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Fourth Sunday of Advent



Celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday, 4:00 pm ❖ Sunday, 10:00 am

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 am

First Friday, 10:00am

Holy Days of Obligation, 6:00 pm

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

One hour before each Mass until Fifteen minutes before Mass or by appointment

Feast of the Holy Family

1st Reading: (1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28) 2nd Reading (1 John 3:1-2, 21-24) Gospel (Luke 2:41-52)

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS IN THE HOSPITAL OR ON HOSPICE: Please keep all the sick and their caregivers in your prayers.



PRAYER BOOK: The prayer book in the narthex is available for all prayer requests. Please pray daily for these requests.

PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS: Especially our families, friends and loved ones who are currently in active military service: Joseph Byrd (Poland) Brett King (Guam) Delia King (Stateside), Jason King (Stateside) Please keep all of our brave men and women in your prayers. **Please call the office to add to or remove names from this list,**

PLEASE JOIN OUR PARISH! We would love to have you as a registered member of St. Patrick. If you would like to join our parish, please pick up a Census Card in the narthex, fill it out and put it in the collection basket.

PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS WHO ARE UNABLE TO LEAVE THEIR HOMES Betty Carroll, Mickey Davidson, and Pat Rogato. Please keep these, all the homebound, and their caregivers in your prayers. If you know of any parishioner who should be added to or removed from this list, please contact the office.

Fourth Sunday of Advent Mary trusted the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45) Let us pray that men and women may reach out to those in need through dedicated service as priests, brothers, and sisters. **(Vocation View is sponsored by Serra Club)**

Weekly Finance Report

<u>Account</u>	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expense</u>	<u>Diff.</u>
Account	4,551.00	8,638.43	(4,087.43)
Capital Imp	465.00	2,880.43	(2,415.43)

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED: December 23rd and 24th as well as December 30th and 31st.

JANUARY 1ST is the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God. It is not a Holyday of Obligation this year since it falls on a Saturday.

CHOIR: The Christmas Choir will rehearse each Sunday at 8:30am until Christmas.

TAKE A LOOK! Please notice the new ads on the inside back cover of the bulletin. We are very fortunate to have 4 new local businesses supporting our parish as well as all the businesses on the back cover that have supported St. Patrick's for years. Try to use each business when possible and let them know they are appreciated.

THANK YOU to all who've helped provide meals for RCIA for 2021, and to those who have already volunteered for 2022. Your generosity is appreciated. If you would like to provide a meal for 2022, please see Lisa Dougherty and she will put you on the schedule for next year. God Bless!!

DID YOU WIN #272 on the Gaeton Gotcha board? This prize bag was found in the choir room. If it is yours please call the office.

CHRISTMAS and FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OBLIGATIONS The obligations for Christmas and for Sunday cannot be combined into one Mass. With that in mind, here is the schedule for Christmas and Sunday this year:

Christmas

Christmas Eve –Friday December 24th

St. Stanislaus: 4:00 pm

St. Patrick: 6:00 pm and Midnight

Christmas Day – Saturday December 25th

St. Stanislaus 8:00 am

St. Patrick: 10:00 am

Sunday

Saturday Vigil Mass December 25th

St Patrick: 4:00 pm

Sunday December 26th

Regular Schedule

St. Stanislaus 8:00 am

St. Patrick: 10:00 am



RCIA Considering joining the Catholic Church? Catholic but never confirmed? Need to make your First Communion? Want to be baptized? Let us help you! Check out our RCIA classes for adults considering joining the Catholic Church. Come and Learn. For more information, please call the church office. Weekly classes are each Tuesday, at 6:00 pm September – April.

FAITH FORMATION: Class will resume January 5th at 6:30 pm. Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year.

THANK YOU to our Faith Formation Catechists, who have been so dedicated every week to the children (future) of St. Patrick. We continue to need volunteers and helpers for Wednesday nights. Please see Lisa Dougherty or Tara Blanchard, if interested.

ADULTS FOR CHRIST- will begin the new year on January 5, 2022. They will also begin a new video series called: The Creed by Bishop Barron- The Creed is the key that unlocks the beliefs of the Christian Faith. The words roll off our tongues so easily at Mass, but they often aren't fully understood. Each class will include a video followed by discussion. Everyone is welcomed and new members are encouraged, as well. See you in January!

CHRISTMAS EVE CHILDREN'S CHOIR!!! The children will sing a few selections at the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass. All kids K-6th grade are welcomed and encouraged to join in this Special Offering to the Baby Jesus. We will have a quick practice after Sunday Mass today (12/19/21) and there will be 1 more short practice on Dec. 20th (time to be determined by Pam and the parents). Please join us as we sing to celebrate the Birthday of Jesus!!

A SPECIAL THANKS to ALL who serve on our Liturgy and Ministry Schedule, especially our Altar Servers. Every ministry is working overtime during December and our parish is very appreciative for your time and dedication. We are very much in need of Readers/Lectors for both Saturday and Sunday Masses and Altar Servers for Sunday. Please pray and consider joining in these very special ministries. Training will be provided.

