

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me,
He has anointed me
to bring glad tidings
to the poor.*

ISAIAH 61:1



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December 17, 2023 | 3rd Sunday of Advent
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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,

This last week we had some wonderful events. Our Christmas breakfast with Santa last Sunday was very well attended with long lines waiting to visit with Santa Claus. The breakfast cooked and served by the Knights of Columbus was excellent. I'm glad so many people came to enjoy it. Thanks to the Knights for all they do.

We also had our VIP Seniors Christmas luncheon this last week. 130 of our seniors came to enjoy a wonderful lunch and bingo. In addition, they had the opportunity to come visit the priests at the rectory. They were able to tour the rectory in four different groups. The house was built by Msgr Linster during his tenure. About 14 years ago the house/rectory was constructed as a place for the priests to live. The main motivation for us to open the rectory for this tour was so that people might be able to see where the priests live as well as enjoy the Christmas decorations that Fr. Pacer so generously put up. Out of his own resources he has purchased the decorations and with his own time over a period of three weeks, put it all together. It really puts one in a reflective and prayerful mood to sit in front of the tree with the lights down low listening to Christmas music and praying before the Advent wreath. I hope you're able to enjoy your family during this time of preparation of getting ready for the birth of the King.

Peace,
Msgr



Lighting the Advent Wreath

We'd love to have you and your family light the Wreath at Mass one Sunday this Advent! Parishioners can light the wreath for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sunday of Advent. If you'd like to light the candles, please see the sacristan before Mass, and they will let you know what to do. Thank you for joining us for this beautiful time of year!



Giving

Current Week

Dec 9-10 \$85,414

4 Week Average

Nov 19-Dec 10 \$66,611

Weekly Goal

through October 2024 \$57,500

2023 Diocesan Appeal

Stewardship Goal \$274,038

Stewardship Pledges 269,591

Stewardship Paid 239,945

Community News

Baptisms

Colin Patrick Brngal, son of Bradley and Kelly Brngal.

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 (DT) or ann_kennedy@ymail.com (CR) to sign up.

CR: The Blask Family

DT: Guillermo Tanta Chuco

Adoration Chapel

By signing up for an hour of Adoration, you have the opportunity to deepen your relationship with Jesus through dedicated weekly silence and prayer. To sign up for an hour, visit stpattickparish.org/adoration.

Flame of Faith

CR Knuth/Zaremba Families (S.I.)

DT † Joseph & Rose Quattrochi

Parish Stewardship

Stewardship in Action

This week, we hosted our first Parish Cookie Decorating Gathering after the 9:30 AM Mass. We'd like to thank all those who donated freshly baked cookies and supplies for this fun event! Thank you!

Electronic Giving

To give online, please visit bit.ly/STPGiving. If you give online, contact the office at jhansen@stpattickparish.org to stop receiving envelopes.

Weekly Intentions

Monday

7 AM † John Janik NP
8 AM † Rosemarie Feichter DD

Tuesday

7 AM † John A. Struck NP
8 AM † Anne Kahlina AR

Wednesday

7 AM Deacon Jeffrey G. Filipski (S.I.) AR
8 AM † Yolanda Karall DD

Thursday

7 AM † Patricia Murphy NP
8 AM † Walter & Mary Foulkes AR

Friday

7 AM Josiah Clausen (S.I.) AR
8 AM † Poor Souls in Purgatory DD

Saturday

8:30 AM † George Liker, Sr. AR
4 PM For the People of St Patrick DD
4:30 PM † Ryan J. Butcher NP

4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas Eve

4th Sunday
7:30 AM † Jacob & James Heyob NP
8:00 AM † Mark Trimarco DD
9:00 AM William Flood (S.I.) NP
9:30 AM † Christine Kmiec AR
10:30 AM † Frank Gorham DD
11 AM † Marian & Stanley Cwikla AR

Christmas Eve
4 PM DT † Gus, Steve & Leslie Enzenbacher NP
4 PM Gym † Deceased Members of the James P Carney Family AR
4 PM CR † Wade Poziombka DD
6 PM CR † Deceased Members of the Haviland & Feuerborn Families AR
Midnight CR † Frank and Judith Blackmore DD

St. Pat's Youth Semester Recap

Happy Advent from the Youth Ministry Team! Our Fall semester is wrapping up, and we just wanted to give you a brief recap of what we have been up to since September. We began with a series focused on the source and summit of our faith, the Eucharist, which was a fantastic way to start the year off on the right foot. We spoke about what the Eucharist is, why it matters, and then spent time with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. After that, we moved on to talking about the season of Advent and how we can enter into the birth of Jesus this year. Of course, we have also had a ton of fun in the process, and we want to give our middle schoolers a chance to tell you about their experience so far!

FRANCESCO ANZALDI | 8TH GRADE BOY

"I've liked how this gives me an opportunity to strengthen my faith. I liked learning about putting God first."

PRESTON WALLACE | 8TH GRADE BOY

"I have enjoyed seeing and making new friends. I have learned how to strengthen my faith and grow a connection with God."

