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Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

I rejoice heartily in the LORD,
in my God is the joy of my soul.
(Is 61:10)

Psalms:

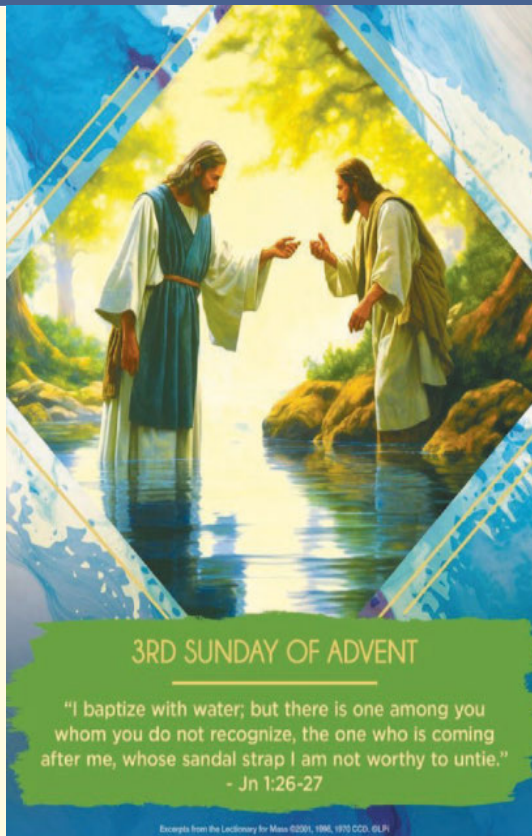
My soul rejoices in my God. (Is 61:10b)

Second Reading:

May the God of peace make you perfectly
holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and
body, be preserved blameless for the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
(1 Thes 5:23)

Gospel:

"I baptize with water; but there is one
among you whom you do not recognize,
the one who is coming after me,
whose sandal strap I am not worthy to
untie." (Jn 1:23)



3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"I baptize with water; but there is one
whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming
after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie."
- Jn 1:26-27

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Readings for the Week of December 17, 2023

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

Monday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13,
18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a,
5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab,
5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps
33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Friday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7,
8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab,
8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 (2a)/Rom 16:25-27/
Lk 1:26-38

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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

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Sunday, December 17, 2023

Together in Faith

Mass Intentions

<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
<u>Tuesday</u> <u>December 19th</u>	9:00am-SP	John S. Newlin † (Altar Society)
<u>Wednesday</u> <u>December 20th</u>	9:00am-SP	Helen Holland † (Christy/VCPD)
	5:00pm-SP	Reconciliation & Adoration
<u>Thursday</u> <u>December 21st</u>	11:00am-SMM	Special Intentions
<u>Friday</u> <u>December 22nd</u>	9:00am-SMM	Special Intentions
<u>Saturday</u> <u>December 23rd</u>	4:00pm-SMM	Henry Stewart † (Bill & Sally Stewart)
	6:00pm-SP	Pro-Populo Mass for the People of Our Parish
<u>Sunday</u> <u>December 24th</u> 4th Sunday of Advent	4:00pm-SMM	Special Intentions
	6:30pm-SP	Pat & Mark LaGrange † (Terry LaGrange)
	10:30pm-SP	Special Intentions
<u>Monday</u> <u>December 25th</u> The Nativity of the Lord	9:00am-SP	Special Intentions
	9:00am-SMM Misa en Español	Special Intentions

The End of Fear

From pandemics and recession to natural disasters and daily anxieties, people are prone to fear. And in today's connected world those fears can turn to panic in a matter of minutes or even seconds. So how do we respond when fear strikes?

St. Paul gives us a very practical and comforting command in Philippians that should help us when we approach our fears. He says; "be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known God. And the peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus".

We fight sinful fears and anxieties by fighting against the unbelief and believe in God's ongoing grace and peace toward us. The way we fight this "good fight" is by meditating on God's many rich gifts He has given to us and by asking for the help of the Holy Spirit. By reflecting on the gifts that God has given us already, we will be able to enjoy the present and now worry so much about the future.

Don't start (or end) your day with the news, but start and end with prayer. Take your fears before the Lord, lay out your anxieties before Him, name the thing that frightens you (whether it's disease, loss of a loved one, economic loss, or something else), and ask the Lord to turn your fears into the peace that only He can give. Our first and most important response must be to pray. During the Christmas season my we begin and end each day with prayer so that we may end the fear!



Deacon Mike

The parish office will be closed for the holidays from
December 22nd through January 1st.

The Staff from St. Margaret Mary and St. Patrick
Church wish you and your family a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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.

A Constant Companion

As Christians, we are called to a life of prayer. This is not just during seasons like Advent, but all year long. When we talk about being prayerful everyday stewards, we are speaking about cultivating an awareness of God being with us at all times. Each day we begin by offering God the entirety of our day. Each night we rest in Him and hope that the hours that passed gave Him glory.

During this busy time of Advent, it is hard to cultivate this life of prayer, but without it we can too easily lose sight of the reason for the season. It is during this time of year we need to heed the words of St. Paul more than ever when he wrote to the Thessalonians, "Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing." This is how we will be able to avoid the pitfalls of consumerism and secularism and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Bring Jesus with you into the office Christmas party. Take him with you shopping for gifts in the department store. Be aware of him when you sit down to watch television specials you have seen every year of your life. Give him all your time and let his presence fill your every moment. By striving to be connecting with Jesus at all times, you will bear greater fruit and the joy you experience will be much greater than you could imagine. You might even spend a few less dollars and spend more time with those you love, particularly the one who loves you the most, the Incarnation himself.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPI

SMM Events for the Week

Saturday, December 16th

- 3:00pm-Reconciliation
- 4:00pm-Mass
- 4:00pm-Simbang Gabi at SP

Sunday, December 17th

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

Tuesday, December 19th

- 5:30pm-PPC/Legacy Room

Wednesday, December 20th

- 6:30pm-No Faith Formation/RE Tonight

Thursday, December 21st

- 11:00am-Mass
- 12:00pm-Retiree's Christmas Party at Piloni's

Friday, December 22nd

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

Saturday, December 23rd

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

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve

- 4:00pm-Mass at SMM
- 6:30pm-Mass at SP
- 10:30pm-Mass at SP

Monday, December 25th

Christmas Day-The Nativity of the Lord

- 9:00am-Misa at SMM
- 9:00am-Mass at SP

Creation Care: Holiday Edition 1

Christmas presents that impress the most can sometimes be the gift of a donation or experience, or one that involves the gift of your time.

If you must buy new gifts, try to select useful and durable items made in an environmentally friendly way.

(adapted from Care for Creation website)

Interested in joining the Creation Care Team?
Email SarahCreationCareTeam@gmail.com

St. Patrick Church

ST. PATRICK PRAYER REQUESTS:

Betty Kapellusch, 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.

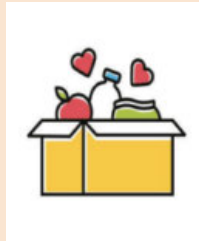
St. Patrick Soup Kitchen Monthly Need

Week 1: Peanut Butter & Jellies

Week 2: Reclosable Sandwich & Snack Bags

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

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



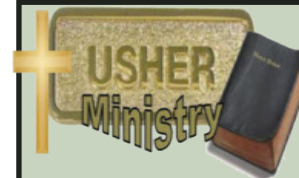
Stephen Ministry

Happy Holidays and Your Grief
(Some Do's and Don'ts)

DO be gentle and protect yourself. **DO** allow time for your feelings; if you have 100 tears to cry why stop at 10? **DO** pay attention to the children, without a vocabulary for expression they are often the silent/forgotten grievers. **DO** allow others to help. **DON'T** ask a griever if they need help, just help them: invite them out and just listen to them, mow the lawn, cook dinner, babysit, weed the garden, give them a ride to church, etc.. Basically let the person know you care about the pain they are going through and want to help.



