

**First Sunday of Advent – Sunday, November 29, 2020**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, November 30**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Oconee** – Harry McDonald

**Tuesday, December 1**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Gene Huttes  
By Teresa Mizeur Seitz

**Wednesday, December 2**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Henry Dust  
By Family

**Thursday, December 3**  
**8:00 a.m.**

Mike & Elizabeth Pastor  
By Dennis & Vicki Pastor

**Saturday, December 5**  
**2:45-3:25 p.m. Confession**  
**4:00 p.m.**

Walt, Marg, & Ron Havrilka  
By Family

**Sunday, December 6**  
**7:30 a.m.**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Oconee** – Mary Edith & Jim Temmen  
Pete Pollman  
By Family  
Parishioners

**10:30 a.m.**

## Ministry Schedule

### **SERVERS**

**Saturday**      **4:00 p.m.**    Bailey Kinsey  
**Sunday**        **9:00 a.m.**    Cole Nollman  
                      **10:30 a.m.**   Morgan Beyers

### **Extraordinary Ministers**

**Saturday**      **4:00 p.m.**    Melvin Green  
**Sunday**        **9:00 a.m.**    Sam Nollman  
                      **10:30 a.m.**   Bob Holthaus

### **Lectors**

**Saturday**      **4:00 p.m.**    Bob Zueck  
**Sunday**        **9:00 a.m.**    Lizzie Schafer  
                      **10:30 a.m.**   Kevin Duez

### **NOTICE**

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE A GIFT BEARER, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER, LECTOR, HOMEBOUND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OR SERVER AT YOUR ASSIGNED TIME, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.**

### **SPONSOR OF THE WEEK 7<sup>th</sup> SON EXCAVATING INC.**

On the back page of our bulletin is a suggested Business Directory. Please consider these businesses for their products or services. Because of them, this bulletin is cost-free to the Parish. When you patronize one of them, tell them you saw their ad on our bulletin.

### **SANCTUARY CANDLE**

**The Sanctuary Candle**, *the Eternal Light*, will be lit the week of November 29, 2020 for the Kindermann Family by Family.

**Weekly Contributions**  
**November 21 – November 22, 2020**

*We Need \$6,500 Each Week*

Regular	\$4,641.00
Needy	\$40.00
Major Repairs	\$20.00
School	\$270.00
Building & Grounds	\$10.00
Immaculate Conception	\$20.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$20.00
Justice & Hope	\$665.00
Cemetery	\$145.00
Christmas Offering	\$25.00
Christmas Flowers	\$60.00
Loose	\$260.00

**Be Alert! Watch!** We begin this new liturgical year as the old one ends: alert, on the watch, looking to the end time (that is, the return of Jesus Christ) while still living in this middle time of grace. In our watching, we make the words at the center of the Isaiah reading our own: “Would that you might meet us doing right.” Let us be faithful gatekeepers – of our thoughts and of our acts – actively looking for the face of the Lord.

- How will I maintain hope as I wait for Jesus Christ?
- What will I say?
- What will I do? The Works of Mercy can be a start.

**CONFESSIONS**

Fr. Rodney is continuing to hold the regularly scheduled Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday afternoons from 2:45-3:25 p.m. Please continue to practice social distancing. In addition, private confessions may be scheduled with Fr. Rodney by appointment by calling the rectory at 562-9221

**“SHAMROCK SWEEPS” RAFFLE**

This is the last opportunity to buy tickets through SHS parents or the church office for the **\$50,000 Grand Prize** drawing held on December 18, 2020. Last day to turn in tickets is December 10.

## MEETINGS

**RCIA:** Mon., Nov. 30 – 10:00 a.m. – Rectory Basement

**PSR:** Wed., Dec. 2 – K-5<sup>th</sup> grades 3:30-4:30 p.m. and 6-8<sup>th</sup> grades 7-8:00 p.m. –  
Parish Hall

## LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry is collecting food and nonperishable items **EVERY** Saturday and Sunday. Baskets are located in the church vestibule for your convenience. Please remember those who have very little. One canned good/item from each family one weekend a month can make a difference. Food Pantry is open on Mondays 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon and Fridays 3:00-5:30 p.m. Next working day Monday, December 7, 2020.

