



SAINT PATRICK CHURCH IGLESIA DE SAN PATRICIO

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Reflection



This Advent you may be waiting for even more than just the celebration of Jesus' birth and his promised second coming. You may be waiting for a job offer, or a college acceptance letter, or a good word from your doctor, or even the birth of your own child. Life is filled with periods of waiting. Sometimes we wait with more grace than at other times. But with all waiting there needs to be hope for true fulfillment of our anticipation.

Elizabeth said to Mary during her visit to the house of Zechariah, "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." She was speaking of the promise of God's child in Mary's womb and how Mary was able to accept God's plan and see it through. Mary was waiting for something and it was already coming to fruition inside of her womb.

God has made promises to us as well. Jesus said in Luke 12:24, "Notice the ravens: they do not sow or reap; they have neither storehouse nor barn, yet God feeds them. How much more important are you than birds!" We wait for things but we must never worry. Perhaps at times when our waiting is over we find that what we waited for was not to our liking after all. But we are not in control of these things and God will provide just like he does for the ravens. God has promised to do great things in you and if you hold firm you will find that which you seek. You are blessed in your belief that what he has spoken to you is already being fulfilled, even as you wait.

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& 1:00-4:30 pm

Visit Saint Patrick's Webpage!
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www.stpatsic.com

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Have a Blessed Christmas!

DEC 24, CHRISTMAS EVE

Office closes @ Noon

Children's Nativity @ 3:30pm

Bilingual Mass @ 4pm (overflow seating in Social Hall)

Carols @ 8:30pm

Mass @ 9pm

DEC 25, CHRISTMAS DAY

Mass @ 8:30am

Office Closed—No Activities except Adoration

DEC 26-27 HOLY FAMILY

Regular weekend Confession and Mass Schedule

Sunday Mass Schedule /

Horario De Misas Dominicales

Saturday/Sábado (Vigil/Vigilia) . 4:30 pm
Sunday/Domingo....7:30 am, 10:00 am,
12:00 pm (Español)

Daily Mass Schedule (City-Wide) /

Horario De Misas Diarias (En La Ciudad)

St. Wenceslaus..... Mon.-Sat. 7:00 am
St. Patrick.....Tues.-Fri. 8:30 am
St. Thomas MoreTues.-Fri. 9:00 am
St. Mary's Mon.-Fri. 12:10 pm
Newman Center Mon.-Fri. 5:15 pm

Confessions/confesiones

Saturday 3:00 pm-4:00 pm.
Todos los sábados de
3:00 pm a 4:00 pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena /

Novena a Nuestra Senora del Perpetuo Socorro

Tuesdays following the 8:30 am Mass.
Los Martes después de la Misa de 8:30 am.

The Rosary

The Rosary is said prior to Daily Mass at 8:10 am, Tuesday through Friday. Please join us.

Adoration and Holy Hour

First Friday of each month after 8:30 am Mass—**Jan 1st**.

First Saturday Mass

First Saturday of each month at 8:30 am—**Jan 2nd**.

Perpetual Adoration Chapel / Capilla de Adoracion Perpetual

For more information contact Ellen Rethwisch, 351-4335.

Gift Bearers

If you would like to bring up the Gifts at Offertory, please contact an Usher before Mass begins.

Sacrament of Baptism/ Sacramento del Bautismo

Parents must be registered and active members of the parish. Parents are required to attend one instructional session, ideally before the child is born. Call the parish office to register for the next class on **Jan 9 @ 10:00am**.

Los padres deben ser miembros activos de la parroquia y asistir a las pláticas bautismales. Para mayor informes, favor de comunicarse a la oficina. **9 Jan, 10:00am**.

Sacrament of Marriage/Sacramento del Matrimonio

Comuníquese a la oficina parroquial para mayor información. Please contact the parish one year prior to your marriage.

Bulletin Deadline / Fecha límite para el boletín

Submit articles in writing/email by 9:00 am Monday.
Entregar artículos por escrito antes de las 9:00 am los días lunes.

