

# SAINT PATRICK

# SAINT MARGARET MARY

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

A voice cries out: In the desert  
prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a  
highway for our God! (Is 40:3)

### Psalm:

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant  
us your salvation. (Ps 85)

### Second Reading:

We await new heavens and a new  
earth  
in which righteousness dwells.  
(1 Pt 1:13)

### Gospel:

John the Baptist appeared in the desert  
proclaiming a baptism of repentance  
for the forgiveness of sins. (Mk 16:4)



## Readings for the Week of December 10, 2023

**Sunday:** Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12,  
13-14 (8)/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8

**Monday:** Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
13-14/Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday:** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a,  
10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or  
Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday:** Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8  
and 10/Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday:** Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,  
12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15

**Friday:** Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mt  
11:16-19

**Saturday:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b,  
15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Next Sunday:** Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48,  
49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn  
1:6-8, 19-28

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### MASS SCHEDULES

Sunday 9:00am  
Tuesday 9:00am  
Wednesday 9:00am  
Saturday 6:00pm

### ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday after Mass  
Sunday 8:00am

### COMMUNION SERVICE

Monday-Friday, 7:15am

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### MASS SCHEDULES

Saturday 4:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am  
1:00pm—Misa en Español  
Thursday & Friday 9:00am  
Except third Thursday, Mass at 11:00am

### ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

Friday at 9:30am-10:30am  
Saturday at 3:00pm-3:45pm

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 3:00pm-3:45pm

### STAFF

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**Sunday, December 10, 2023**

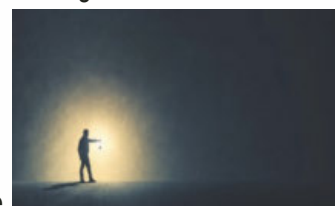
# Together in Faith

## Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u> <u>December 9th</u>	4:00pm-SMM	Maryanna Swinford † (Sally Stewart)
	6:00pm-SP	Frank & Cornelia Topolosek † (Family)
<u>Sunday</u> <u>December 10th</u> 2nd Sunday of Advent	9:00am-SP	Pro-Populo Mass for the People of Our Parish
	11:00am-SMM	Special Intention for Clara Gonzales (Dr. Ruben & Ched Gonzales)
	1:00pm-SMM Misa en Español	<b>Misa followed by confessions, then the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
<u>Tuesday</u> <u>December 12th</u> <b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>	9:00am-SP	James Smith † (Patricia Smith)
	7:00pm-SMM	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass</b>
<u>Wednesday</u> <u>December 13th</u>	9:00am-SP	Chris Hale † (Carla Haley)
	5:00pm-SP	Reconciliation & Adoration
<u>Thursday</u> <u>December 14th</u>	9:00am-SMM	Mark Akers † (Missy Auterson)
<u>Friday</u> <u>December 15th</u>	9:00am-SMM	Harry Secrest † (Jack & Kathy Meany)
<u>Saturday</u> <u>December 16th</u>	4:00pm-SMM	Pro-Populo Mass for the People of Our Parish
	6:00pm-SP	Bee & Ed Farrington † (Mike & Linda Farrington)
<u>Sunday</u> <u>December 17th</u> 3rd Sunday of Advent	9:00am-SP	Dick & Rita Neal † (Mary Beth Robinson)
	11:00am-SMM	Rose Scott † (John Scott)
	1:00pm-SMM Misa en Español	Special Intentions

## A light in a dark world

In the wee hours of the morning, as I drive my school bus around picking up students, the neighborhoods are set up with dazzling displays of Christmas lights. Some are put out before thanksgiving. People drive around the neighborhoods to see the flashing, colorful lights displayed enjoying the upcoming Christmas season.



When I think about these holiday lights, I am reminded of the Light that makes Christmas a holiday for many. A light so bright that it shines on the whole world with peace, hope and love. This light, Jesus, is the reason for the season giving the whole world everything that it is longing and looking for.

Imagine if all Christians worked as hard at shining and bringing the light of Christ to all, as the families who illuminate their streets with Christmas lights. Maybe, just maybe, the people who live in a dark world would make an effort to see this great Light of Christ.