## CHURCH NOTICES

Lectors may pick up their 2021 workbooks. Come through the Church Sacristy and then enter the Server's Sacristy. Books are sitting on a table, each one labeled with lector's names.

## Reminders

- **Please Remember** that a mask is required upon entering and exiting the Church, as well as upon receiving Communion. Once in the pews and following the social distancing rule of 6 feet, masks may be taken off at each individual's discretion.
- **Please Remember** THAT THE DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND MASS ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION remains in effect until further notice.
- For those unable to attend Mass, replace that time with devotion, studying scripture readings, viewing Mass on-line, or a Spiritual Communion by praying the Rosary or other suitable prayer.

## HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

Put your order in now for Holiday Gifts, Holiday Travel, and Holiday Activities!! A whole range of cards and denominations are available from \$5-\$100 (certain retailers offer \$5-\$10 denomination gift cards during the Christmas season). They make great gifts or stocking stuffers! For the full list of cards offered and denominations, contact Amanda Lehn at 217-412-8767 or stop by the church office for a complete list and order form.

**Be Not Afraid to PRAY BIG!** We currently have 16 seminarians, which is great! But wouldn't 40 be better?? YES!!! We invite you to pray a Hail Mary **EVERY DAY** at 4:40 for our diocese to have 40 seminarians. **4:40 for 40 Seminarians!**

### **WINTER WONDERLAND CANCELED**

St. Louis School and St. Louis CCW in Nokomis have canceled their 18<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Wonderland on Saturday, December 5 due to the increase in COVID-19 cases in the area. They will still have the quilt raffle and sell crafts on Facebook. For additional information, please call 217-563-7445 or visit our website at [www.stlouis-nokomis.k12.il.us](http://www.stlouis-nokomis.k12.il.us).

### **KIDS' CHRISTMAS STORE**

SHOP will host their annual Kids' Christmas Store on December 11. The Christmas Store provides a fun and inexpensive way for SHS students to shop for Christmas gifts for family members and other special people in their lives. They are asking for donations of new or gently used items suitable to be given as gifts. Christmas gift bags and tissue wrap (new) would also be appreciated. Donations will be accepted through December 10 at the church office or in boxes available in the church vestibule.

### **IN MEMORIUM**

Please remember in your Prayers, Vesta Vaughn, daughter of Jim & Dorothy Vandenberg and sister of Jim (Jean) Vandenberg, Jr. and Dean (Tonja) Vandenberg, all parishioners of St. Patrick's Church. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed by the mercy of God rest in peace.

### **BAPTISMS**

Baptized in Christ: We welcome into the Family of St. Patrick's Parish and the Universal Church, Allie Rae Schneider, daughter of Josh & Kelsey (Beyers) Schneider who was Baptized November 22. May her life as a Catholic be richly blessed by God.

### **WORD AMONG US**

St. Patrick's has free Word Among Us pamphlets available for the Advent Season. Feel free to take a copy, located on the table in the church vestibule.

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you to our parishioners for the generous donations received for our local employees and residents at Life's Journey, Hickory Estates, Prairie Rose, Heritage Health, and Pana Community Hospital. St. Pat's/Sacred Heart School were able to fill 450 bags! We were able to bring many smiles on delivery day!!

## **SESQUICENTENNIAL AWARD**

St. Patrick Church is honored to receive the Illinois State Historical Society's Sesquicentennial House of Worship Award, recognizing our incredible milestone of 150 years of worship. We were presented a certificate commemorating this great achievement in late fall and will soon place the award in the church vestibule as its permanent home.

## **DIVE DEEP**

**Evolution** – did we come from Adam and Eve or animals? What does the Catholic Church have to say about evolution? Is the Big Bang Theory compatible with our faith? How literal are we to take the creation story? *Dive Deep*, the official podcast of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois, tackles those questions and more. Go to [dio.org/podcast](http://dio.org/podcast) to listen. Make sure to subscribe to the podcast so you never miss an episode!