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2025 CHRISTMAS LITURGY SCHEDULE Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve-Wednesday, Dec. 24th Masses:

Children's Mass: 4:30pm (Concert begins at 4pm)

Late Night Mass: 9:00pm (Music begins at 8:30pm)

Christmas Day-Thursday, Dec. 25th Mass:

Morning Mass:10:00am

Feast of Holy Family-Sunday Masses

Saturday, December 27th Vigil Mass: 4:30pm

Sunday, December 28th Masses: 8:30am & 11am

Mary, Holy Mother of God

Wednesday, December 31st Mass: 4:30pm

Thursday, January 15t, 2024, Mass: 10:00am

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, January 3rd, 2025, Vigil Mass: 4:30pm Sunday, January 4th, 2025, Masses: 8:30am &

11:00am

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SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Father Jeff has a five session inner heart work (homemade video clips) to help people start the inner work of grace. He will link you up and follow up. Also as part of the inner work, he encourages the inner strength work which Chris Bradburn coaches along. The two prong approach is very helpful. Learning self awareness in order to know God's call:

Find your strengths by contacting Chris Bradburn at mcbradburn@aol.com or Monica Lonnemann at lonnemannm@stpat.church

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Anyone in our parish in need of the sacraments at home, in the hospital, at a nursing home please contact Paul Washnock so we can serve them.

SACRAMENTS

Daily Macc

Baptism Register on parish website. Prep classes are the 1st Saturday, 10:00-11:00am. Contact the parish office for Baptism date.

Eucharist, Confirmation, Sacrament of the Sick Contact the office.

Reconciliation/Confession Every Saturday 12-1pm in church cry room or by appointment, *contact Fr. Jeff.* **Holy Orders** Contact Fr. Conor Kunath 859-392-1566. **Marriage** Contact office 6 or more months in advance with 3 possible dates.

Confirm mass before scheduling reception.

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS Dec. 22-Dec. 28

Daily Mass
Monday, 7:35 am Repose of David Zerhusen
Tuesday, 7:35 am Repose of Linda Tandy Wilson
Campbell
Wednesday, 4:30 pm Repose of Declan Glynn
Wed. Evening 9:00 pm Repose of Linda Tandy Wilson
Campbell
Thurs. 10 am Repose of Chris Rupert
Friday 7:35 am Repose of Irene Ruberg
Sunday Masses
Saturday, 4:30 pmRepose of Ann Price
St. Patrick Parish and School
Sunday, 8:30am Repose of Sandy Johnson
Sunday, 11:00 am Repose of Jacob "Jake" Daly
Repose of Margie Reusch

Christmas message from Padre Jeff: A gift for Christmas: Proper Self Love!



With so much interest in mental health these days due to an increase in self hatred, self absorption, a question arises: Do we need to have love of self first before we can love even God as

well as others? How can we love God if we hate ourselves let alone others? Let's dive in because this is so important in a materialistic and polarized society.

We can distinguish between natural self love and proper self love!

One special gift of Christmas is a proper self love that frees us from self absorption. It is A Love that leads to authentic personal and social friendships (healthy family, just society).

This means growing from a natural but wounded love of self and others to proper self love. Proper self love is the direction actually a lifelong conversion. It is toward love of God above self, more than self in order to love self and others with His Love properly. This sounds counterintuitive. How can I love God above self without loving myself first?

Going deeper, proper self love requires an interior life and natural human growth. It is a process of deep conversion: what defines me is not from this world but from The Kingdom of God Jesus proclaimed. We learn this from cancer patients: "My cancer is not what defines me." Or more specifically, we learn this from St John Paul 2:

"We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father's love for us and our real capacity to become the image of His Son."—St. John Paul II

However, we might try to spiritually bypass the means to proper self love by ignoring our humanity and natural human processes or human formation. I tell myself I will just pray away self hatred, self absorption, self preoccupation. While prayer is very important,

we also need to move from a natural self and natural self love to a proper self and proper self love. But how? I was born a natural self, with natural basic goodness in the Image of God, but that Image is suppressed, wounded, and incomplete without total likeness to God. Original wound leaves us divided inwardly. As Thomas Merton has said if we are divided inwardly we will be divided outwardly:

"The root of war is in the inner division of the human heart against itself."— Thomas Merton, Innocent Bystanders

True, the natural self as the image of God has an innate inclination towards the good. But it is wounded, divided! Part of me might not like myself or my body compared to others. That part may take over the "inner house" as I feel self hatred, shame or unworthiness etc. And as in the movie Inside Out, Riley has all these emotions and thoughts like sadness, fear, disgust, anxiety screaming at her from within as she becomes aware of them. So too, I become aware of these inner dimensions of consciousness or emotions or parts of me.

My natural self must develop with effort (human or moral virtues) an interior strength or self awareness of these hurting parts of me and move towards them with compassion, calmness and wisdom which comes from the basically good but wounded person I am.

