# ST. PATRICK PARISH,



# FALLOWFIEL

We are a vibrant and engaged faith community committed to building up one another in Christ. We are nourished by the sacraments, and our shared service to one another and the wider community.



#### FIRST READING

Isaiah 7.10-14

#### SECOND READING

Romans 1.1-7

**GOSPEL** 

Matthew 1.18-24

Psalms 24

MAY THE LORD COME IN: HE IS KING **OF GLORY** 

# Gospel Reflection

In these final days of Advent, the Gospel and his role is to receive Mary and name places us beside Joseph, a man caught the child Jesus. By doing so, Joseph freely between justice and mercy, fear and trust. accepts a vocation he did not choose, one When he learns that Mary is with child, his that will reorder his life entirely. He first instinct is not anger or self-protection becomes guardian of a mystery larger than but compassion. He plans to divorce her himself. quietly, choosing mercy even before he Matthew reminds us that this child fulfills This understands God's plan. righteousness prepares him to hear the voice and bear a son, and they shall name him of God.

to know: the child is from the Holy Spirit,

quiet Isaiah's promise: "The virgin shall conceive Emmanuel." God does not remain distant The angel's message does not explain or abstract. He enters human history everything. Joseph is told only what he needs through obedience, trust, and hidden faithfulness.

#### December 21 Fourth Sunday in Advent

Hope, Faith, Preparation

The Fourth Sunday of Advent marks the final preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth. It represents a time of anticipation and joyful expectation as we prepare our hearts to welcome the Savior. This Sunday we are reminded to reflect on God's promises and the profound significance of the coming of Christ into our lives and our world.

#### December 17 to December 23 O Antiphons

#### Hope, Expectation, Reflection

The O Antiphons are a deeply reflective part of Advent, marking the final days before Christmas. These ancient prayers invite us to deepen our longing for Christ's arrival. Each antiphon highlights a title of the Messiah, offering a poignant meditation on His coming. As we near Christmas, the O Antiphons focus our prayers and prepare our hearts for His joyful birth. You can find these prayers inside.



5:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Oriens)

Saturday

Sunday

Sunday

Tuesday

December 21, 2025

# † All Souls Intention

- † Walter Scott, by Nancy.
- For the intentions of the Crouse family, by Diane &
  - John Neshcov.
- People of the Parish 9:00 a.m.
  - † Lesley Roche, by Norma Milosek.
    - † Lee Lavergne, by Mike and Susan Issa.

    - † Jack, Doris and Tim Coogan, by the family.

Reconciliation: Saturdays 4-4:45 p.m. in the sacristy or by appointment

- For Anthony & Dianna Pierre's 55th wedding
- anniversary, by Anthony & Dianna Pierre.
- For Dianna's 75th birthday, by Anthony Pierre.

• † Gregory Dudley, by Patricia and Peter Dudley.

New Year's Eve Dance



your plans, embrace it with joy.

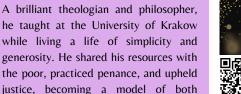
# News & Events

# December 23

# St. John of Kanty

intellect and faith.

#### St. John of Kanty (1390-1473) was a Polish priest, scholar, and professor known for his deep humility and charity. A brilliant theologian and philosopher,



Knights of Columbus! It

information.



will be an evening of lively music, delicious food, and festive celebration. Tickets are \$75 each, and there are only a handful remaining. If you are interested in coming, visit our

website or contact the office for more

#### have changed for 2026. If you prefer, you can also make donations without an

New Donation Envelopes

2026 donation envelopes are now available for pickup in the atrium. To

ensure accurate record-keeping, please

continue using your 2025 envelopes until

the end of the year, as envelope numbers

envelope by contacting the parish office.

# Sacred Art: Almost there!



We're close to completing our Sacred Art fundraiser. 面流量平均 There is just over \$30,000

left to donate to this fund. Your continued support will help us reach our goal and ensure that more of our restoration funds remain available for

the parish's future needs.

kindness, and love. Harshness will damage your own soul and spoil the best cause." —St. John of Kanty

"Fight all error, but do it with

good humour, patience,

digital

thinking to assist with our digital

# News & Events

Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Oriens)

### Children's Liturgy: Christmas Break + Help

Needed

The last Children's Liturgy will be this week. December 21. We will resume on January 11. The Children's Liturgy Program is in need of adult and older student volunteers. We would like to extend our program to the 11am Mass, as well as the 9am Mass. Volunteers would be welcome at both

9am Mass in the New Year for more information or to offer your time. Thank you.

