

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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December 4, 2011

2nd Sunday of Advent

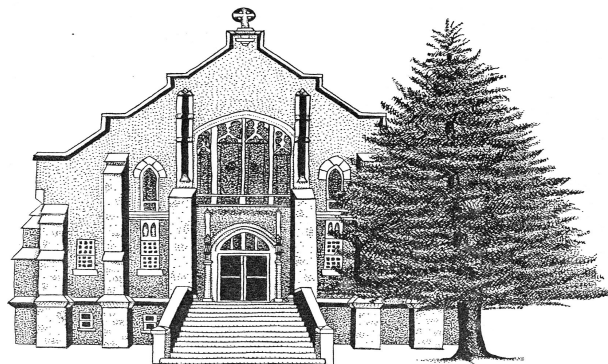
Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11 AM

Confessions

Saturday, 3:30 — 4:30 PM



2nd WEEK OF ADVENT

Mon. Dec 5 — Scrip: Isaiah 35:1-10; Luke 5:17-26

8 AM Communion Service

Tues. Dec 6 — Scrip: Isaiah 40:1-11; Matthew 18:12-14

8 AM Mass for Josephine Nelson

8:30 AM—12 noon Craft Ladies, Hall

Wed. Dec 7 — Scrip: Isaiah 40:25-31; Matthew 11:28-30

8 AM Mass for Art Bartel

9 AM—12 noon Sewing Ladies, Hall

6:30 — 8 PM Faith Formation/R.E. sessions, St. Albert

Thurs. Dec 8 — Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary

Scrip: Genesis 3:9-15,20; Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12; Luke 1:26-38

8AM Mass for Jim Latta, Jr.

12 Noon Mass for St. Patrick Parish

6 PM Mass for Mary Ann Mathiasen

Fri. Dec 9 — Scrip: Isaiah 48:17-19; Matthew 11:16-19

8 AM Mass for Don Shea

Sat. Dec 10 — Scrip: Sirach 48:1-4,9-11; Matthew 17:9a,10-13

3:30 — 4:30 PM Reconciliation

Sunday, December 11th — 3rd Sunday of Advent

Scrip: Isaiah 61:1-2a,10-11; IThessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

5:00 PM Mass for Sandy Finke *Lector*: Dana Orten; *EMCHs*: Larry Ravlin, the Deacon & Judy Ravlin; *Cross Bearer*: Brandon Carlson; *Candle Bearers*: Athena Arculeo & Michelle Henningsen; *Gift Bearers*: Randall & Julie Derrig

7:30 AM Mass for St. Patrick Parish *Lector*: Terri Lenihan; *EMCHs*: Steve Neff, the Deacon & Lynn Neff; *Altar Server*: Alexandra Moon; *Gift Bearers*: Ron & Jan Behrendsen

9:00 AM Mass for Helen Haas *Lector*: Mary Mason; *EMCHs*: Gary Collins, the Deacon & Daniel Costello; *Cross Bearer*: Emily Casson; *Candle Bearers*: Luke Feierfeil & Lauren Feierfeil; *Gift Bearers*: Karissa Herrington & Katie Herrington

11:00 AM Mass for Carmen Ratigan *Lector*: Lowell Bryant; *EMCHs*: Margaret Morse, the Deacon & Donald Morse; *Cross Bearer*: Max Ross; *Candle Bearers*: Mary Claire Wilder & Meg Ross; *Gift Bearers*: Rosalyn Marar & Sean Mahoney

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SAVE THE DATE—CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) RETREAT. Come. Answer the call for renewal. Take time for yourself for prayer and for reflection. Experience it! The dates for our next Retreats are:

Men's CRHP Retreat is **February 18th & 19th**

Women's CRHP Retreat is **February 25th & 26th.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR PRACTICE: The children's choir will sing on Christmas Eve at the 4:00 PM Mass. All children, ages 4 and up, are welcome to join the choir for this special Christmas choral event. Practice times are listed below. We hope you can join us! Please contact Lisa Gronstal at 322-2954 if you have any questions.

Sunday, December 4th **12:00 - 1:00 PM**
Sunday, December 11th **12:00 - 1:00 PM**
Sunday, December 18th **12:00 - 1:00 PM**

CHOIR FOR THE 6:30 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS & the 8 AM CHRISTMAS DAY MASS. Anyone interested in singing at the 6:30 PM Christmas Eve Mass & the 8 AM Christmas Day Mass, please join us at practices on **Mondays December 5th, 12th & 19th** at 5:30 PM in the church.

