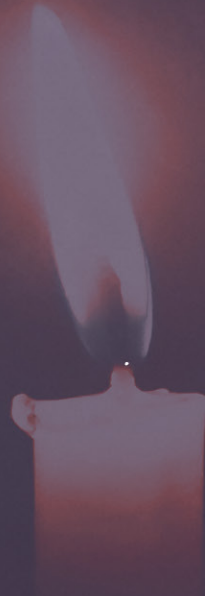


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## **Mass Times**

**Monday - Friday** | 7 AM Downtown  
8 AM Crane Rd

**Thursday** | 6 PM Downtown (ESP)

**Saturday** | 8:30 AM Downtown,  
4 PM Crane Rd, 4:30 PM Downtown

**Sunday** | 7:30 AM Downtown, 8 AM Crane Rd,  
9 AM Downtown, 9:30 AM Crane Rd,  
10:30 AM Downtown, 11 AM Crane Rd,  
5 PM Crane Road  
5 PM Downtown (ESP)

## **Reconciliation Times**

**Monday, Thursday, Friday** | 8:30 AM Crane Rd

**Tuesday** | 7:30 AM Downtown  
6-6:30 PM Crane Rd

**Wednesday** | 7:30 AM Downtown

**Saturday** | 9-9:30 AM Downtown  
3-3:30 PM Crane Rd

## **Adoration**

**Wednesday** | 7:30 AM-6:45 AM Downtown

**Daily** | 12 PM Sunday - 12 PM Saturday in  
St. Michael Chapel, St. Pat's Crane Rd

# From the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Happy Advent to you all. Now is the time to get ready for the coming of Christ. We do this by not just hanging our stockings by the chimney with care in hopes that St. Nicholas will soon be there, but also by hanging our hopes on the baby Jesus who will be born to our hearts once more. At the rectory, we have our decorations up and are looking forward to the season of preparation before all of us. So we can prepare for Christmas by praying more, going to confession, making amends in our relationships where that's needed or possible, helping someone who's lonely or poor this season, and spending some time at church for the mission or adoration.

And enjoy the music, cookies and decorations. Let your love for the Lord guide your gift giving. It's a good exercise to use the time and thought we put into buying gifts for our family and friends as moment to pray for them as well. Mainly, don't let the season pass without having put Jesus at the center and the main gift you place before your family. The saddest thing would be to get to the end of Christmas only to realize that we had forgot the baby Jesus. Let's make this the best Christmas by making it the best Advent!

Peace,  
Msgr



## Immaculate Conception Mass Times

This upcoming Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It is also a holy day of obligation. Please join us in celebrating this great feast at one of the Masses listed below.

**DEC 7 VIGIL:** 7 PM Downtown  
**DEC 8 MASSES:** 7 AM Downtown, 8 AM  
Crane Rd, 12:15 PM Downtown, 7 PM  
Crane Rd



# Giving

## Last Week

Nov 18-19 \$51,049

## Current Week

Nov 25-26 \$58,471

## 4 Week Average

Nov 5-Nov 26 \$57,044

## Weekly Goal

through October 2024 \$57,500

# Parish Stewardship

## Stewardship in Action

We look forward to giving you all a special Christmas book gift this year, thanks to two of our generous parishioners. This year's gift is a donation from Doug and Lynn Patrick.

## Electronic Giving

To give online, please visit [bit.ly/STPGiving](http://bit.ly/STPGiving). If you give online, contact the office at [jhansen@stppatrickparish.org](mailto:jhansen@stppatrickparish.org) to stop receiving envelopes.

# Community News

## Baptisms

Stella Annamaria Andreacchi, daughter of John & Christina Andreacchi

Robert Austin Hix, son of Robert & Caroline Hix

Aiden Saif Anwar, son of Saif & Kaitlyn Anwar

Lily Isabelle Gulseth, daughter of Mitchell & Annette Gulseth

Hudson Walker Manski, son of Matthew & Amelia Manski

Lucas Daniel Thompson, son of Travis & Emily Thompson

## Weddings

No weddings this week

## Funerals

No funerals this week

## Vocations Crucifix

Each week, two St. Pat's families take a relic of the True Cross into their homes to pray. Email [danner46@yahoo.com](mailto:danner46@yahoo.com) (DT) or [ann\\_kennedy@ymail.com](mailto:ann_kennedy@ymail.com) (CR) to sign up.