Welcome Newcomers to Saint Patrick's! / Bienvenido A San Patricio!

Parish registration gatherings are held in the Social Hall after Masses on the **FIRST SUNDAY, Jan 3rd**, or stop by the parish office during business hours.

¡Bienvenido a san Patricio! Puede registrarse después de Misa en la parte trasera de la Iglesia or llenar la forma en línea.

Christmas Eve 4pm Eucharistic Ministers—please contact Cheryl for your section/vessel assignment and instructions.

Listening Devices REMINDER!

Assistive Listening Devices are available at the baptistery area for those who need them. Please do not remove the ear buds for your personal use. **Remember the devices are church property, so please return them after Mass.**

As a courtesy, PLEASE...

NO food or drinks in church and NO gum chewing.

SILENCE your cell phones when entering the church building. PUT missals/music books in book holders when leaving pew and place kneelers in upright position, and clean area where you were sitting. THANK YOU!

Are you called to a life of prayer?

If so, Lay Carmelite Spirituality may be your answer. We meet in the **St. Anne's Room-lower level of St. Patrick's the first Saturday of each Month @ 9AM**. For more info call Lindell Joseph at (407)-733-1448 or email, Drmjoseph@gmail.com.



Mass Intentions for Dec 22nd-27th

Tue.	12/22	8:30 am	Martin & Agnes Kinney
Wed.	12/03	8:30 am	Anderson-Beasley Family
Thu.	12/24	4:00 pm	Judy Keating
		9:00 pm	Denny Elbert
Fri.	12/25	8:30 am	Larry Kinney
Sat.	12/26	4:30 pm	For the Parish
Sun.	12/27	7:30 am	Paul Cahill
		10:00 am	John (Jack) Miller

What's Scheduled This Week

*as of Dec 11—subject to change



Sun Dec 20: Mass, Children's Liturgy, Nativity Practice after 10am Mass, Martin-Gym, Los Posadas 4-7pm
Mon Dec 21: January 3rd bulletin articles due, Spanish Carismatic Group, Young Adult Catholic
Tues Dec 22: Rosary, Daily Mass, Novena
Wed Dec 23: Rosary, Daily Mass, Decorate Church with Poinsettias, Youth/Adult Choir
Thurs Dec 24: Christmas Eve, Office closed @ Noon, Children's Nativity-3:30pm, Bilingual Mass-4pm, Carols- 8:30pm, Mass-9pm
Fri Dec 25: Christmas Mass-8:30am, Office Closed, No Events except Perpetual Adoration
Sat Dec 26: Confessions, Mass, Coro
Sun Dec 27: Mass, Children's Liturgy
Mon Dec 28: Office Opens, Spanish Carismatic Group
Tues Dec 29: Rosary, Daily Mass, Novena
Wed Dec 30: Rosary, Daily Mass
Thurs Dec 31: Rosary, Daily Mass, Last day for 2015 donations, Office Closed @ Noon, No events except Adoration
Fri Jan 1: Mary, Mother of God, Rosary, Mass @ 8:30am in Main Church, 1st Friday Adoration. Office Closed, No Events except Adoration. HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Liturgical Ministries for Dec 26th-27th

Altar Servers:

4:30 pm K Hanson, S Feller (L)
7:30 am K Kueter (L), J Kueter
10:00 am J Pursley (L), A Carter

Lectors:

4:30 pm D Wetherell
7:30 am B Titus
10:00 am D Bradford

Eucharistic Ministers:

4:30 pm J/J Keating, C Oleson, B Pierson, B Ready
S Romont, Feller SUB for Schwager
7:30 am D Harkey, B/J Klein, J/P McGee, J Page,
R Rossetti
10:00 am B Osland, J Panther, R Bullington, D/K Puls
G Redlinger, J/P/T Rhomberg

Sacristans for December

4:30 pm S Shields
7:30 am G & L Stauffer
10:00 am M Mahan

December Ushers:

4:30 pm B Wunder, N Ball, M Callahan, C Peters,
D/J Goody, Finger Family
7:30 am A Lombard, S Byers, A/N Gremm, J Page, B Wisor
B/C Schuchert, G Driscoll
10:00 am D/J Young, J Whetstine, B Shapcott, P Gantz,
M Yeh, Gillham Family, S Nibaur

Please find a substitute if unable to fulfill your ministry!

