuary Candle by calling the Parish Office. Each candle burns for 2 weeks. Donation \$10.00. **OR Flowers for the Altar.** The donation is \$50.00 per week.

*The Infant of Prague Candle
Burns for
The Heck & Reschke Families
Given by Marie*

*The Sanctuary Candle
Burns for
John & Mary Dragone
Given by Daughter, Joyce*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, December 24

4:00pm – Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday, December 25

9:00am – Christmas Day Mass

Monday, December 26 – N/A

Tuesday, December 27

Legion of Mary Mtg – after 9am Mass –
Center

10:00am to 4:00pm – Adoration - Chapel

3:00pm - Chaplet of Divine Mercy –
Chapel

8:00pm - AA Mtg – Center

Wednesday, December 28

9:30am - Rosary – Chapel

9:45am - Bible Study

Thursday, December 29

6:00pm – Food Pantry – Parking Lot

Friday, December 30

6:00am to 6:00pm – Adoration - Chapel

Saturday, December 31

4:00 - Confessions

Sunday, January 1

Coffee Hour

WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

For your safety, please be reminded that if the Jordan-Elbridge Schools are delayed or closed, **DAILY Mass** will be cancelled. Please listen to your favorite weather source for this information. **In extreme weather, please watch channel 9 or 10 to see if masses have been cancelled before heading out to Mass.**

In Our Community

Food Pantry:

THANK YOU SO MUCH to all who so generously gave food and monetary donations to the pantry for the holidays. We were able to assist 82 families at Thanksgiving and 90 families at Christmas. These families were all so grateful for the food and wrapped gifts. A huge thank you goes out to the many volunteers who helped to sort, pack and distribute the food boxes. What a hard-working, dedicated team of happy people!

Prayers are requested for:

Marge Austin, Alan Badger, Ken Barber, Kyle Bard, Gerald Bigness, Antoinette Bisson, Kathryn Brown, Kevin Brown, Tim & Susan Daly, Penny Dwyer, Kayla Elliott, Kenna Elliott, Patrick Fallon, Cookie Foltz, Hildegard Gunnip, Reese Hathaway, Jim Heirholzer, Bailey Higgins, Willie Hillbrett, Kaitlin Keller, Eddie Kinch, Jane Klaben, David LaPrairie, Dave & Jane Maitland, Luis & Dawn Maldonado, Debbie Marrero, Matthew Metelsky, Doug Milton, Teresa Moore, Kristin Nolan, Monica O'Brien, Michael & Michelle P., Manny Perez, Nico Petrocci, Jennifer Sheldon, Mary Ann Skardinski, Connie Skutt, Michelle St. Pierre, Terrissa Strange, Marianne Strauss, Jessica Thompson, Nora Vincent.

Please call the Parish Office to request that someone be added to our list. (Prayer Shawls are also available upon request.)

Lector & Communion Minister

December 24 & 25

Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day

4pm D. Zingaro & P. Shinal
9am T. DiRenzo & M. Heck

Dec 31-Jan. 1 (Mary, Mother of God)

5p P. Shinal & D. Zingaro
8a B. Dristle & A. Speck
10a R. Henderson & M. Heck

January 7-8

5p D. Zingaro & L. Liberatore
8a B. Dristle & A. Speck
10a R. Henderson & M. Heck

January 14-15 & 21-22

5p D. Barber & D. LaPrairie
8a B. Dristle & T. DiRenzo
10a M. McCabe & K. Scott

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2022

With joy and gladness in our hearts we celebrate the birth of the Word of God made flesh in the womb of the Virgin Mary. Our God has come to save us and bring us to life. "Christmas is an event of light; it is the feast of light: in the Child of Bethlehem, the primordial light once more shines in humanities heaven and dissipates the clouds of sin." (St. Pope John Paul II, December 24, 2001). May the message of God's eternal love that has filled the earth in this wondrous birth of Jesus touch your families with love and peace. Thank you for your generosity to St. Patrick's and for all your many acts of kindness, support, and affirmation to me as your pastor. I will keep you all in my prayers, especially at Mass. Love, Fr. DeLorenzo

THE CHRISTMAS TREE - The tradition of the Christmas Tree was brought to this country by German speaking immigrants. The tree is an "evergreen" and is one of the few trees that does not die (lose its leaves) in the winter. For this reason, it is a symbol of everlasting life, the precious gift from Jesus to all believers. Our Holy Father gave instructions that a Christmas Tree be displayed in St. Peter's Square during the Holy Season celebrating the birth of Christ our Life. "Then shall all the trees of the forest exult before the Lord, for He comes to rule the earth."

THE STAR - One of the most popular symbols of Christmas is the Star. Many people top their tree with a star or place a star that is brightly lit over their homes. It was a star which led the Magi to the humble crib of the newborn King. The Magi were the first non-Jewish people to visit Christ and they represented all people outside of the nation of Israel. The star can remind us that we are invited to come to Christ and to offer our gifts and talents to Him. In a sense, the Christmas Star is God's invitation to offer ourselves to the Father of all peoples and nations and to adore Him. "The star which they had observed at its rising went ahead of them until it came to a standstill over the place where the child was."