When Christians everywhere work together to display God's love, perhaps people may be more attracted to Jesus, the Light of the World. This Christmas season may we be that witness for Christ as the Light in a dark world.



**Deacon Mike**



## ST. MARGARET MARY PRAYER REQUESTS:



Don Arns, Mary Baker, Marsha Bialaszewski, Billie Cvengos, Rhett Detamore, Lily Farid, Rosemary Freeze, Randy Hatfield, Carol Hilton, Doris King, Geri March, Jim Plew, & Mary Sullivan

Please remember in prayer all nursing home residents, those serving in the military, those who are homebound, those with chronic illness/pain and all of their caretakers. Please call the Parish office for prayer requests at (812) 232-3512.

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Save the Date: Retiree's will meet at Piloni's for their Christmas Party after Mass on December 21st. Instead of a gift exchange, please bring a donation for the Soup Kitchen. They are in need of individually wrapped snack cakes/desserts & fruit cups/pudding. Please contact Jane Long 812-239-4691 or Louise Meneghini 812-239-1227 if you plan to attend.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Jubilant to Share

Sometimes you have something to share with people that causes you to well up inside with excitement to the point of going crazy. A pregnancy test, a pay raise, a college acceptance, a wedding or engagement are all examples of moments in life when we might be bursting at the seams to tell somebody the good news. When we finally get the chance to tell somebody, joy just seems to flow through us with ease. We literally want the entire world to share in our jubilation.

When was the last time you shared with a friend or loved one how much your faith in Jesus means to you? You do not feel the same motivation to share. Are you not overwhelmed with a desire to spread the Good News?

Do not feel bad. You are not alone. As Christians, we often fail to grasp the powerful implications of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We can become complacent and lose sight of what matters the most. That is when sharing with others about our faith seems uncomfortable.

Faith is a gift. As everyday stewards we are called to share with others, what God has given us. Advent is a great time to grow in our faith and love of the Lord. The more we cultivate our faith and the closer we draw to Him, the more we will want to share about Him. We might not have the impact of John the Baptist in the course of human history, but our proclamation of the Gospel to another might be the gift that changes their history.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## SMM Events for the Week

### Saturday, December 9th

- 3:00pm-Reconciliation
- 4:00pm-Mass
- 7:00pm-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena/Church

### Sunday, December 10th

- 11:00am-Mass
- 1:00pm-Misa followed by confessions. Once confessions are done, the Novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe will be held.

### Monday, December 11th

- 7:00pm-Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena/Church

### Tuesday, December 12th

- 7:00pm-Mass/Our Lady of Guadalupe

### Wednesday, December 13th

- 6:30pm-Faith Formation/RE

### Thursday, December 14th

- 9:00am-Mass
- 5:30pm-Finance Meeting/SMM Rectory

### Friday, December 15th

- 9:00am-Mass
- 9:30am-Adoration & Reconciliation

### Saturday, December 16th

- 3:00pm-Reconciliation
- 4:00pm-Mass

### Sunday, December 17th

- 11:00am-Mass
- 12:30pm-YM/Teen Connection Christmas Party
- 1:00pm-Misa



### 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT





# St. Patrick Church

## ST. PATRICK PRAYER REQUESTS:

Patrick Singhurse, Jeff Spencer, Allison Pfister, Rebekah Southard, Darris Shacklee, Ray Veit, Sherry Taylor, William Landes, Trey Lizanith, Ariana Olexa, Erick Schmidt, Sheila Schenk, Frank Mershon, Helen Olinske, Rhett Detamore, Eunice Pate, and Scott Carpenter



**Please also remember in prayer all those who are serving in the military, the homebound, the caretakers, nursing home residents, and the many volunteers helping those in crisis. Please call the parish office for prayer requests at 812-232-8518.**

## St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Monthly Need

**Week 1:** Peanut Butter & Jellies

**Week 2:** Fresh fruit

(bags of apples, oranges, and banana's)

**Week 3:** Fruit cups & Canned Vegetables

**Week 4:** Rice/Noodles/Pasta



The Adoration Chapel is in need of several "guardians" for hours that do not have a committed adorer or guardian. There are many hours that could use an additional guardian because two adorers at each hour are better than one.

Guardians allow the Chapel to remain open to all who are in need. We are protectors of the Chapel. If we do not have guardians, the Chapel cannot be open at certain times and that would be a great loss for us all. Please prayerfully consider signing up. You can even bring your family and friends (we even encourage it).



At this time of year, especially, there is much needed peace and down time when you adore Jesus in the Chapel. Reconnect with Our Eucharistic Lord. For information, contact Roni Schmidt at 812-877-4365 or 812-243-3764 or by email at [ronischmidt9@gmail.com](mailto:ronischmidt9@gmail.com)

**"God bless us always and in all ways" - Monsignor Moran**



## Stephen Ministry

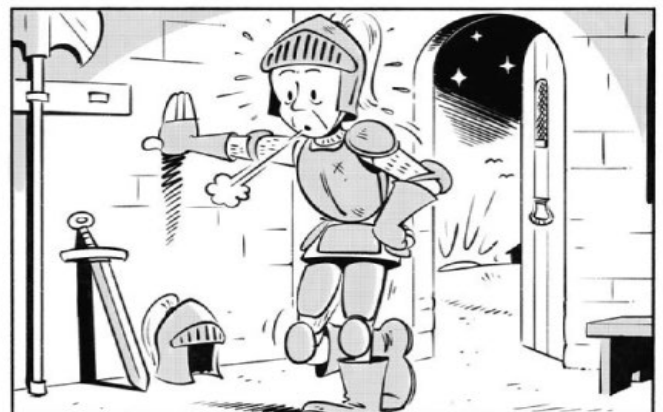
Christmas will not be merry for everyone this year...It's called the "most wonderful" time of the year, but Christmas can be less than joyful for those enduring the loss of a loved one. Whether the loss is recent, or long in the past, the holiday can make the pain seem fresh again. Though you can't guarantee a Merry Christmas for those in your care, you can help them make it through the season-and perhaps even help them give the holidays new meaning.

1. Be patient and realistic
2. Listen to your heart and acknowledge your limits
3. Adapt cherished traditions
4. Allow the fears to come, but look for joy amidst the pain
5. Focus on the spiritual dimension of the holidays



The St. Patrick Altar Society's monthly meeting for December has been moved to a special date and location to help us celebrate Christmas early with a carry-in party. Plan on joining us on Thursday, December 14, 2023 at 1:00pm at the Village Quarter Clubhouse. The Clubhouse is located at 488 Village Drive just off of E. Poplar St. We will begin with the Rosary and then food & fellowship.

## "Why was St. George tired?"



## "He worked the knight shift."



St. George is the patron saint of England, he was a soldier and officer in the Roman army who was martyred for his faith in Jesus.

# Together in Faith



**SMM & SP Youth Faith Formation**  
grades K-8 meets Wednesdays, at  
6:30pm-7:30pm at St. Margaret Mary  
Church.

Use this QR Code to  
register online!



*If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server or if you currently serve at St. Patrick or St. Margaret Mary Parishes we are starting a "Server Club". Please email Veronica at [vrogers@saintpat.org](mailto:vrogers@saintpat.org) for sign up information.*

**Terre Haute Catholic Teens: Teen Connection** Meets  
Sunday, 12/17 at St. Margaret Mary from 12:30pm to 2:30pm.  
January TC Sessions: 1/7 & 1/21.

Use this QR code to register online.




## NCYC 2023



Our Youth Faith Formation & Teen Ministry programs are in need of Catechists/Volunteers. We have many options available: greeters, photographers, translators (English to Spanish), small group talk leaders, room mom/dad (to be an extra set of eyes, ears and hands for group activities). Please consider being an active part of Youth & Teen Faith Formation & Ministry. Contact Veronica Rogers:  
[vrogers@saintpat.org](mailto:vrogers@saintpat.org)

Thank you for your prayers, assistance and support!



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**THURSDAY**  
**December**

# 14

2:30PM-5:45PM



Helpful tip:  
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

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# YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 16, 2023  
St. Joseph University Parish  
6:30 pm

Please RSVP by Dec. 11 to  
[adultfaith@stjoeup.org](mailto:adultfaith@stjoeup.org)

**Please bring a side dish to share.**

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**Merry Christmas**

During this holiday season, we wish you all the best.

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