THANK YOU to the Ladies who attend the Altar of the Lord. They wash and prepare the linens and set up for each Mass, as well as decorate the Altar for each season. They also help with the training of our Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. We literally could not go forward without their time and talent for the Lord.



SHAWL MINISTRY: We will meet the third Monday of every month. For more information contact Mary Evans.

LADIES AUXILIARY

BINGO: January 15th after 4pm Mass in the SJH, come out and enjoy Bingo, hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. We will have our \$5 meal deal (Hotdog, chips, drink, & dessert), 50/50 Raffle, Prize Drawing, 25 cent Bingo Cards, and lots of fun! We can't

wait to see you there!



COAT DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus are once again collecting coats, sweaters, gloves, etc. for men, women & children (outer wear only). All items should be clean and should be placed in the collection box in St. Joseph Hall. Thanks for supporting this important effort. This will be done until after the first of January.



FRUIT BASKETS are ready for pick-up.



ANGEL TREE AND PENNIES FROM HEAVEN We will continue to accept Pennies from Heaven and Lavender Angel monetary gifts throughout December. Please put your monetary donation in the envelope and place the Lavender Angel in the collection basket. THANK YOU for your support of this ministry and for your generosity.

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF HIBERNIANS was founded in 1836 to protect the clergy and give Irish immigrants a sense of community during the anti-Irish sentiment in America. Now we are the largest and most influential body of Irish Catholics in the world. The purpose of the AOH and Ladies AOH is to: promote Friendship, Unity, and Christian Charity; foster and sustain loyalty to the Roman Catholic Church and the United States; aid the endeavors of the Irish people to achieve complete independence; foster the ideals, perpetuate the history and traditions, and promote the culture of the Irish people. If you want to learn more about these organizations, please visit the AOH at aoh.com or the LAOH at ladiesaoh.com.

THE ANNUAL RESPECT LIFE MASS and Witness for Life will be Saturday, January 15, 2022 Bishop Steven Raica will celebrate the Mass at 9:00 AM at the Cathedral of St. Paul. 2120 3rd Ave. N, Birmingham. The Prayer Vigil and Witness for Life will begin at 10:45 AM at Planned Parenthood at 1019 1st Ave. North, Birmingham. For more information go to www.birminghammarchforlife.com

BEWARE OF SCAMS: Many churches and schools in the Diocese of Birmingham are being used by scammers to prey on local Catholics. Please be vigilant. Scammers are continuing to pose as pastors, parish staff, and even the bishop. Typically, emails are being sent asking for assistance, but text messaging is also being utilized. Before responding directly, please contact the parish or the Bishop's Office by phone to ensure authenticity.

PARISHIONER SPOTLIGHT Please visit the parishioner spotlight section on the website to see the latest edition on Larry and Ellen Cannon (<https://www.saintpatrickccc.com/spotlight>). You can always follow that link to catch up on past spotlights you may have missed.



2nd Collection

Weekly Mass Schedule

St. Vincent de Paul	← Saturday	12/18	4:00 pm	Josephine Cullefer - †
	← Sunday	12/19	10:00 am	For the People
	Monday	12/20	No Mass	
	Tuesday	12/21	9:00 am @ St. Stanislaus	
	Wednesday	12/22	9:00 am	Bill & Liz Smith - †
Christmas Masses	Thursday	12/23	9:00 am	Olga Newell -†
	Friday	12/24	4:00 pm @ St. Stanislaus	
	Friday	12/24	6:00 pm	Fr. Weis' Special Intentions
	Friday	12/24	12 Midnight	Fr. Weis' Special Intentions
	Saturday	12/25	8:00 am @ St. Stanislaus	
Sunday Masses	Saturday	12/25	10:00 am	For the people
	← Saturday	12/25	4:00 PM	Earl McCann -†
	← Sunday	12/26	10:00 am	For the People

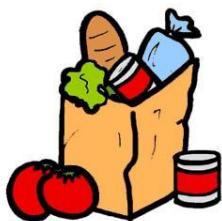


SVdP 2ND COLLECTION this WEEKEND 12/18 – 12/19: So far this fiscal year, 10/01 thru 11/30 your generous contributions helped us distribute 8 sets of groceries (value \$800.00), paid \$4,359 for utilities, and rent, and \$817 for 12 meals for Thanksgiving to families in the Parish. We are so blessed by the Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Stanislaus. Throughout the pandemic you have supported the mission. While we are still not able to do home visits, due to the Pandemic, we continue to take calls and do phone interviews with our friends in need. Although our funds have stayed steady since the Pandemic started, we continue to help our friends in need. Keep in mind that there are persons in Church with you on Sunday that are in need. Please be as generous as your means allow so we may continue this needed ministry. Please keep in your prayers those that need help, as well as the members of SVdP that volunteer their time to this ministry. Thank you and God Bless.

