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HE COMES WITH POWER & MIGHT



**ST. PATRICK PARISH**

December 10, 2023 | 2nd Sunday of Advent  
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# You Belong Here!

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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,

I hope your Advent is proceeding nicely. It's a beautiful time of year that inspires all of us to clear the decks as we deck the halls. We clear out the clutter of our sins and mediocrity in order to make room for the Baby Jesus. He won't come unless invited. So let's put things in proper order and with a renewed poverty of Spirit make our homes a manger worthy of his most precious body.

Last week we thanked Sal Calderon for his 40 years of service to our parish, especially to the downtown church where he shares his gifts most often. Let's pray for him and his family and for many more years of his dedication to St. Patrick.

This last week we had our Christmas programs at the preschool and grade school. They were beautiful as always. In addition we had our first combined staff Christmas party at the rectory. Almost all of the preschool, grade school, and parish staffs were there along with many of their spouses. It was an incredible evening.

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!

## Last Weekend for Giving Tree!

This is the last weekend to pick up a Giving Tree Ornament! 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 by Dec 17. Thank you for your generous support.

# Giving

## Current Week

Dec 2-3 \$61,806

## 4 Week Average

Nov 13-Dec 3 \$58,020

## Weekly Goal

through October 2024 \$57,500

## 2023 Diocesan Appeal

Stewardship Goal \$274,038

Stewardship Pledges \$268,811

Stewardship Paid \$237,635

# Community News

## Baptisms

No Baptisms this week

## Weddings

No Weddings this week

## Funerals

Margaret Smith

Susan Rose Hamill

## 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 Burr Family

DT: Teresa Tarvis

## 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 [stpatrikparish.org/adoration](http://stpatrikparish.org/adoration).

# Parish Stewardship

## Stewardship in Action

This week, we'd like to give a special "Thank You" to Chef Mary Gorski. Mary and her team are behind all the amazing food at St. Pat's events. Two recent examples of Mary's work could be found at Advent By Candlelight and at the Parish and School Staff Christmas Party. We are eternally grateful for Mary's wonderful talent and gift of hospitality.

## Electronic Giving

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

# Weekly Intentions

## Monday

7 AM Jim Smalley (S.I.) DD

8 AM Cristofer Espinoza (S.I.) NP

## Tuesday

7 AM William Flood (S.I.) AR

8 AM † Florence Kosiek NP

## Wednesday

7 AM Jeffrey W. Jackson (S.I.) DD

8 AM Marion Espinoza (S.I.) NP

## Thursday

7 AM LeAnne Jackson (S.I.) AR

8 AM † Alice Kossakowski NP

## Friday

7 AM William Flood (S.I.) DD

8 AM † Carol Roskopf AR

## Saturday

8:30 AM Deacon Jeff Filipski (S.I.) NP

4 PM † Rose Friedl AR

4:30 PM † James Abbott DD

## Sunday

7:30 AM † Jeannette "Jan" Dainko AR

8:00 AM † Bill Earwaker NP

9:00 AM † Al & Mary Weinberg AR

9:30 AM † John & Christine Wiedemann DD

10:30 AM † Suzie Sheaffer NP

11 AM For the People of St Patrick DD

5 PM † Pasquina Dsa NP

## Flame of Faith

CR † Harold Hubbe

DT † Gerard Ferrari

# Exodus 90 Testimonial

*from parishioner, Matthew Wollak*

Last year I was hesitant to join Exodus 90 because I wasn't sure if I was able to meet the expectations of the program. We have a busy family. Work is demanding...the kids keep us up late... our schedule is always full. How can I possibly dedicate an hour to pray every day? Would I need to stay up late at night? I'm not allowed to have snacks either... and I need to embed fasting into my week...! Food helps keep my energy up! And cold showers... that just seems miserable. This program seemed almost out of reach. My desire to grow closer to God was present in my heart, but I doubted whether I could actually do it.

When I presented these concerns to one of the veteran Exodus 90 men, he told me I need to focus on my "why." Why are you doing this? What special intention will you bring to all of your prayer and fasting? Taking his advice, I developed my "why." It was for the special intentions I had for my wife and children as well for peace to manage the stresses of life. During Exodus, when prayer and fasting became challenging, I would recall my "why", and it would give me strength to push forward.

One of the themes of Exodus 90 is to step away from the comforts of this world and to step closer to God. During those 90 days when I focused on prayer and fasting, I came to realize how seeking comforts can distract us from the mission God has for us...to love those around us. Exodus has made me a more grateful, courageous, faithful, disciplined and joyful person. Thank you, Jesus, for the gifts of Exodus 90, and most especially for the community of Exodus men that has provided me with inspiration, direction and example of what it means to be a Catholic man.



## 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](http://stpatrickparish.org/E90).

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

# Events & Fundraisers

## 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 Mass and representation of Our Lady's apparitions on Tuesday, Dec 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.

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



## 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](http://tinyurl.com/y3z9kgvo).

**WHEN:** Dec 18, 5-7 PM  
**WHERE:** St. Pat's Downtown

## 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) or at the clipboard in the Crane Rd Narthex.



## That Man is You

Spend time with other men who want the same thing and learn from leading Catholic thinkers. TMIY begins with a video followed by small group discussion.

**WHEN:** Saturdays at 6 AM  
**WHERE:** St. Pat's Crane Rd



# *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).

## VIP Seniors Luncheon, Bingo, & Rectory Tours

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! This luncheon will also include fun Christmas-themed Bingo. Our new Business Manager, Olivia, will be the shot caller, and she's so excited to be joining us!

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).

For more information, email Mike Zak at [mzak@stpatrickparish.org](mailto:mzak@stpatrickparish.org). Looking forward to seeing you there!

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

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





# Events & Fundraisers

## Simbang Gabi

Join the St. Pat's Filipino community for their annual Christmas Feast, Simbang Gabi. Simbang Gabi is a devotional, 9-day series of Masses attended by Filipino Catholics in anticipation of Christmas. A different parish hosts each night and St. Pat's is happy to join in on the festivities.

**WHEN:** Dec 16, 7 PM

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



## Youth Ministry Christmas Parties

Are you a 6-12 grader? Do you enjoy Christmas-related festivities? If these things apply to you, then you must come to our Christmas party! Both events are at Crane Rd.

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

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

## Christmas Mass Schedules

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.



## 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 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

# 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