News & Notes

Pantry Sunday-Dec 26/27

The last weekend of the month is Pantry Sunday at St. Pat's. Donations of cereal, canned food, toilet paper, fruit juice, peanut butter, soup, diapers and plastic or paper bags are requested and greatly appreciated by the Iowa City Crisis Center. Thank you for your generosity!

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people, that you do unto me." Matthew 25:40

Delivery Volunteer for month of December - Dan Daly

Knights of Columbus Council #14481

KC's Epiphany Breakfast!

Sunday, Jan 3rd 8am-Noon! Bowl games leave you exhausted? Tired of leftovers? Stop by the Social Hall after Mass and enjoy a delicious hot breakfast! Served by our parish KC's, with a smile (of course!) Freewill donations accepted.

KCans4Life

College Football, Pro Football, Christmas, New Years—life celebrations that mean LOTS of fun and HEAPS of cans! Drop 'em off—let US do the sorting! Stop by the NW parking lot from 9a-12p the 3rd Saturday of the month—**Jan 16th**.

KC Contact Info

Interested in joining the Knights? Just transferred into the area? Contact us at kofc@stpatsic.com or call Pat Ruxton at 319-400-7198. The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic, family, fraternal, service organization. We sponsor activities in the areas of Church, community, council, family, culture of life, and youth.

Year of Mercy, Dec 8, 2015—Nov 20, 2016

Prepare for the Holy Year of Mercy! As revealed in the Diary of St. Faustina, Jesus said, **"By means of this image (Divine Mercy) I shall be granting many graces to souls; so, let every soul have access to it."**

5"x7" Divine Mercy Images are available at the Lighthouse display in the narthex for \$10.

Young Adult Catholics-Jan 4th

This faith-filled group for those 18-39 years of age meets the 1st/3rd Mondays of each month from 7:30-9p in the Zaga-lower level. If ?'s, please contact Kathryn Bowers, kchurch-illpta@gmail.com.

Monday Night Crafters

We will NOT meet in December. We NOW meet the **3rd Monday** of the month from 7-9pm in the Parlor. If you're crafty and have projects to finish, bring them and converse while crafting with others!

Fathers of St. Joseph

Fathers of St. Joseph meets each 2nd/4th Wednesday from 5:45-6:55am at St. Wenceslaus-Iowa City. All men are welcome! Prayer, faith-sharing, refreshments.

Next Baptism Class-Jan 9th

NEW TIME/LOCATION FOR 2016: 10am in the Parlor the 2nd Saturday of each Month. Parents must attend this class. Please contact the office if you would like to register for the class.

We wish you a Merry Christmas

Fr. Rudy and the entire staff of St. Patrick Parish wish all of you and yours a Blessed Christmas and peace throughout the new year.

Youth Ministry

First Communion

Classes resume Jan 10th @ 10am in the Social Hall. Please contact Chris Ney, ney4cy@gmail.com if you have ?'s. **First Communion 10am, May 1, 2016.**



Reminder for Nativity

Children performing in the Nativity are asked to arrive in the lower level classroom between 2:45 and 3:00 pm to get their costumes on. Adult helpers are requested.

Elementary Youth Group

We're on Christmas Break—we'll meet again Jan 10th! Youth in grades 3-6 are invited to attend our fun, faith-filled group the 2nd/4th Sundays of the month from 4-5:30pm in the lower level. Gather for games, food and service projects.

Noah's Nursery @ 10am (Birth-3 years of age)

Seeking a Leader/Co-Leader as well as Volunteers! Contact Dianne Irving, dgairving@a.com. **Thanks for your stewardship!** Volunteers are needed to provide child care in Noah's Nursery during 10am. Spanish Mass, please contact Piedad Rangel or Socorro Ortiz. Volunteers need to be VIRTUS trained in accordance with diocesan guidelines. This is a great way to provide stewardship. Adults and JH/HS youth are invited to volunteer.