These hurting parts often take on behaviors that act as protectors or ways of protecting myself. But they really are interiorly destroying me from the inside out. We have unholy actions stemming from expectations of an unreal "holy tape measure "to social expectations which pressure us to be "perfect" in the artificial image of the world (the consequences of this we see in Frankenstein or worse). Think of that part of Riley in Inside Out which proclaims: "I am not good enough, I am not good enough". It is followed by the corresponding behavior of stunting the growth of self as gift. Inner divisions can only lead to outer disunity in friendships, family, church, society, sometimes violently.

So the natural self with self awareness and often times most importantly accompanied by the authentic love, counsel or prayers received from others, moves our self towards the hurt or protective parts. These parts of us are to be seen, heard and understood. A door opens gradually in its own time and way. The false mask, self defeating/self defending behaviors are open to a new way, the Love of God.

Here is what we call self transcendence.

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Christmas message from Padre Jeff (cont.)

We move from natural self love or self preservation with all the hurting parts, self hatred, self preoccupations, unworthiness, shame, numbness, fear, anger, ego, etc to love of God more than self (work of the theological virtues, faith, hope, charity)

When this happens, we start the inner and outer work of receiving His Love and spreading them to all of our parts or layers of consciousness. Christ birth and coming as man communicates a Divine Love and Truth to our wounded self love: you are not a burden; you are not alone, your suffering is not a dead end because you matter to Me!

Only when we can love God above self and more than self, do we receive what really defines us: the Fathers Love for us, Divine Love: "It is not you who first loved me but I who first loved you." "It is not you who first chose me but I who first chose you": As we begin to bring parts of ourselves into that love, we love neighbor as our self authentically and charitably. This is what Pope Francis meant as "social friendship", a better term than mere social justice.

It is at this level of being love that truly I am becoming the unique self gift that God wills me to be as friend of God and friend to humanity in a way no one else can be. And ultimately, I am a Christ like friend to myself instead of my own worst enemy.

I start with a natural wounded self love with so many inner divisions to open up to love of God more than myself and to love myself and others as He loves me: "love one another as I have loved you". The key to proper love is "as I have loved you". It can not happen without ongoing human formation to open up natural self love to Divine love. This is Why God assumed our humanity.

For Christmas, allow the Lord Jesus to give you this gift we all need for each other, proper self love. From His • to yours!

Merry Christmas to each and all of you!

Fr Jeff Vonlehmen

Pastor St. Patrick Parish Shrine and School, Chaplain Holy Cross High School, Received Minisrty: Human formation (monologue to dialogue to trialogue) Jail Ministry

PARISH NEWS

THINKING ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC? OCIA (ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION)

Classes available for becoming Catholic or just wanting to strengthen your faith. Classes are held at 9:45am on Sunday at the Mercy Risen Center, the building across the street from church with the blue cross. Call church office/secretary or contact Melinda Zickefoose at zickefoosem@stpat.church with interest.

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"HELPING HANDS" Bereavement Committee

Our group's most important part of the Bereavement Committee is to prepare and serve lunch for the families after the funeral Mass. This is a very faithful group, working at times with very little notice, and always coming through for the families. We gratefully extend a SPECIAL THANKS to all the members of this Committee! If interested in becoming part of this ministry, it can be occasionally, please give Mary Ann, 859-356-6498, or Bobbie, 859-356-6313, a call. A wonderful Thanksgiving and Blessed Christmas is wished to all!

ROSARY BEFORE WEDNESDAY EVE. MASS

Join us as we together pray the scriptural rosary every Wednesday at 6:30 pm, prior to 7:00 pm mass. "The prayers of the parish community are the spiritual battery to support the parish, the school, our parishioners and our shepherds who guide us."

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED

Please consider giving of yourself to become a eucharistic minister. Please contact the office.

CCD NEWS

Dec 21 & 28 - No Classes- Merry Christmas

Jan. 4th - Regular Class- Epiphany Celebration

Follow us on Facebook – St. Patrick TM CCD

We are still in need of substitute teachers. If interested, please email CCD@stpat.church

CCD HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets from 9:45am-10:45am on Sundays. The group meets in the house behind Father's house. All high school students are welcome and it's free!

Dec 21 & 28 - No Meetings - Merry Christmas

Jan. 4th - Regular Meeting - Epiphany Celebration

Follow us on FB: St. Patrick Church High School Youth

Ministry

Join the St. Patrick Youth Group Summer Retreat on our 2026 trip to Steubenville! JULY 10-12, 2026 Registration information coming soon!

HOLY CROSS DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Contact for a tour or to schedule a day for your child to shadow a student.

859-431-1335 www.hchscov.



YOUR GENEROSITY TO THE GIVING TREE

Thank you to everyone for the amazing generosity with our annual Giving Tree. We sent a

full truck and 3 SUVs to Rose Garden. We supported 6 families and 30 residents from Regency Manor. There were over 450 tags taken from our tree! All of the contributions are greatly appreciated! We are an amazing parish! Thank you!! Allyson



A CHRISTMAS WISH FOR OUR PARISH MISSION AND SCHOOL

As we celebrate the birth of Christ, a season of hope, generosity, and renewal, we would like to share a special Christmas wish for our parish mission and our growing school and CCD community.

Over the past several months, we have been prayerfully planning an expansion that will allow us to better serve our children and families — both now and for generations to come.

