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Sunday,
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2022

St. Patrick Church

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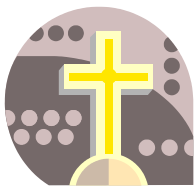
+First Sunday of Advent+

Scripture Insights Our readings call us to embrace God's transforming presence in our lives. The first reading, from Isaiah, comes from a popular song the Israelites sang in captivity. It lifted their spirits as they reflected on God's promises to lead them back to their homeland. This song tells of a new age when God will reveal himself so that not only the Israelites but "all nations shall stream toward" the house of the Lord (Is 2-2), the Temple in Jerusalem where God will bring peace among all humanity: "They shall beat their swords into plowshares" (Is 2-4).

St. Paul continues this theme of transformation by reminding us that our salvation is closer now than when we first believed! Our minds and actions need to embrace the necessary changes. True transformation can occur only through the power of Christ's grace "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom 13:14). Like a new set of clothes. Christ embraces us totally and transforms the essence of our being.

The Gospel reiterates the urgency to stay awake and prepare for the Lord's coming at the end of our lives or at the end of the world. We do not approach this encounter in fear and trepidation but, in the spirit of our first two readings, with a joyous expectation of God's fulfillment of the longings in our hearts for true happiness, peace, and rest, as St. Augustine addressed God, "For you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you."

Mass Schedule: Nov 28 - Dec 4, 2022



Tues. Nov 29	8:00 am	(V) Barbara Frye+
Wed. Nov 30	8:00 am	(B) Glenn Dexter+
Thurs. Dec 1	8:00 am	(V) JoAnn Cole+
Fri. Dec 2	8:00 am	(B) Vocations
	5:00 pm	(V) Matt Fiser+
Sat. Dec 3	8:00 am	(V) People of the Parish
Sat. Dec 3	4:00 pm	(V) Grace DeRycke+
Sun. Dec 4	8:00 am	(B) Mary Ann Plants+
Sun. Dec 4	10:00 am	(V) People of the Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig
Bob Murtha
Diane Davidson
Vivian Kalambaheti
Rose Refer
Alice VanQuekelberghe

Gale & Bev Wood
Marvin Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Dawson Klein
Jim McGrory
Ed Doran

Joanna Green
John & Darla Doud
Collette Seda
Julian Boudonck
Chris Jahlas
Shirley Blomme

Rev. Philip Ryan
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Mary Bernhart
Verabeth Bricker
Joan Doran
Shirlee Lynn

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Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

8:00 AM	Sat	Dec	3	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Dec	3	Cooper Hoey, Keelan Hoey
10:00 AM	Sun	Dec	4	Gracie Waterbeck, Nicole Gensley

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

8:00 AM	Sat	Dec	3	Volunteers
4:00 PM	Sat	Dec	3	Laurie Gerard
10:00 AM	Sun	Dec	4	Pat Blomme

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

We are NOT having Eucharistic Ministers at this time for any of the Masses.

<u>Funeral Committee:</u>	Dec	Kathy Lynch (319-647-3186), Steph Thys (319-350-2974)
<u>Money Counters:</u>	Dec 4	Tom & Jean Thys, Jerry Sughroue

- Poinsettias– If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a deceased loved one, They are \$16.00. Please fill out the form and return in the collection baskets. Thanks.
- **Reminder**A & R Christmas– The A & R ladies will be having their annual Christmas party on Dec. 15. It will be at the Kava House in Swisher at 11:30am. We will meet in the church parking lot at 10:30am. There will be rides available. All ladies of the parish are welcome. Reservations need to be made by Dec. 5th. Call Joan Schafbuch at 319-558-6306 or Jane Dietrich at 319-647-3586 to make your reservation. Thanks

Old Fashioned Christmas Luncheon– We are having the luncheon again this year. It will be on Sat. Dec. 10 from 11-1pm. The cost is \$12. a plate. They are serving French dip sandwiches, cheesy hashbrowns, green beans, applesauce, dessert and a drink. Anyone will to help or clean up please call Peg Weisskopf at 319-330-5934.

Annual Diocesan Appeal : WE MADE OUR GOAL THANK YOU! We are now at 128% toward the parish goal of \$16,157.00

Confessions– Confessions can be heard one hour before all Masses.

How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? The chalice of salvation I will raise, and I will call on the name of the Lord.