ORNAMENTS

Decorating the Christmas tree with ornaments comes from an old European custom when ornaments were made from cookies and bread. These were hung on the tree in thanks for "our daily bread." They meant a special Christmas treat for children, too. Through the years these edible decorations began to be made of carved wood and blown glass. The tradition of edible decorations is still carried on when we give and share special Christmas breads and foods with friends and relatives. "I myself am the Living bread which has come down from heaven. If anyone eats this Bread, he will live forever."

HOPE APPEAL 2022

The 2022 Hope Appeal is now underway here at St. Patrick's. The Hope Appeal helps fund agencies and programs that provide for so many people in need. Thanks to your generosity we made our assessment for 2021. This year's assessment is \$21,377.50, and I am pleased to report to date that St. Patrick's has raised **\$19,985.00 from 94 donors toward our assessment.** Please prayerfully consider increasing your gift by \$25.00 this year. Many of you will receive a letter and pledge form directly to your home, we ask all other parishioners to please take a pledge form from the church pews and send it back to the parish office as soon as possible, so we can make our assessment for this year. God bless you.

THE WISDOM OF FULTON SHEEN

"It is not the sanctuary that is in danger; it is civilization. It is not infallibility that may go down; it is personal rights. It is not the Eucharist that may pass away; it is freedom of conscience. It is not divine justice that may evaporate; it is the courts of human justice. It is not that God may be driven from His throne; it is that men may lose the meaning of home; For peace on earth will come only to those who give glory to God! It is not the Church that is in danger, it is the world!"

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation classes (Pre-K-10th grade), have begun. Classes meet after the 10am Mass, until 12:15pm. If you are new to our program, call the Faith Formation Office (315-689-6240x113) for information. Please invite friends and neighbors to join us, even if they have not been active in the Church recently. Our Pre-K-2 program is an excellent way to nurture the spiritual life of our youngest children and the older groups build on that foundation. Our goal is to include the whole family in the lifelong mission of growing in love with Jesus and learning about His Bride, the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church, the Mystical Body of Christ, of which we are members through Baptism.

Call Mary Badger

315-689-6240X113.

Upcoming Class Dates: 1/8, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29.

BIBLE STUDY:

Bible study continues. We are using "Epic", a study of the Early Church. We meet in the Faith Formation Office on Wednesdays at 9:45am. Please consider joining us.

RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY:

Please continue to pray for and witness to the protection of each human life from conception to natural death. There is an extensive prolife library and supply of informative pamphlets available in the Faith Formation office. Call 315-689-6240x113 to borrow materials!

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT!!

Our parish has been able to obtain a **parish-wide license for access to FORMED** from the Augustine Institute! This is a faithful Catholic resource for full length films, children's videos, Catholic studies, meditations, and so much more! It will launch after Christmas and there will be on-going information to introduce our parish family to this benefit! Stay tuned!

McGINN MOWING
Lawn, Landscaping, trimming
and yard clean-up

John McGinn
315-283-1661

McGINN
Handyman & Painting
315-575-5732



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
NEWS:**

Meetings 2nd Thursday of each month. Please contact Dick Strauss, Grand Knight, at 315-689-7805 for information.

PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY

Most Holy Trinity, we put the United States of America into the hands of Mary Immaculate. Through her, we wish to thank You for the great resources of this land and for the freedom which has been its heritage. Through the intercession of Mary, have mercy on the Catholic Church in America. Grant us peace. Have mercy on our government leaders. Grant us a fruitful economy, born of justice and charity. Have mercy on capital and labor. Protect the family life of our nation. Guard the precious gift of many religious vocations. Have mercy on the sick, the tempted, sinners, and all those in need. Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, Patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you. Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your Divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God. Amen.

PARISH WEBSITE -Visit our parish website:

www.patricksjordan.com for the latest bulletin and parish information! If you have an item to add to the website, please email it to Steve Uhnak at: **mysju@yahoo.com**

ST. MICHAEL PRAYER

St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil.

May God rebuke him, we,
humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the
Heavenly hosts, by the
power of God,
cast into hell satan, and all
the other evil spirits who
prowl about the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen

ALTAR & ROSARY NEWS

Joanne Decker, President
315-224-0245

**A Christmas Carol
poem
by G.K. Chesterton**

The Christ-child lay on
Mary's lap,
His hair was like a light.
(O weary, weary were the
world,
But here is all aright.)

The Christ-child lay on
Mary's breast
His hair was like a star.
(O stern and cunning are
the kings,
But here the true hearts
are.)

The Christ-child lay on
Mary's heart,
His hair was like a fire.
(O weary, weary is the
world,
But here the world's
desire.)

The Christ-child stood on
Mary's knee,
His hair was like a crown,
And all the flowers looked
up at Him,
And all the stars looked
down.