Our vision includes:

- Five new classrooms
- A media and learning resource room
- A secured main entrance, ensuring the safety our children deserve

These additions will provide the space, safety, and excellence needed for our students, faculty, and CCD program to continue spreading the Good News of Christ in a nurturing and faith-filled environment. This project will also strengthen our role as a feeder school for Holy Cross District High School, supporting Catholic education throughout our region.

Our capital campaign goal is \$3.5 million. We are deeply grateful to share that \$1.5 million has already been pledged, and funds are beginning to be collected — a testament to the generosity and belief of our parish family.

An Invitation During Our Silent Phase

At this stage of the campaign, we are in what is called the silent phase. Before we move into the public, parish-wide phase and seek final diocesan approval, we must raise approximately \$1 million in additional leadership-level gifts.

Rather than asking everyone to give more at this time, we humbly ask for something equally powerful: *Your help in making introductions.*

Many of you may know individuals, families, alumni, or friends of Catholic education who believe deeply in forming young people in faith, academics, and character. If you are willing to introduce us to someone who may have the capacity and interest to support this mission in a significant way, your connection could make a profound difference.

How You Can Help

Please keep this project in your prayers, Share our story with those who value Catholic education and parish life. Consider introducing us to potential benefactors or families who may wish to learn more. If you know families seeking an excellent Catholic school, we welcome those conversations as well — our school receives very positive reviews.

Renderings of the proposed expansion are available for you to view, offering a glimpse of what this space could become through God's grace and the generosity of His people.

If you would like to help or make an introduction, please contact Pam or John or speak with any of us directly.

Thank you for considering placing our parish mission and school on your Christmas wish list this year.

With gratitude and blessings, Fr. Jeff VonLehmen, Pam Nunnelley, John Zurborg

PARISH MINISTRIES

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Come and be comforted; Sessions explore mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, faith sharing. 9:00 am

2nd Saturday of the month in the Mercy Risen Center

LADIES ALTAR SOCIETY

We are the hands of Mary, taking care of the needs of the altar, vestments, linens, candles.
7:00 pm

4th Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall

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PARISH NURSE MINISTRY

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First weekend of each month in church by elevators

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PROJECT RACHEL

Ministry for anyone who has experienced an abortion Confidential phone line, 859-392-1547 God's greatest desire is to forgive.

PADRE'S PATCH

Communal organic garden on church grounds Interested, Email: Shelley: Shelleyab202@gmail.com

MEN'S GROUP

5:00 pm

1st & 3rd Wed. of the month in the Mercy Risen Center

COFFEE AND DONUTS

after 11:00 am Mass
Usually 2nd Sunday of the month

CLIFTON STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

"Come and See" a method of discerning your God-given talents

Contact Chris Bradburn at mcbradburn@aol.com or Monica Lonnemann at lonnemannm@stpat.church

YOUNG ADULT GROUP

7:45 pm

Wednesdays in the Mercy Risen Center

PRAY FOR ELDERLY & HOMEBOUND

careprayerministry@gmail or 859-801-0311

"HELPING HANDS" BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Prepare and serve lunch for the family after the funeral mass Interested, please call, 859-356-6498 or 859-356-6313

PARISH NEWS

BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING IN EVENING ON FEBRUARY 9TH

Get ready for the study of Luke coming soon. We will be letting you know of the times and dates in the near future.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERTORY GIVINGS 12-15-25

Regular Offertory (envelope)	\$5875.00
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Our Lady of Knock Foundation	\$1060.00
Christmas Offering (envelope)	200.00

The OLK Foundation is donations to the parish capital campaign which will be used primarily for the expansion of the primary school.

GIVE ONLINE, Text 859-340-8356



Please call the office to add someone to the prayer list. If someone on the list has improved, call so we can remove them and THANK THE LORD.

Pray For: Sharon Finke, Killian Hamilton, Cynthia, Bob Kemper, Randy Smith, Joan Jasper, The Carneal Family, Mary Anne Memering, Steve Donohoue, Angie Hoskinds, Margaret Lawason, Larry Zickefoose, May, Joe N., Marek Maciaga family & friends, Miriam Andrews, Andres, Neomi, Jamie, Cul, Marlene Wells, Robert Benoit, Tesauro family, Elaine Feder, Brenda Liddy, Elzbieta Skrzyndki, Daranee Teathong, Tony, Donald Wieh, Joanne Cianciulli, Anubhab Mallick, John Altez, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Croy, Joanne Cianciulli, Jan Ising, Mark Baxter, Julie Christen, Jim Wilshere, Lucyna, Xuan Liu, Linda McCarthy, Ben Reinersman, John Fer Monopolio • Mary Abraham, Eric Thomas, Margarita Cortes, Anthony Smith, Steve White, Carol Williams, Gerry Gospodarek, Darlene McGrath, V L Patrick family, Kendall Howard, My family, husband and I, Olivia, Steve, Pat Bartsch

Repose of: Linda Tandy Wilson Campbell

Because of HPPA regulations we can no longer get names of parishioners who are in the hospital. Please call the office to let us know if your loved one is in the hospital, nursing home or hospice care so we can visit.



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