Children's Liturgy @ 10am (4 years-1st Grade)

Children are dismissed at Liturgy of the Word and return just prior to Communion. **We need 2-3 Helpers (Jr High age or above) to assist the Leader each week.** Sign-up to help at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090544aead2baa8-childrens>. Contact Amrika.Stumpf@gmail.com or Rosemary Cyphert, nbr2124@gmail.com with questions.

Jr. High Youth Group (Grades 7-8)

We won't meet in December! Next group is Jan 17th! Share your faith in a fun-filled environment. Bring a friend along and enjoy a great evening of God, laughter, games, and maybe even a great treat for all to make. Questions, contact Rachel Scholze, rachel@stpatsic.com.

Confirmation

MANDATORY NET Retreat is Sunday, Jan 10th @ St. Mary's. Info/forms were mailed recently. **Please be sure to return forms/fee as soon as possible!**

Confirmation is Sunday, May 15, 2016 @ 10am.

iSPY

We're on Christmas Break and will resume on Jan 6th!

Iowa City-St. Pat's Youth high school youth group meets on **Wednesdays at 7:30pm in the Zaga.** Feel free to bring a friend—check us out. Food, Faith & Fun—all in one place!

If you'd like to bake treats for us, please contact Rachel at rachel@stpatsic.com or call the office.

Retired Religious give Thanks

"We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to last week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

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Scrip order schedule:

If you can't find the gift card you need, we can special order it!

Thank you for your continued support.

What's Happening

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

We will resume on Sunday, Jan 10th @ 9am in the Parlor. For more info **call the office, 337-2856 or Pam Gantz, 430-6697.**

God's Helping Hands

We're a group of dedicated individuals who bring the Eucharist to the homebound or those in care centers, send bereavement cards, send birthday cards (to those over 70) and deliver prayer shawls. If you or a loved one are homebound or in a local care facility and wish to receive the Eucharist or Prayer Shawl, contact Jean Mottet, mailforjean@aol.com or call 563-920-2836. We meet the 1st Thursday of April-December at 9am in the social hall.

Needleworkers

Our group will resume meeting on Jan 5th. We are a dedicated group of ladies who meet each Tuesday after Daily Mass in the St. Anne's room. We prepare items for the annual Bazaar and help as requested with various church activities. You do not need to know how to quilt! All are welcome. If school is postponed or canceled due to weather conditions, we will not meet.

St. Ambrose Scholarship

St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa, is expanding Catholic scholarships, which may be awarded to students who are active members of parishes, who graduate from a Catholic high school and/or who intend to be involved in campus ministry during their time at St. Ambrose.

An online scholarship application is available at www.sau.edu/CatholicScholarships. **Priority deadline is Jan. 15, 2016.** Admittance to the university is required for eligibility. Prospective students may qualify for multiple scholarship opportunities, grants and financial aid. For more information, call [563-333-6300](tel:563-333-6300).



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Christmas Remembrance

Flowers and Decorations will be placed in the church for the upcoming Christmas Season.

Please consider honoring your loved ones with this living memorial. There are flower envelopes by the bulletin board. This year we have new ornaments for the tree which include your loved one's name on a tag.

In Memory of _____

From _____

Donation Amount\$ _____

What's Happening

Well-Read Mom Book Club

Iowa City Well-Read Mom Book Club meets monthly. Need more info? Visit www.wellreadmom.com or contact Katherine Weiner, kweiner@mchsi.com or 319-400-7513.

Scheduling Request

If your group meets at St. Patrick, either regularly or sporadically, please contact Cheryl@stpatsic.com or 337-2856 as soon as possible to confirm the correct dates/times are scheduled for 2016, and please give the correct contact information for the group leader! Thank you! **CHERYL**

Youth/Adult Choir Update

We will not rehearse on Dec 31st, but will resume on Jan 7th.