Mass times. Please contact Leah

Moore at moore kids@hotmail.com

or stop by the Board room after the

## **O Antiphon Prayers**

#### December 21 O Dayspring

### Light, Hope, Redemption

O Dayspring, bright star of the light eternal, and sun of righteousness:

Come and shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

#### December 22 O King of Nations

### Kingship, Salvation, Joy

O King of all nations, the only joy of every human heart: Come and save us, Lord our God.

#### December 23 O Emmanuel

### Salvation, Hope

#### O Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver, the hope of the

nations and their Savior: Come and save us, Lord our God.

#### Sunday Missals The new Liturgical Year begins on

November 30th, the First Sunday in Advent. Sunday Missals for the 2025 -2026 (year A) cost is \$5 per book, and Sunday Missal for Young Catholics for the 2025 - 2026 (year A) cost is \$10 per book. Can be purchased from the ushers after weekend Masses and from the parish office, during office hours (Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.).

### Help us Be Good Neighbours Kindly be mindful of the parking

restrictions

season. Parking is available at the back of the church for your convenience. Please note that parking is strictly prohibited on Steeple Hill from the Park driveway to Richmond Road. Tickets have been issued in the past, and law enforcement will be actively patrolling the area.

around

especially during the busy Christmas

the

church,

### Seeking Student Volunteer for Digital Archiving Project

We are looking for a high school student from our parish with strong technical skills and good critical

migration to SharePoint. Beginning in the New Year, this project involves organizing thousands of parish files photos, applying consistent naming conventions, entering file within an established metadata structure, and beyond. This volunteer role can be done from home and offers a valuable opportunity to gain practical experience and information organization management. Please note that much of the work is detailed and repetitive, but it is an important service to the parish. If you are interested and have the necessary skill set, please email

A Winter Reminder

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often carry snow and salt into the church. We kindly ask everyone to be mindful of keeping the kneelers clean by avoiding putting footwear on them. Please also remember to lift the kneelers when they are not in use.

With winter weather upon us, boots

communications@stpatricksfallowfiel

# Collection Totals for July



Offerings \$31,132.51 Restoration \$2,865.50 Sacred Art \$1,749.00 Maintenance \$1,642.50

Other \$9,390.20

# News & Events

# Christmas & New Year Mass Schedule

December 24 5, 7, and 10 p.m.

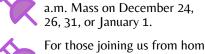
December 25 9 a.m., 11 a.m.

December 31 5 p.m.

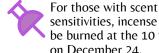
January 1st 11 a.m.



Please note: There will be no 9



For those joining us from home this Christmas, both the Christmas Eve Mass at 10 p.m. and the Christmas Day Mass at 11 a.m. will be livestreamed.



**Pastor** 

sensitivities, incense will only be burned at the 10 p.m. Mass on December 24.

### Parish Office: Christmas Hours

The Parish Office will be closed from 12 noon on December 24 and will reopen at 9:30 a.m. on January

# Parent Information Night: Sacramental Prep

The Parish Information Night for Sacramental Preparation will take place on January 8 at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



# Help our Parish Grow

Leave us a Review!

Do you share our passion for this parish? When people seek to join a parish, they often begin their search on Google. By enhancing our parish's Google rating, you can play a pivotal role in drawing in

new parishioners. Join us

the

community!

spreading



love

for

our

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#### Parish Life

Anita MacNeil

- The 11 a.m. Choir practices on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the church.
- The 9 a.m. Choir practices on Thursday evenings at 6:15 p.m. in the church.
- The Legion of Mary meets Wednesday mornings in the McGivney Lounge (after the 9:00 a.m. Mass).
- The Catholic Women's League meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Hall.
- The Knights of Columbus meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month in the Monsignor Baxter Parish Hall.
- Children's Liturgy, for ages 4 through 9, is offered during the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.



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