CHOIR FOR 10 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS. Come join us for a couple of practices to be arranged around everyone's schedules. **Contact Don Jacobson at 402-619-8408.**

THANK YOU. I wish to thank the many people who assisted with the Diocesan Centennial Celebration here at St. Patrick Parish. In particular, a word of great appreciation to our Parish Diocesan Centennial Committee: **Rita Hughes** (Chairperson), **Connie Bartel, John O'Connor, Linda Chevalier,** and **Kathleen Buchanan.** The Parish Centennial Banner Committee made the banner in our church entrance way. It was hung in Des Moines at the Diocesan celebration on Nov. 6th. The members were: **Janet Darnell, Judy Sellers, Deb Pogemiller,** and Diane Stolz. Great Job, one and all!! – Fr. Dave Fleming

PRE-BAPTISM SESSION. The next session will be held on **Thursday, December 15th,** 7 PM in the Parish Office Center. If you have a child that needs to be baptized and you have not attended a session before, please call the Parish Office Center, 323-1484 to sign up.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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	Budget	Actual	over/under
YTD	192,100	174,230	(17,870)
Nov 06	10,700	9,155	(1,545)
Nov 13	10,700	11,535	835
Nov 20	10,700	9,448	(1,252)
Nov 27	10,700	9,877	(823)
Total	234,900	214,245	(20,655)

ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

Our Goal is \$27,000

Year-to-date \$22,015

11-13-11 \$ 25

Total \$22,040

PARISH NURSE NEWS

The monthly **Blood Pressure Clinic** will take place after all Masses the weekend of **December 17th/18th.**

On the weekend of December 17th/18 the Homebound Christmas Baskets will be ready for delivering. We now have 40 baskets to give out. We need help delivering these baskets. This would be a wonderful Advent ministry for your family to participate in. Please stop down in the Hall to pick up one or two or more to deliver!

REMEMBER: Please remember in your prayers the following people who are on active duty in Iraq or Afghanistan: **Sgt. Nick Vrana** **Nicholas Burns**

Community-wide Christmas Basket

Program. We are now accepting items for the Christmas Basket Program until the week-end of December 10th & 11th. Please see the flyer in today's bulletin for more details.

Catholic Daughters Court St. Anthony

#330. Please join us for the Installation of new members in the Parish Hall here at St. Patrick's on **Monday, December 12th** at 6 PM. A soup supper, brief meeting and Christmas fun will follow. Members please bring a \$5 gift for exchange game. There will be no regular meeting in the month of January. Find out about the mission of our local court at www.cda330.org

THANK YOU, THANK YOU! Do you believe in miracles? It was incredible—people kept coming and coming and coming for Thanksgiving. Instead of the approximately 600 people as in years past, 750 people were fed this year. There was one turkey leg, a small plate of white meat, half a pan of potatoes & stuffing and a pot of gravy left after all was fed. Thank you, thank you to **Brenda Moran, Margaret O'Connell** and the *countless volunteers* who set-up, cooked, delivered, served and clean-up for the Annual Council Bluffs Thanksgiving Day Dinner!!

“We proclaimed to you the gospel of God.” Will you proclaim the truth of God's mercy as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? Call Fr. David Muenchrath at (515) 237-5050 or write: dauenchrath@dmdiocese.org.

For all Sophomore Students: Confirmation Preparation is getting underway. If you have not registered or received a Confirmation Packet, please contact Jill Faust at (402) 699-3919 or jrfaust1@cox.net for further information.

Council Bluffs Faith Community Nurses invite you to attend **Blue Christmas: A Service of Comfort & Hope — Wednesday, December 7th at 7 PM** at the Community of Christ Church, 140 W Kanessville.

Just as the Wise Men walked through cold and darkness toward the light of the star, many people walk through the darkness of their burdens and grief. They may be facing the holidays after the death of a loved one or after divorce. Perhaps they have been unable to have a child, or have suffered through an emotional trauma. They may have lost a job, their home or finances. Or perhaps they feel pressured and overwhelmed by holiday preparations. This service of scripture, mediation, music and prayer provides a time of sacred calm to focus on the comfort and hope God offers during dark times. It is an opportunity to come and be in the presence of God, acknowledge grief and despair and loneliness, and to give it all to God. A period of fellowship and refreshments will follow the service. (Weather notice: if Council Bluffs Public Schools are closed the day of the service or dismiss early due to the weather, the service will be canceled.)

The Serra Club will be serving **baked potato and soup suppers** on **Friday December 9th, and 16th.** The first two will be at St. Albert, the last one will be at Corpus Christi in the great hall at Queens. Serving times will be **5—7 PM.** Cost is \$5. Proceeds will be used for programs supporting the seminarians of our diocese. Please join us.

Check out St. Pat's new Catholic Web Store! We have teamed up with **Religious Supply Center, Inc.** Click the link on our parish web site to choose from thousands of Catholic gifts for any occasion. Great gifts available for all events! St. Pat's will get a 10% credit for your purchases. So check it out!