

PARISH NEWSLETTER & LITURGICAL BULLETIN

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Mass Schedule – November 25, 2024 – December 1, 2024

Monday – (SH) 9 a.m. – Alden Kment
Tuesday – (StPtrk) 10 a.m. – Chad Vandenberg Funeral
Wednesday - (StPtrk) 7 a.m. – Ray Richards
Thursday – (SH) 9 a.m. – Dick Pariset
Friday - (SH) 9 a.m. – William “Paul” Leif Sr. & Leif Family
Saturday – (SH) 5 p.m. – All People
Sunday – (StPtrk) 9 a.m. – Mother of Kathy Ortmeier

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's before Masses, or call to set another time to meet in person or at the confessional.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in both parishes monthly; St. Patrick's on first Wednesdays from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. and at Sacred Heart on First Fridays from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m. Every Friday morning at Sacred Heart Church 8-9 a.m.

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Lector/Acolyte: Steve Wambold
Statue: Mary Frerichs

St. Patrick's

Acolyte: Scott Kment
Lector: Colin Bargaen
Music: Angie & Nancy
Rosary: Legion of Mary
Offertory: Jay Stelling Family
Statue: Holly Luettel

Thank you for your generous stewardship.

11-17-24

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Tithe..... 75.00
Plate..... 50.00
Total..... 125.00

St. Patrick's

Tithe.....1040.00
Hall Rent..... 75.00
Total..... \$1115.00

Pope Francis' Intentions: We pray that all the parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Funeral for Chad Vandenberg: Monday, 7 p.m. Rosary at St. Patrick Church in Utica, and Tuesday 10 a.m. funeral at St. Patrick Church in Utica. Luncheon after Mass.

Emmaus Advent Meditation. St. Peter, Lincoln, on Monday, December 2, from 7:00 – 8:30; Vern Steiner, Emmaus president and St. Peter parishioner, will present a talk on the biblical background and significance of Jesus' title *Immanuel*, - God with Us! Followed by a time of Adoration and Confessions.

Formed.org is a great resource for prayer, spirituality, catechetics, daily reflections, movies, books, and other resources. All are encouraged to go to signup. FORMED.org and then enter the parish zip code 68313 and parish name of Sacred Heart.

The Commentaries: Interior Castle: A series of 15-minute videos of St. Teresa of Avila's work on prayer; good food for thought regarding the stages of prayer.

St. Katherine of Alexandria, Egypt, experienced God's grace to embrace Christ, leading her to confront the oppressive actions of Roman Emperor Maxentius, who persecuted Christians. Maxentius then attempted to force Catherine into a royal marriage, promising wealth and power in exchange for renouncing Christ. Catherine's unwavering commitment to Christ led her to decline, thus she found herself imprisoned. Soon Maxentius' wife and 200 soldiers converted to Christ. Maxentius ordered their execution. Catherine was first to be tied to a spiked wheel, but miraculously, the wheel shattered. Undeterred, her persecutors resorted to beheading. Saint Catherine's life is a testament to unwavering dedication to Christ, truth and justice. Her life serves as a powerful symbol of how civil authority, at times, opposes those who live virtuous lives of faith, but the enduring perseverance in goodness prevails. Her feast day is November 25th.

Thanksgiving: At every Mass, one of the most significant dialogues in human life occurs. The priest says, "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God." The faithful respond, "It is right and just." And the priest replies with a saying of great theological depth: "It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, Holy Father, almighty and ever-living God." It's fitting to give thanks, "always and everywhere." It's appropriate for us to do so on sunny days or rainy ones, when we feel like a million bucks and or are in the hospital, when we are attending the weddings of loved ones or their funerals, when we get promotions at work or pink slips, when we win at games or when we get routed. Salvation, life itself, we boldly proclaim is a gift of God opening us to gratitude which, in turn, opens us up more to God's goodness. Thanking God, therefore, is our sweet duty.