The St. Patrick's Quilt Ministry would like to thank you for your generous donations to our ministry. We have been blessed with lots of fabric to make our quilts but still need to purchase batting and sometimes backing. With your donations we can purchase our supplies. We have made over 250 quilts so far and have given them to people going through difficult times. If you know of someone that needs a quilt, please contact the parish office so we can get you one. They are free of charge to anyone. We also make chemo hats and give them away. Thank you again for your kindness.



Friendly Faces Wanted

Have you ever thought of yourself as a "people person" and wanted to get to know your fellow parishioners better?

Or maybe just have an affinity for green jackets (and no, we don't mean the ones on the golf course). If any of the above applies to you, then you would make an excellent candidate for our Usher Ministry here at St. Patrick Church! Our Ushers serve a vital role in making our church community welcoming to everyone who visits. If you are interested in serving your parish in this special way, please contact Scott Rhodes at sc-rhodes@hotmail.com

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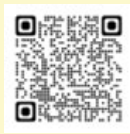
Together in Faith



SMM & SP Youth Faith

Formation grades K-8 meets
Wednesdays, at 6:30pm-7:30pm
at St. Margaret Mary Church.

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". Use the QR code to sign up. Training will start in January.



There are no Youth Faith Formation sessions December 20, 27 and January 3. Have a beautiful Holiday!

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

Thank you for your prayers, assistance and support!



Terre Haute Catholic Teens:

Teen Connection Meets
Sunday, 12/17 for an Ugly
Christmas Sweater Party at St.
Margaret Mary from 12:30pm
to 2:30pm. January TC
Sessions: 1/7 & 1/21.

(PRACTICING) CATHOLIC - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

By Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Testimony

When my grandmother heard the news that my cousin had fallen from a second-story window, she immediately went and washed her hair.

Grandma had been sitting alone in her house, listening to the morning radio when the announcer shared a news bulletin stating that the previous night, a little boy with the same name as her grandson, living in the same community and of the same age, had fallen onto the pavement from a window on the second floor of his house. He had been rushed to the hospital but miraculously survived his injuries.

She thought she was hallucinating and wanted to look pretty when the "men in white coats" came to take her away. Thus, the hair-washing.

As it happens, the whole story was true — it was her grandson, but this was before the age of mobile phones and had happened so late at night that his parents had been unable to notify any family members before the whole thing showed up on the news.

It wasn't until my grandmother received a phone call from another relative corroborating the story that she realized it hadn't been a figment of her imagination. What a waste of styled hair, no hospital committal for her that day.

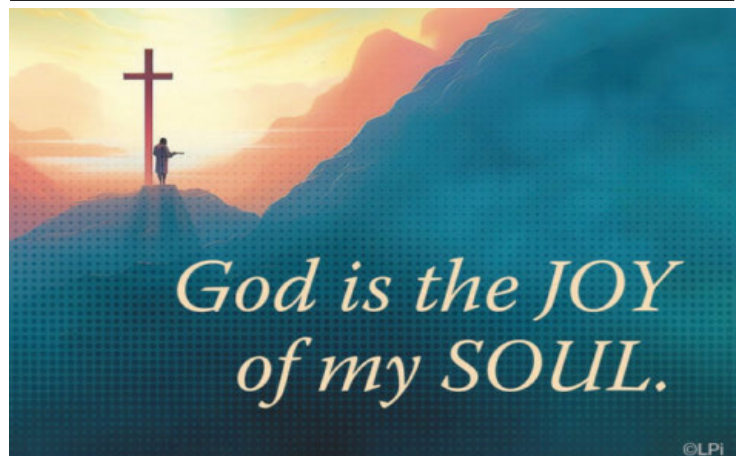
There are certain truths that we cannot accept unless they are supported by the testimony of others. We find them to be unbelievable without the reassurance of another person whispering, "It's okay. I see it, too."

This is the value of testimony, and the purpose of John the Baptist and every saint who ever died with the name of Jesus Christ on their lips. And this is the sacred duty of all the baptized, to give testimony with our words and our actions.

How will you testify today?

"He was not the light, but came to testify to the light." — John 1:8

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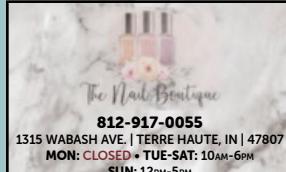


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