Financial Overview : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes:\$1,017.00 Offertory:\$72.00 Weekly Online Giving:\$80.00
Campaign for Human Development:\$25.00 Cemetery:\$200.00

Happy Birthday!

Nov 28– Erin Riffel

Dec 2– Rayce Heitman, Dan Timm, Cathy Verdeck

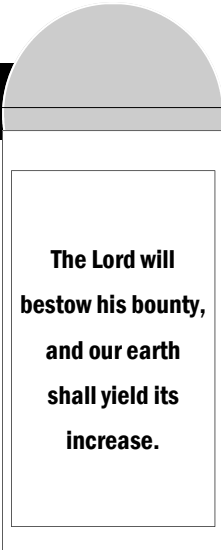
Dec 3– Joachim Grismer, Jim Thys, Jeaneva Verdeck

Dec 4– Scott Blomme, Dan Cavin

Happy Anniversary!

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8:00 AM Sun. Dec 4 Connie Schott, Megan Hanlon

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Money Counters

Dec 4 Francis Kriegel, John & Jane Fetter

- **Poinsettias**– There is an insert this week– If you would like to donate a poinsettia in memory of a deceased loved one, please fill out the form and return in the collection baskets. Thanks.
- **Christmas Share Tree**– The tree was put up this weekend. Please consider helping someone less fortunate. **Remember, if you take a tag from the tree you must write it down on the list next to it.** Gifts are due back, wrapped and labeled by Sunday, Dec. 4 at 10am.
- **Annual Diocesan Appeal**– ,WE MADE OUR GOAL THANK YOU! We are now at 119% toward the parish goal of \$14,814.00
- **Cookbook Pre-orders**– The cost is \$15, durable hardcover, 3 ring binder with over 275 recipes from parishioners. Includes church history and custom artwork done by our youth. Makes a great Christmas gift. Order forms in back of church.
- **Confessions**– Confessions can be heard one hour before all Masses.

Financial Overview: Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes: **\$648.00** Offertory: **\$151.00** Weekly Online Giving : **\$288.50**
Improvement: **\$** Campaign for Human Development: **\$50.00**

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Nov 28–Dec 4

Happy Anniversary!
Nov 30– Jeff & Brenda Hall– 24 years
Nov 30– Don & Norma VanErsvelde– 65 years
Nov 30– Ron & Javerne Vercande– 48 years
Dec 1– John & Mary Jo Upah– 49 years

Important Information for Both Parishes:

- **SECOND COLLECTION**-Please be generous in this week's Special Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the U.S. more than 11% of the population lives in poverty. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds we collect remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and support those working on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd.
- **Poinsettias**-We invite you to donate a poinsettia in memory of your deceased loved one and help up decorate the church for the Christmas season. Each poinsettia is \$16.00. The forms are in the bulletin or in the back of the church. Please fill out the form and drop in the collection baskets.
- **St. Patrick's Cookbooks**- The cost is \$15, durable hardcover, 3 ring binder with over 275 recipes from parishioners. Includes church history and custom artwork done by our youth. Makes a great Christmas gift. Order forms in back of church.

Domestic Violence- Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 www.dvpiowa.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend- Does gardening give you a sense of wonder and fulfillment? On your wedding day, you lovingly planted the seeds of a lifelong relationship. A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will give you the "gardening tools" you need to help your marriage grow and blossom. For information or to register contact Greg or Denise at (563)920-9419 or email to: drubner9419@gmail.com. Upcoming dates are Sept 9-11 in Dubuque and Nov 18-20 in Holstein.

Child Sexual Abuse- Please contact Iowa Dept. of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the case involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002, PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004 or vac@diodav.org

Website: stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

Office Hours: The office will be open Monday through Thursday 2:30pm- 4:30pm. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. Thank You.

Confessions: There will be confessions heard an hour before all Masses at the parish where Mass is held.

Marriages: Please arrange with Fr. Lemaster at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.

Baptisms: There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Lemaster for more information.

Newcomers: You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Lemaster or the parish secretary, Linda Gensley. Church line is 319-647-2294 or Rectory is 319-647-2220.

Hall Rental: Anyone interested in renting out the hall please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100.00 must fill out our parish policy and check on the availability of dates.

Bulletin: Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: stbridgt@netins.net

Online giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church. Please visit our website and get started at: www.stpatrick-stbridget.org Thank-You!