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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.

When I visited the school this last week, one of our 2nd graders asked me why the priest wears green at Mass. I explained that green is the color of Ordinary Time. This is not to say that the Mass or liturgical time is ordinary in any sense, but instead that we are outside of Advent, Christmas, Lent, or Easter. In other words, we are about the ordinary work of following Christ. Wow, that is extraordinary.

Part of the ordinary work of trying to make Jesus first is seeing in our life where we are struggling with that. We do the faithful work of opening our hearts to God's mercy that Christ has won for us. The sins we struggle with are forgiven and even healed in Confession. The wounds we carry and the moral weakness we fight against give rise to these sins. At all times, we are called to be like beggars following Jesus, pleading with him to heal our infirmities. Lord Jesus, please heal me!

We have so many aids to help us heal. The Eucharist and Confession, above all. Then, Anointing for those who are seriously ill. Then the Sacraments, that strengthen our vocations. And then prayer. We pray for ourselves, and we pray for others. We can even pray with others or pray over others. The ordinary challenge is to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the wounds that cause our infirmities or weaken our moral resolve. Finally, it is our job to give Jesus permission to heal those wounds. Ask Jesus to provide us with the power to renounce sin in our lives and strengthen us to do his will. Now, most often, this should be and is done by a priest. But sometimes, we can intercede for others, asking the Lord to heal and deliver them.

This March 2nd, we will host a healing conference at St. Pat's, the Unbound Conference. Through this Conference, we will learn about healing, prayer, and freedom. The great people from the Unbound Conference have been doing this for years and years, helping thousands of people to experience the Lord's freedom in new ways. We all want to be free from our wounds and the sins they cause ourselves and others. We all want to learn how to pray and intercede for others. This ordinary work is part of the extraordinary Catholic mission we are called to live by our baptism.

Please sign up for the Conference and experience a deepening of the Lord's healing mercy and how we can share that love with others. To register, please visit stpatrickparish.org/unbound. I look forward to seeing you there on March 2nd.

Peace, Msgr.

Do you love Donut Sunday?

Do you love Donut Sunday and want to help out? We are currently looking for a new ministry leader to lead Donut Sunday at St. Pat's Downtown each month. This role will need to be filled starting in January. If you're interested in volunteering, please email Mike Zak at mzak@ stpatrickparish.org.



Giving

Current Week

Jan 20-21 \$56,995

4 Week Average

Jan 3 - Jan 21 \$56,733

Weekly Goal

through Oct 2024 \$57,500

Diocesan Stewardship Appeal

Current amount raised \$275,696 Last year's amount raised \$338,198

Parish Stewardship

Electronic Giving

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

Matching Gifts

Does your employer provide a matching gift? Find out at *bit.ly/DioGiftMatch*.

Community News

Baptisms

George Stephen, son of Benjamin and Jennifer Zeman

Amelia Jeanne Busch, daughter of Zachary and Lauren Busch

Leah Rose Infantino, daughter of Robert and Megan Infantino

Emily Kathleen Hirsch, daughter of David and Michelle Hirsch

Weddings

No Weddings this week

Funerals

Betty Lisowski

James Isacson

Alice Sury

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.

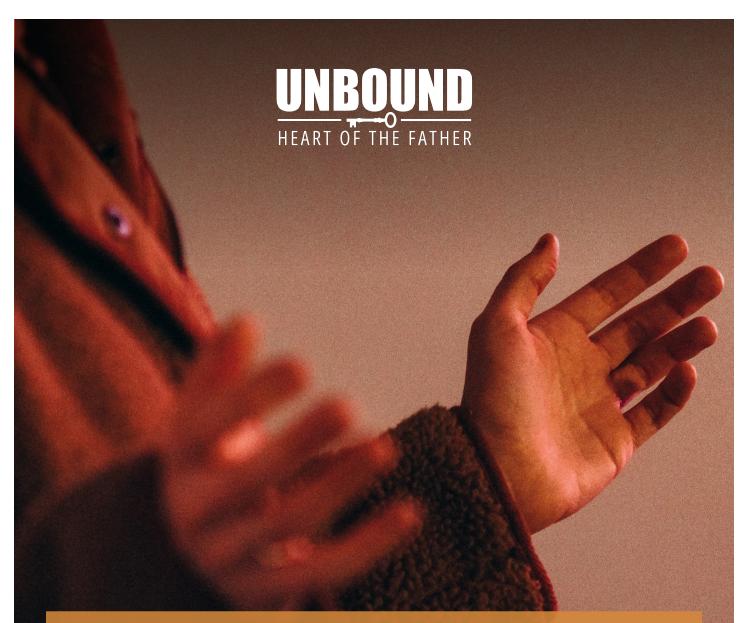
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Weekly Intentions