CR: The Fleming Family

DT: Dennis Erickson

# Weekly Intentions

## Monday

7 AM † Gregory Lemma NP  
8 AM † Alan Hopkinson DD

## Tuesday

7 AM † Joseph Sauber AR  
8 AM † Catherine Fazio NP

## Wednesday

7 AM Kerry Flood (S.I.) NP  
8 AM † Antoinette Simon DD

## Thursday

7 AM † James Dowd NP  
8 AM † Jerry Santori AR  
7 PM Arianna Fernandez (S.I.) NP

## Friday

7 AM William Flood (S.I.) AR  
8 AM For the People of St Patrick DD  
12:15 PM † Father Jerome Feeley Smith DD  
7 PM † The Svec Family AR

## Saturday

8:30 AM Grace Filipski (S.I.) DD  
4 PM † Stephanie Zaremba NP  
4:30 PM † Julie Rae Jones AR

## Sunday

7:30 AM † Jacob & James Heyob DD  
8:00 AM † Frances & Louis Vonder Heide AR  
9:00 AM † Alvin H. Weinberg DD  
9:30 AM † Anton Kossakowski NP  
10:30 AM For the People of St Patrick AR  
11 AM † Donald Spolum, Sr. NP  
5 PM † Patrick and Bridget Davern DD

## Flame of Faith

CR † Michael Orlando  
DT † Ken Ward



# Support Local Ministries with Us

*through our St. Pat's Giving Tree*

St. Pat's Giving Trees are now up! Come select an ornament gift tag from a tree with the Christmas wish of someone in need. Please be sure to return your donated gift with the ornament tag attached so it gets delivered to the correct organization. Gift cards should be placed in the collection plate. All gifts need to be returned to either church no later than Sunday, December 17th to give us time to sort and deliver gifts to recipient organizations for distribution to families by Christmas. Early drop-offs are greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous support.

Giving Tree gifts and gift cards support the following local organizations:

**Association for Individual Development (AID)** serves over 5,700 children and adults with developmental, intellectual, physical and/or mental health challenges. AID operates community day centers in Elgin, Aurora, Batavia, and Yorkville; mental health outpatient clinics throughout the Fox Valley; supports over 500 individuals living in their own apartments; and more than 200 individuals in group homes scattered throughout the greater Fox Valley.

**Catholic Charities** in Rockford is a federation of several agencies throughout the 11 counties of the Diocese of Rockford, which delivers, coordinates and advocates for quality human services and programs touching almost every human need. Catholic Charities collaborates with parishes, as well as non-Catholic and Catholic partners, to build a compassionate and just society.

**Corbella Clinic** provides life-affirming, free and confidential medical and support services to women and couples during and after an unexpected pregnancy. Clients are given essentials for the baby such as clothes, diapers, formula, blankets, car seats and more. All services are offered in English and Spanish.

**Fox Valley Food for Health** provides healthy, nutrient-rich meals to individuals and families going through serious illness. Priority is given to individuals and families who are economically disadvantaged, to those with children, and to people living alone or without support. Most individuals and families are going through cancer treatment.

**Fox Valley Hands of Hope** provides compassionate guidance and support to children, families, and adults who are experiencing grief, loss, or life-threatening illness, at no cost to clients. Services include support groups, grief seminars, and individual grief counseling with a licensed clinician, individual support with a trained volunteer, as well as compassionate volunteer companions for nursing home, hospice, and cancer patients.