SVDP MEETING: Our next meeting will be announced at a later date.

PANTRY NEEDS

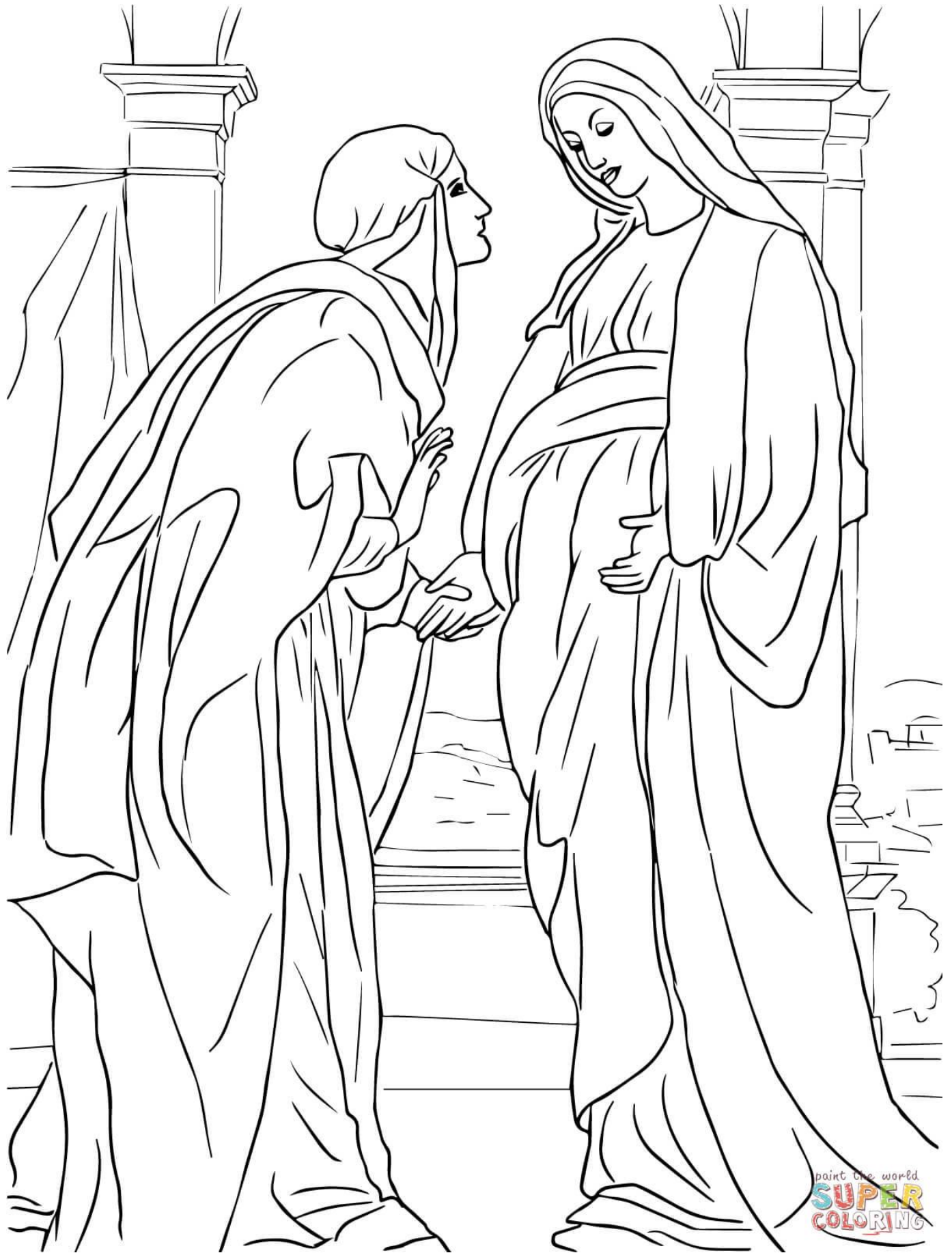
Cereal
Cooking oil
Mayo
Dry soup
Jelly



SHOP AT AMAZONSMILE: Amazon will donate a portion of any online purchase to SVdP. Simply click the icon on the SVdP page on St. Patrick website to place your order. Donations will be computed by AMAZON and automatically transferred to our account.

Fourth Sunday of Advent: Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. The Savior of the world comes for the people in dark places. The real, lasting, and deep joy is that the Light shines there. **Through your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, "Light" has shown, bringing real, lasting and deep joy to the hearts of the poor who live in dark places in our streets and neighborhood.**

THE WINNER of the SVDP Nativity Afghan was Mary Clemens. The raffle raised \$400 for St. Vincent de Paul. We would like to thank everyone who supported SVDP by buying a ticket and to Mary Evans who made the afghan and donated it for the Fund Raiser.



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SUPER
COLORING

The Blessed Mother Greets Elizabeth
Luke 1:39-45