

Saint Patrick Catholic Church

January 26th & 27th, 2019
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass times:

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday
at 10:45am

Nursery is available during 10:45 mass.

Rosary: Sunday at 10:10am

Confession: Saturday at
4:30 pm or by appointment.



Message from our Pastor:

Allow me to introduce you to Agnes. She was a young girl in the early days of the Church, just a couple hundred years after the Ascension.

She was only 12 years old. But very pretty. All the guys were interested. In fact, the son of the governor was particularly interested and wanted to marry her (they got married early in those days).

But she was not interested. In fact, she was only interested in one man, Jesus Christ. She made a promise to Him that she would remain a virgin for Him. That is what nuns do in modern days, they are spiritually married to Christ. She was ahead of her time.

So she rejected the rich governor's son. She could have had a life of luxury. It was a great honor to be married to someone with that kind of power. But she wanted Christ only.

The son was not happy. Little spoiled brat. He took vengeance on her for rejecting him. With the help of his dad, the governor, they had her arrested.

There are many miracles surrounding what happened next.

In one instance, they threw her into a house of prostitution to try and degrade her. But her purity and holiness scarred away the patrons who attempted to advance upon her. In fact, there was only one patron who actually tried to take advantage of her and when he tried he immediately went blind. Serves him right.

She was eventually sentenced to death. Most young girls, says Saint Ambrose who wrote about her, are afraid at a simple frown from their parents or the prick of a pin on their finger, but not Agnes. He says the executioner was the one who went pale white when she was put to death.

She was martyred. She is known as St. Agnes and is one of the saints whose name is said when the priest uses the Eucharistic prayer that lists all the saints (called the Roman Canon). We celebrated her feast day this week, January 21.

What she has to show the world today is that IT IS NECESSARY TO SUFFER IN ORDER TO BE PURE AND AVOID IMMORALITY.

Our world is absolutely plagued with immorality and impurity. Pornography, folks living together before marriage, fornication, so called 'alternative lifestyles,' artificial birth control, and the list goes on and on.

The idea of living a pure and moral life seems absurd to most people. This is because they do not understand that there is a significant amount of suffering that is involved in living a pure and moral life. Or maybe they try for a little bit and feel that suffering and quickly quit, because it is too difficult.

Here is where St. Agnes can show the world the way. She was a little 12 year old girl and yet suffered so much in order to remain pure.

May God give the faith He gave to St. Agnes to the whole world so that it will be willing to suffer whatever is necessary in order to remain pure and moral, so that like St. Agnes all might be given the hope of Heaven forever. Amen.

-Fr Rossi

News & Announcements:

Irish Festival: It is that time of year again! Our 34th Annual Irish Festival will be held the weekend of **March 23-24th**. We will be having planning meetings after Sunday mass in the basement. **Please join us!** A great way to meet people in the parish especially for our new parishioners! **We will also have sign up sheets for volunteering** downstairs after mass. Please consider giving your time for this great cause!

Thank you: Saint Francis Home would like to thank SPC members who generously donated bath towels for their residents.

Thank you: Thank you to all who participate in the Kroger program for St. Patrick to receive benefits. We have received another check in the amount of \$63.57. Remember you have to renew your membership for this program each year. And all new members St. Patrick number is **89764**. Thank you again for shopping at Kroger.

Sharing Sunday: Mark your calendars now for the next Sharing Sunday which is **February 3rd**. Remember your non-perishable food items. Table in basement for drop off.

SPC Social Outreach Committee: is looking for not so used items. Including walking canes, wheel chairs, and walkers. If you have any of these items that are not in need anymore, please contact Bernie Mann, Eddie Baird, or Heather Coleman.

Baptisms - Baptisms are held during the Mass on the first Sunday of each month. Baptism class is required prior to baptizing your first child. Upcoming class dates are 2/3, 3/31, 7/7, and 10/6. If you are interested in attending a class or scheduling your child's Baptism, contact Kathy Buttner. Please note you may attend class prior to the birth of your baby.

****2/3 is a newly added class****

Church Support as of 1/13/19

Weekly

Actual	\$2,890.75
Budgeted	<u>\$3,981.00</u>
Difference	-\$1,090.25

Year to Date

Actual	\$85,740.33
Budgeted	<u>\$119,430.00</u>
Difference	-\$33,689.67

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