**Marklund** provides residential, educational, and therapeutic services to children, teens and adults with serious and profound developmental disabilities and special healthcare needs as well as those on the Autism spectrum. Marklund has 177 residents, plus more than 250 in the day services and day school programs.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** provides temporary and immediate relief to the poor and those who are in need by feeding, clothing, housing, and healing individuals and families.

# Events & Fundraisers

## Eucharistic Revival Adoration Night

Pope John Paul II said, "In Eucharistic Adoration we meet the merciful love of God that passes through the Heart of Jesus Christ." Join us for a night of Adoration and fellowship, as we take part in the Revival as a Parish.

**WHEN:** Dec 4, 6:30-8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Michael Adoration Chapel at St. Pat's Crane Rd



## December Blood Drive

St. Pat's and St. John Neumann are partnering up for a blood drive. All blood and blood products collected stay in our local area to help those in need. Appointments are recommended. Visit [bit.ly/neumann4](http://bit.ly/neumann4) or call 800.786.4483 to make yours.

**WHEN:** Dec 4, 1-7 PM

**WHERE:** St. John Neumann Church, St. Charles

## 20s & 30s Christmas Party

The 20s and 30s is back for a second year of all Christmassy fun! And you're invited! Join us in the St. Pat's Downtown Rempe Building for a night of cheer, community, games, and Christmas treats! Hope to see you there!

**WHEN:** Dec 9, 7 - 9 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Downtown Rempe Building



## Our Lady of Guadalupe Novena & Masses

Our Lady's apparitions to Juan Diego were pivotal for the Faith in the Americas. Join St. Pat's Hispanic Ministry for a novena, Mass, and representation of Our Lady's apparitions. The novena begins on Sunday, December 3 and will conclude with a Mass on Tuesday, December 12 at 6 PM. All events will be held at St. Pat's Downtown. Visit [stpatrickparish.org/OLG](http://stpatrickparish.org/OLG) for a full schedule of events.

6 **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY MASS:** Dec 12, 6 PM, St. Pat's Downtown



# *Evening of Heavenly Peace*

ADVENT MISSION WITH FR. KLADAR



In 1223, St. Francis created the first nativity scene in Greccio, Italy. The Nativity has since become an integral part of Christian devotion during Christmas. Join Fr. Kladar, a dear friend and former Associate, for a talk on how the various aspects of the nativity can teach us about Christ's birth and how we can gain a new understanding of the Eucharist through these scenes.

**WHEN:** Dec 11, 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd



# 28th Annual Emerald Evening

Are you looking for a fun night out while supporting St. Pat's Catholic School? Then come join us for the 28th Annual Emerald Evening!

WHEN: Feb 2, 6 PM  
WHERE: Royal Fox Country Club

Order your tickets today at [stpatrickparish.org/EE2024](http://stpatrickparish.org/EE2024).

## *Festive Events for the Whole Family*



### **Breakfast with Santa**

Join the Knights of Columbus for a breakfast with Santa for the whole family! You don't want to miss this fun morning, filled with yummy treats, fellowship, and Christmas wishes!

The Salesians will also be holding a bake sale during the Breakfast so be sure to stop by for some of their homemade goodies.

**WHEN:** Dec 10, 7:30-12 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall



### **Mass & Cookie Decorating**

Looking for an all-ages-invited festive activity to do with your St. Pat's Community this month? Join us for 9:30 AM Mass and Christmas Cookie Decorating with the whole Parish! If you'd like to donate frosting, sprinkles, or plastic snack bags, please feel free to bring them along!

**WHEN:** Dec 17, after the 9:30 Mass

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall

Please register at [stpatrickparish.org/cookies](http://stpatrickparish.org/cookies).



# Events & Fundraisers

## VIP Seniors Luncheon

Join us for this Month's VIP Senior's Luncheon. This month's lunch will feature stuffed pork loin with all the trimmings, the perfect pre-Christmas feast! As a special treat, we will also be offering tours of the Rectory! To sign up for one of the tours, visit [stpatrickparish.org/tour](http://stpatrickparish.org/tour).

**WHEN:** Dec 11, 12-2 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall



## Exodus 90 2024

More than 50,000 men from around the world have journeyed through the Exodus with their brothers. Single men, married men, priests, bishops, Christians and non-Christians alike. They all tell us Exodus 90 has given them a level of freedom they did not have before. Join the fraternity at [stpatrickparish.org/E90](http://stpatrickparish.org/E90).

**WEEKLY MEETINGS:** starting Jan 6, 2024, in the Fr. Carse Center Downtown

## Youth Ministry Christmas Parties

Are you a 6-12 grader? Do you enjoy Christmas-related festivities? Do you own an ugly Christmas sweater? Do you enjoy the movie Elf or The Polar Express? Do you own an ugly Christmas Sweater? If these things apply to you, then you must come to our Christmas party!

**HIGH SCHOOL:** Dec 10, 6 PM

**MIDDLE SCHOOL:** Dec 13, 6:30 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall



## Maintaining the Faith in College Talk

Join other young people at the Parish for a short talk on maintaining your faith in college. This talk will include testimonies and ideas from two college students who are striving for holiness on campus. We hope you will be able to join us!

**WHEN:** Jan 3, 7-8 PM

**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd, Dempsey Hall

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# Resources

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## New here?

We are so excited that you want to join our parish! Finding a welcoming, vibrant, and faithful community is a step toward your best future. We can't wait to get to know you.

**You're home here.**

**You're welcome here.**

**You belong here.**

Learn more at [stpatrickparish.org/welcome](http://stpatrickparish.org/welcome).

## Need Prayer?

Our Prayer Circle accepts intentions and offers them up in prayer. Add your intention by visiting [stpatrickparish.org/prayer](http://stpatrickparish.org/prayer) or email [laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:laurakennedy@sbcglobal.net).

## Homebound Ministry

Unable to attend Mass, but would like to receive the Lord? Our Sick & Homebound Ministry may be able to help you. Contact the Office at 630.338.8000 or email Deacon Jim Mellin at [jmellin@stpatrickparish.org](mailto:jmellin@stpatrickparish.org) for details.

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## Corbella Clinic Women's Healthcare

Hope, support, & resources for unexpected pregnancies. Call 847.697.0200 or text 224.268.5848. Or text HOME to 741741.

## Project Rachel

Support to begin post-abortion healing. Call 815.387.3379 or visit [hopeafterabortion.org](http://hopeafterabortion.org).

## Catholic Charities

630.820.3220

## St. Vincent de Paul

SVDP serves those in need. For assistance, please call 630.338.8270.

## Alcoholics Anonymous

630.377.6610

## Baptisms

Baptism is the sacrament of new life. We become a child of God through this sacrament and enter into God's family, the Church. Visit [stpatrickparish.org/baptism](http://stpatrickparish.org/baptism)

## Weddings

We love marriage and want to support healthy families to be the bedrock of our community. If you're engaged, we invite you to visit [stpatrickparish.org/marriage](http://stpatrickparish.org/marriage) to help you prepare for a wedding at St. Pat's.

## Funerals

Losing a loved one is challenging. We are here to help and walk with you in such times.

Visit [stpatrickparish.org/funerals](http://stpatrickparish.org/funerals) for information and assistance.

## Adoration

Would you consider spending an hour with Jesus? Visit [adorationpro.org/patrickcharles](http://adorationpro.org/patrickcharles) to sign up.

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## 988 Crisis Lifeline

Free & confidential emotional support for people in crisis or emotional distress 24/7. Call or text 988 or visit [988lifeline.org/chat](http://988lifeline.org/chat) for an online chat.

## National Alliance on Mental Illness

NAMI supports, educations, & advocates for individuals & families affected by mental illness. Call 847.410.9719 for the Kane County North Chapter or visit [namikcn.org](http://namikcn.org).

## Tri City Family Services

Mental health services for clients of all ages and income levels. Call 630.232.1070.

## Suicide Prevention Services Batavia

630.482.9696