MARIANA CLAUSEN | 7TH GRADE GIRL

"What I liked about this year is that I get to play with friends and learn about God."

ALIAH MENDOZA | 6TH GRADE GIRL

"I liked being with my friends and the teachers, and one thing I learned is that God can always be with you even if you don't think He is."

LAILA BIBBINGS | 8TH GRADE GIRL

"I learned that God will always be here for you and will always forgive you. I liked hanging out with my friends."

ANDY GORSKI | 7TH GRADE BOY

"In my past few weeks at this amazing place I learned a lot about God. I also met a lot of cool people, including my team leader."



Events & Fundraisers

Loaves and Fishes

Join St. Pat's Loaves & Fishes ministry for a free community dinner for those in need. It's an opportunity to serve and an opportunity to accompany others in our community. Volunteers and donations are encouraged. Please visit tinyurl.com/y3z9kgvo.

WHEN: Dec 18, 5-7 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown



Infant Jesus Novena & Posada

Join our Hispanic Ministry for this year's Novena to the Infant Jesus as we joyfully anticipate the Lord's birth at Christmas. Visit stpatrickparish.org/posada for a full Novena and Mass Schedule for the Infant Jesus.

WHEN: Dec 16-23

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown

Register for Exodus 90

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.

WEEKLY MEETINGS: starting Jan 6, 2024, at 9 AM in the Fr. Carse Center Downtown



Youth Ministry Summer Camp

All current 6th-8th graders are invited to come with us to an overnight camp in Wisconsin this summer. There will be swimming, rock-climbing, and zip-lining, as well as Mass, Confession, Adoration, and worship music! We are also accepting applications for high school camp counselors for those in 9th-12th grade. To register, visit stpatrickparish.org/youthministry.

WHEN: Jun 11-14, 2024

6 **WHERE:** Lutherdale Bible Camp in Elkhorn, WI



Christmas Mass Schedules

Merry Christmas, St. Pat's. We would be so honored if you and your family joined us for Christmas Mass this year. We look forward to celebrating the birth of the Lord together!

Christmas Eve Masses:

DOWNTOWN: 4 PM Sanctuary, & 4 PM Gym, 6 PM in Spanish
CRANE RD: 4 PM, 6 PM, & Midnight

Christmas Day Masses:

DOWNTOWN: 7:30 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, & 5 PM in Spanish
CRANE RD: 8 AM, 9:30 AM, 11 AM

Please note that the 4th Sunday of Advent & Christmas are two distinct liturgies. To fulfill your Sunday Obligation, please attend a Mass on Dec 23 or 24 (AM only). To fulfill your Christmas obligation, attend one of the above Masses.

St. Michael Adoration Chapel: The Chapel will close at noon on Saturday, December 23, and reopen following the 8:00 AM Mass on Tuesday, December 26th.



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.

Coping with Grief During Christmas

"Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth."

- Jeremiah 33:6

The Christmas season can be a hard time for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. St. Pat's Bereavement Ministry is here to help. Read through these helpful tips, written by a retired licensed counselor on the Bereavement Ministry team, and know that we are praying for you now and always.

BE HONEST:

Acknowledge your grief and sadness during the holidays. Let family and friends know what you need. Some practical steps could include spending extra time alone, setting time limits on visits, and spending more time with trusted family and friends

HELP OTHERS:

When we are hurting, helping others can often help us just as much as those we help. Consider visiting the sick in a hospital, the elderly in a senior center, or volunteering at a homeless shelter.

RESPECT YOUR GRIEF BY SAYING NO:

Saying no can often be the first step to freedom and healing. Say no to travel during the holidays and yes to staying home with a good book and a cozy blanket. Say no to noisy parties, alcohol and overeating and instead take a quiet, healing walk with a friend. Say no to shopping and instead donate to charities. Say no to pretending you are OK and yes to spending time with a few people you love and find comforting.

Events & Fundraisers

Maintaining the Faith in College Talk

Join other young people for a talk on maintaining your faith in college. This talk will include stories and ideas from two college students who are striving for holiness on campus.

WHEN: Jan 3, 7-8 PM

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



Mental Health Rosary

Join us in praying the Rosary for those facing mental health challenges and for those who love them. Brought to you by St. Pat's Mental Health Ministry and the Marian Prayer Group.

WHEN: Jan 9, 7:15 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown

Try Alpha at St. Pat's

We'd love to have you join us for our Spring Alpha Course. The course will explore life, spirituality, and the Christian faith in a fun and non-judgmental environment. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, exploring spirituality, or want to make some new friends, you are invited. Each night begins with a homemade meal, followed by a video featuring interviews from people around the world, and ends with a group conversation. To register, please visit stpatrickparish.org/alpha.

WHEN: starting Jan 30, 6 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd



Walking with Purpose

Walking With Purpose strives to bring women closer to our Lord through Scripture. Our growing community would love for you to join us this fall for our next study, Living in the Father's Love. Whether you are new to Bible study or have attended many, you are welcome. To register, please email wwp.stpats@gmail.com.

WHEN: starting Jan 17, 9:30-11 AM

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

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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 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.

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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.

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