Wedding Information

Congratulations to newly engaged couples who wish to be married at St. Pat's! Please make an appointment as soon as possible with Fr. Rudy to begin marriage planning so you can reserve your date on our schedule!

REGINA EDUCATION CENTER NEWS

2016 Regina Gala

The 2016 Regina "**Denim and Diamonds**" Gala will be held at Coralville Marriott Hotel on Saturday, Feb 13, 2016. Please consider donating a live or silent auction item in support of the Gala by dropping off your gift to Regina or contacting Trish Kohl at [319-358-2455](tel:319-358-2455).

In the Footsteps of St. Paul...

Regina Catholic Education Center is sponsoring a **Greece & the Greek Isles** tour March 15-25, 2016 for an affordable 11-day journey. Flyers on the Kiosk. Space is limited; send in your reservation as soon as possible!

2015 Tax

Please make sure that your email is up to date as I will once again e-mail your 2015 contribution documentation. If you do not have e-mail, please contact me in the office for your documentation. Lila

Readings for the Week of December 20, 2015

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Lk 1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14/Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29/Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-3, 11-13/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3-4, 6, 8, 16-17/Mt 10:17-22

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

After meeting with the priest, engaged couples can begin marriage preparation. You can meet with **Engaged Sponsor Couples** from the parish by contacting the office (337-2856) **Weekend, 1-day & Online Prep available:**

4 [http://www..davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%](http://www..davenportdiocese.org/faithform/Marriage%20Prep)

Stewardship

Annual Diocesan Appeal

Thank you for your generous response to the request from Bishop Amos to make a pledge to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. **We met our goal!** For those who have not returned their pledge envelope, please do so soon. We will meet our goal quickly when you respond sooner than later! *Fr. Rudy*

Perpetual Adoration Chapel

Please contact Ellen Rethwisch at 319-351-4335 or dreth101@yahoo.com for more information.

Advent is upon us. The same Jesus who was sheltered by Mary in her virginal womb, the same Jesus who was born in poverty, the same Jesus who was adored by the Magi, that same Jesus waits for us in the Eucharist at our Adoration Chapel. How awesome is that? As we wait for the feast of Christmas, let us meditate on the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. Let us ask the characters in those five mysteries – the Archangel Gabriel, Elizabeth and John the Baptist, the heavenly host of angels, Simeon and Anna, and of course Jesus' earthly father St. Joseph – to pray for us and to pray with us, so that their fervor might make up for all that we lack in our prayers.

"Mary & Joseph, help us to love and adore Him like YOU love and adore Him!" Please stop in our Adoration Chapel anytime during this Blessed Advent and Christmas Season!

End of Year Reminder!

Please be sure we have your current email address in our database so we can email your tax information to you in mid-January! **The parish office will close at Noon on Dec 31st, so please be sure to make your 2015 donations PRIOR to that time!** THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP! **LILA**



Stewardship

Time, Talent and Treasure

Church Support (Dec 12-13)

Not available at press time due to early printing

Thank you for your gift of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Needed each week: \$19,213.00

Please...Do not use the green-edged envelopes for general contributions. They are for **REGINA only**. Thank you.

And...Please consider using your envelopes as it makes it so much easier to enter into the data system., as we now use a scanning system. We can't track cash that you put in the basket at offertory time. Please make sure to mark the amount given or write it on the envelope. Thank you.

Thank you money counters for using the new system of sorting. It makes the posting process more time efficient. LILA

Retire the Debt

Although we have 'paid off the debt' we still have unpaid pledges. Please continue to pay on your pledges. Future money will now go toward Capital Improvements such as statues, stained glass windows, etc. Please use the purple edged envelope in your packets to contribute. Thank you.

Wounded by Abortion?

Project Rachel understands the emotional pain that follows an abortion-call the Helpline 563-333-4107, 1-888-456-HOPE.

To report child abuse, contact: Iowa Department of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline: 800-362-2178. If it involves clergy or church personnel also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator, 563-349-5002; vac@diodav.org or PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA