



*For a child is born to us,*

a son is given to us; upon His  
shoulder dominion rests. - Isaiah 9:5

*Christmas 2021*

## SAINT PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

## SATURDAY, December 25

12:00 a.m. Jennifer Curtis Phelps

8:00 a.m. Kathryn Monnin

10:00 a.m. Rex Rekow

## SUNDAY, December 26

7:30 a.m. Becky Jean Fisher

9:30 a.m. Repose of the soul of Jane Naas

11:30 a.m. Gene Timko

## MONDAY, December 27

7:45 a.m. Jack Black

## TUESDAY, December 28

7:45 a.m. Max Stubbs

## WEDNESDAY, December 29

7:45 a.m. Poor Souls of Purgatory

## THURSDAY, December 30

7:45 a.m. Living &amp; Deceased Members of St. Patrick Church

## FRIDAY, December 31

5:00 p.m. Gregory and Monica Gross

## SATURDAY, January 1

7:30 a.m. For the Members of St. Patrick Church

5:00 p.m. Thomas Widener

## SUNDAY, January 2

7:30 a.m. Julie Guillozet Raymond

9:30 a.m. Dee Collins

11:30 a.m. Living &amp; Deceased Members of the Ridenour and Evenden Families

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States,

visit [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org).

The St. Patrick Church office will have limited hours during the Christmas Season. It is recommended you call before stopping by.  
The office is closed December 24, 27, 31.

## CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick Confession Times:

Tuesday-Thursday: 7:00-7:30 a.m.

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

with Holy Hour

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

There will not be Confession or Holy Hour on December 28.

Transfiguration Confession Times:

Wednesday-Friday:

7:30-8:00 a.m.

Thursday: 6:00-6:45 p.m.

Saturday: 3:30-4:30 p.m.

## READINGS – THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 27-JANUARY 2

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8;

Mt 2:13-18

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 1

Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7;

Lk 2:16-21

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 2

Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13;

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12e



## FR. ERIC – RAMBLINGS

### *Holy Family...*

Below are quotes from the Apostolic Exhortation (a proclamation from the modern day Apostles) that followed the Synod, *Familiaris Consortio* (*The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*):



“Willed by God in the very action of creation, marriage and family are interiorly ordained to fulfillment in Christ and have need of His graces in order to be healed from the wounds of sin and restored to their “beginning,” that is, to full understanding and the full realization of God’s plan.”

“Family prayer has its own characteristic qualities. It is prayer offered in *common*, husband and wife together, parents and children together... by reason of their dignity and mission, Christian parents have the specific responsibility of educating their children in prayer, introducing them to gradual discovery of the mystery of God and to personal dialogue with Him...”

“Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.”

“The family, which is founded and given life by love, in a community of persons: of husband and wife, of parents and children, of relatives...with love the family is not a community of persons and, in the same way, *without love the family cannot love, grow and perfect itself as a community of persons.*”

“I wish to invoke the protection of the Holy Family of Nazareth... it is therefore the prototype and example for all Christian families... St. Joseph was a “just man”...may he always guard, protect and enlighten families. May the Virgin Mary, who is the Mother of the Church, also be the Mother of “the Church of the home”...May Christ the Lord, the Universal King, the King of Families, be present in every Christian home as He was at Cana, bestowing light, joy, serenity, and strength.”

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us on this Feast of the Holy Family!*

**On behalf of the parish staff, Fr. Michael and I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Our prayer for each of you is to grow closer to Our Lord Jesus Christ and to allow yourself to be loved by our Amazing God.**

### \*\*\* WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER \*\*\*

**December 13 – Gary Evans**

## SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT – DECEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday Masses	\$6,099.00
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$3,945.00
Electronic Giving	\$3,214.63
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,258.63</b>
Amount Needed	\$13,423.00
<b>Variance (shortfall)</b>	<b>\$(164.37)</b>

**Thank you for your continued support and generosity!**

## CHURCH INFORMATION

### BULLETIN DEADLINE:

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week;  
submit via email [info@stpattroy.org](mailto:info@stpattroy.org).

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday:  
7:00-7:30 a.m.

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

Tuesday: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

With Holy Hour In Church

Anytime by appointment  
(In Parish Office)

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month,  
10:30 a.m. following Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month,  
12:30 p.m. following Mass

Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass  
with permission only

Attendance at the Baptismal Program is required – held every other month on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to reserve a date for both program & Sacrament reception.

### ANOIDING OF THE SICK

During Office Hours, call 937-335-2833.  
Anointing between Sunday Masses with prior notice. In Emergencies or After Hours, call 937-335-2833.

### MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance; must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation program is required.

### CARE OF THE SICK

Visitation Ministers visit homes and nursing facilities with Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Facilities no longer share this information with the Parish Office. Help identify those in need of Visitation by calling the Parish Office.

### HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. Hospitals no longer share this information with the Parish Office.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are taken at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Registration form is also available on our website to complete and mail in to the Parish Office. When leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office.

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.



## WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

### Sunday, December 26:

*Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph*  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14  
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5  
Col 3:12-21  
Lk 2:41-52

### Monday, December 27:

*Feast of Saint John,  
Apostle and evangelist*  
1 Jn 1:1-4  
Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12  
Jn 20:1a and 2-8

### Tuesday, December 28:

*Feast of the Holy Innocents,  
martyrs*  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2  
Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8  
Mt 2:13-18

### Wednesday, December 29:

*The Fifth Day in the  
Octave of Christmas*  
1 Jn 2:3-11  
Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6  
Lk 2:22-35

### Thursday, December 30:

*The Sixth Day in the  
Octave of Christmas*  
1 Jn 2:12-17  
Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10  
Lk 2:36-40

### Friday, December 31:

*The Seventh Day in the  
Octave of Christmas*  
1 Jn 2:18-21  
Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13  
Jn 1:1-18

### Saturday, January 1:

*The Octave Day of Christmas  
Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary, the Mother of God*  
Nm 6:22-27  
Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8  
Gal 4:4-7  
Lk 2:16-21

Access Daily Readings from  
the New American Bible, Revised Edition  
(NABRE) online at <https://bible.usccb.org>

## INSIGHT INTO THE HOLY FAMILY

*Reflection on Luke 2:41-52*

The Scripture readings in this Christmas/Epiphany season offer a series of windows into the mystery of the birth of Jesus, and we see some spectacular sights through these windows!

- Mary, found to be pregnant before her marriage to Joseph
- Joseph struggling through his confusion to deal with the situation
- A birth in a unusual place after a long journey with strange visitors attending
- The Holy Family fleeing to Egypt to escape Herod's lethal jealousy

And today, a 12-year-old Jesus found in His Father's house, about His Father's business. Or, as a priest friend once put it, the story about how Joe and Mary lost the second person of the Trinity.

The story offers so much insight, but two clues in particular can help us shape our family life after the pattern of the Holy Family. The first is recounted in the beginning of the story: "Each year, Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover..." The Holy Family, in other words, are faithful and observant Jews; their life of faith is not a matter of occasional observation. Is this true for us?

The second clue is at the end of the story, when we are told that Mary "kept all these things in her heart." Contemplation on the mysteries of God's presence and call in our lives is essential to the spiritual life, the way of holiness. Is this true for us?

~ Fr. Jay

## SAINT STEPHEN

*Feast Day: December 26 • Patron of Deacons*

"As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Greek-speaking Christians complained against the Hebrew-speaking Christians, saying that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, 'It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.' The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit..." (Acts 6:1-5).

Acts of the Apostles says that Stephen was a man filled with grace and power, who worked great wonders among the people. Certain Jews, members of the Synagogue of Roman Freedmen, debated with Stephen, but proved no match for the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. They persuaded others to make the charge of blasphemy against him. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin.

In his speech, Stephen recalled God's guidance through Israel's history, as well as Israel's idolatry and disobedience. He then claimed that his persecutors were showing this same spirit. "...you always oppose the holy Spirit; you are just like your ancestors" (Acts 7:51b).

Stephen's speech brought anger from the crowd. "But he, filled with the holy Spirit, looked up intently to heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and he said, 'Behold, I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.' ...They threw him out of the city, and began to stone him. ...As they were stoning Stephen, he called out, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ...'Lord, do not hold this sin against them'" (Acts 7:55-56, 58a, 59, 60b).

Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused, brought to unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He died with his eyes trustfully fixed on God, and with a prayer of forgiveness on his lips. A "happy" death is one that finds us in the same spirit, whether our dying is as quiet as Joseph's or as violent as Stephen's: dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.





## AROUND OUR PARISH

### ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER UPDATES

Your assistance would be appreciated with updating our parish information software, if anything has changed such as:

1. Change in marital status?
2. Dropped your landline or changed cell phone number?
3. Moved/New address?
4. New members in your family?

### HEAR IN THE NEW YEAR CONTEST

Upper Valley Hearing & Balance is pleased to announce our Third Annual Hear in the New Year contest! We will be fitting a pair of premium hearing aids at no cost to a deserving person in need. To participate in the Hear in the New Year contest, individuals must submit an essay nominating themselves or a loved one who would benefit from receiving new hearing aids.

#### ESSAY CONTEST CRITERIA

- Hearing need
- Financial need
- Opportunity to impact recipient's life
- Individuals 21 years and older are eligible

Individuals must be local and able to visit either our Troy or Sidney location for evaluation, fitting, and follow-up.

Visit <https://uppervalleyhearing.com/contest> to enter.

Submissions accepted through December 31st, and the winner will be notified in January!



The Giving Tree is now filled with ornaments that the students in CCD and St. Patrick School decorated with art, prayers and blessings. Thank you to everyone who gave so generously and made Christmas special for so many in our parish family and community. Special thanks to the Lins family for organizing the Giving Tree again this year.

## SCHOOL NEWS



Merry Christmas everyone!! See the picture included of our Christmas Shoppe. The students all had a chance to shop for their families and friends, and we had a wrapping station set up so all their gifts could be wrapped for them. It was such a fun time!!! Thank you to Elizabeth Whetstone and all her volunteers for working so hard and allowing the kids to have a great time.

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year!! Thank you for all of your support!!

### CCD

Merry Christmas! It has been great being back in the classroom with the students.

"Glory to God in the Highest! May the blessings of God's special gifts be yours this Christmas and in the New Year."

– The CCD Staff

### January 4 – Classes resume

CCD classes are on Tuesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the school. To register, go to the St. Patrick website or contact Susan Anderson by email at [sanderson@stpattroy.org](mailto:sanderson@stpattroy.org).

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Merry Christmas from St. Patrick Youth Ministry! We hope you experience the power of the Lord's love for you as we celebrate the Incarnation.

### HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

December 28-January 2 –

Off for Christmas and New Year's Break

### CONFIRMATION MINISTRY

December 19-January 9 –

Off for Christmas and New Year's Break





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