Monday		
7 ÅM	† Julian Feikert	DD
8 AM	† George Maurides	NP
Tuesday		
7 AM	† Steven Scott	AR
8 AM	† Mark Galicia	DD
Wednesday		
7 AM	† Gale Johnson	NP
8 AM	† Margaret Ryder	DD
Thursday		
7 AM	† Henry Tolentino	NP
8 AM	† Chris Vincent	AR
Friday		
7 AM	† Pat Funk	DD
8 AM	† Harold & Adele Hubbe	AR
Saturday		
8:30 AM	† Sandy Smith	AR
4 PM	† Anton Kossakowski	NP
4:30 PM	Lou and Jean Bianchi (S.I.)	DD
Sunday		
7:30 AM	† Andy Mayer	DD
8:00 AM	† Stanley F. Zajac	AR
9:00 AM	For the People of St Patrick	DD
9:30 AM	2nd grade RE students First	
	Reconciliation	NP
10:30 AM	† Jerry Yendro	AR
11 AM	† John "Jack" Sullivan, Jr.	NP
5 PM	Living & Deceased members	
	of the Hennessy Family (S.I.)	NP
Flame of Faith	1	

† Cecylia Komorowski

CR



Unbound Conference - Registration Now Open

As children of a loving God, we're created to live in relationship with Him. Sin broke this relationship and opens the door for fear, anxiety, and shame to enter our lives.

The good news is that Jesus brought salvation by dying for our sins and setting us free from this bondage. But even after accepting this gift of salvation, we don't always fully experience this freedom that the Lord has called us to.

Unbound helps us respond to the good news of the Gospel and apply truth to our lives using Five Keys: Repentance and Faith, Forgiveness, Renunciation, Authority, and the Father's Blessing. To join us this spring as we dive into these beautiful truths, please register at *stpatrickparish.org/unbound*.

WHEN: Mar 2, 2024

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd

Events & Fundraisers

Alpha at St. Pat's

The course explores life, spirituality, and the Christian faith in a fun and non-judgmental environment. Whether you're just checking it out, new to faith, 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



KofC Free Throw Contest

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a free throw contest for boys and girls ages 9-14. Each participant will have 15 chances to score as much as possible. The top scorer in each group will receive a prize, and all participants will receive a certificate of participation. Winners will be eligible to compete in the district competition. Sign up at *kofc12497.com*.

WHEN: Feb 4, 12:30 - 2 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown Gym

Grief Support Dinner

Get out of the house and shake off those winter doldrums! Join us for cocktails, fellowship and a delicious dinner catered by Chef Mary Gorski. To register, please contact Karen Yerly at *yerly12@yahoo.com* or 630.390.9267.

WHEN: Feb 8, 6:00 PM

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



Fox Valley Women's Bible Study

Women of all ages are invited to study the Holy Spirit in the Bible and Easter with the Fox Valley Catholic Bible Study for Women this winter. We will join the women who visit the tomb of Jesus in the early morning and encounter the risen Lord, travel with the disciples walking to Emmaus and learn about the Resurrection from Paul. The \$30 fee includes study materials. Childcare is available. To register, visit fvwbiblestudy.org or email fvwbiblestudy@att.net.

WHEN: February 1, 9 AM

WHERE: St. John Neumann Church

Ministry Calendar

FEBRUARY 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
28	29	30 6 PM CR Alpha starts	31 8:45 AM DT Adoration starts	1 7:45 AM DT Adoration ends	2 8:30 AM CR Coffee Klatch	3 6 AM CR That Man is You	
				8:30 AM CR VIP Seniors Wild Goose Series		9 AM DT 1st Saturday Devotions	
		7:15 PM DT Marian Prayer Group	6:30 PM CR Middle School Youth Ministry	7 PM CR Men's Bible Study	6 PM Royal Fox Emerald Evening Gala	4 PM Mass YM Fundraiser	
4 All Masses Donation Pick Up	5	6	7 8:45 AM DT Adoration starts	8 7:45 AM DT Adoration ends	9 8:30 AM CR Coffee Klatch	10 6 AM CR That Man is You	
All CR Masses YM Fundraiser 12:30 PM DT				6 PM CR Grief Support Dinner	9 AM CR Women at the Well Talk		
Free Throw Event 6 PM CR High School Min.		7:15 PM DT Marian Prayer Group	6:30 PM CR Middle School Youth Ministry	7 PM CR Men's Bible Study		4:30 PM Mass YM Fundraiser	
11 All DT Masses YM Fundraiser	12 12 PM CR VIP Seniors	13	14 Ash Wednesday	15 7:45 AM DT Adoration ends	16 8:30 AM CR Coffee Klatch	17 6 AM CR That Man Is You	
		7:00 PM DT Adult Confirm- ation Kicks Off	8:45 AM DT Adoration starts	6 PM Penrose 630 Catholic Tap In			
No High School Youth Ministry		7:15 PM DT Marian Prayer Group	No Middle School Youth Ministry	7 PM CR Men's Bible Study	7 PM CR Stations of the Cross		
18 7:30, 8. 9, 9:30, & 10:30 Masses Donut Sunday	19	20	21 8:45 AM DT Adoration starts	7:45 AM DT Adoration ends	8:30 AM CR Coffee Klatch	24 6 AM CR That Man Is You	
No High School Youth Ministry	5 PM DT Loaves & Fishes Dinner	7:15 PM DT Marian Prayer Group	6:30 PM CR Middle School Youth Ministry	7 PM CR Men's Bible Study	7 PM CR Stations of the Cross		
25 6 PM CR Embrace Parent -hood Lent	26	27	28 8:45 AM DT Adoration starts	7:45 AM DT Adoration ends	1 8:30 AM CR Coffee Klatch	2 6 AM CR That Man Is You	
						9 AM-4 PM CR Unbound Conference	
6 PM CR High School Youth Ministry		7:15 PM DT Marian Prayer Group	6:30 PM CR Middle School Youth Ministry	7 PM CR Men's Bible Study	7 PM CR Stations of the Cross	6 PM CR SVDP Trivia Night	

^{*}This does not include all Parish events or functions. For series that last only a few weeks or involve a registration, this calendar will only include the kick off date. For more events & potential updates, please visit stpatrickparish.org/events.



Over the past year, our youth ministry team has been able to walk alongside so many of our sixth through twelfth grade students, spreading the love of Christ in meaningful ways. Around 200 middle and high schoolers were Confirmed, over 100 students came with us to summer camp, and we took about 40 high schoolers to a Steubenville Youth Conference. Additionally, we continue to host weekly youth nights that allow our students to grow in faith.

None of this would be possible without your help. We'd love you to continue to be part of making a difference in the lives of our students through this year's annual Youth Ministry Envelope Fundraiser.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and prayers as we minister to the youth at St. Pat's.

For more information, please visit stpatrickparish.org/SupportSTPYouth

WHEN: Jan 15, 5-7 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Downtown



Events & Fundraisers

Women at the Well Talk

Join Women at the Well for a talk on St. Valentine as we start the Lenten season. We are thrilled to have Deacon Mike Smith joining us. A light breakfast will also be provided. Attendance costs \$10. To register, please don't hesitate to reach out to us at WATW.stp@gmail.com or give us a call at 331.442.4043. We hope to seeing you there!



WHEN: Feb 9, 9-11 AM WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd

St. Vincent DePaul Donation Pick Up

On the First Weekend of Every Month, St Vincent DePaul members will collect non-perishable food items at both church locations before all Masses. Right now, the pantry is specifically looking for laundry detergent, cleaning products, and paper products. Gift cards are also welcome!

WHEN: Feb 4, after all Masses

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd & Downtown

St. Joseph Table 2024

On the feast of St. Joseph, Catholics from around the world come together to share a meal in honor of Him. All the funds raised from this meal go to support the community's poor. We invite you to join us for the second-annual St. Joseph Table at St. Pat's. This year's meal will consist of spaghetti with red sauce, salad, garlic bread, and beverages. Register at *stpatrickparish.org/SJT*.

WHEN: Mar 17, noon-3 PM WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd

COST: \$10-Adults, \$7-Seniors, \$25-Family



Adult Confirmation Classes

St Pat's will be offering a 6-week Adult Confirmation class for adults who were baptized and received their First Communion but were never confirmed. Participants will then be confirmed at the Easter Vigil Mass. For more info, email Deacon Mike at dcnmsmith@stpatrickparish.org.

WHEN: starting Feb 13, 7-8:30 PM

WHERE: St. Pat's Crane Rd. St. Francis Room

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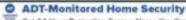
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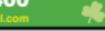
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Homebound Ministry

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* for details.

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

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.

Visit stpatrickparish.org/funerals for information and assistance.

Adoration

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