

Welcome to St. Patrick Church

Up Front *with Mary Hendricks*

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Mass Times:

Tuesday: 6pm
 Wednesday: 8am
 Thursday: 8am
 Friday: **8:15am**
 Saturday: 6pm
 Sunday: 9:30am

The Sacraments:

Baptism - By arrangement

Marriage - At least nine months' notice.

Reconciliation - Saturday: 5:00 - 5:45pm
 Sunday: 9:00 - 9:20am

Anytime by request; please ask or contact the parish office and make an appointment.

Pastoral Care for the Sick - Please notify the parish office at 304-269-3048 of parishioners who are hospitalized or homebound and wish to receive Eucharist or anointing of the sick.

RCIA - 7pm Thursday in the parish meeting room.
 For more info, contact Valerie Corley at 304-476-6009.

Rosary: Oct. and May -

Saturday: 5:30pm, Sunday: 9am

Weekly: Tues.: 5:40 PM and Wed.: 7:40am

Miraculous Medal Novena: Tues.: 5:55pm

Prayer Line: Micki Snyder 269-3688

St. Patrick School

Pre-School – 6th Grade

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Luke 19:1-10

Zacchaeus, a very rich, powerful man, is the chief tax collector in Jericho where Jesus is passing through on his way to Jerusalem. In fact, two to three million people usually traveled to Jerusalem for Passover, so Jericho was extremely crowded. Because he is unable to see Jesus, who definitely was a celebrity by now, short Zacchaeus scrambles up a sycamore tree.

We have sycamore trees at the old state hospital, so you know how big they are—up to 130 feet tall and as big as 6 feet in diameter. Men didn't run in those days, and they certainly didn't climb trees. Losing his dignity didn't matter to Zacchaeus. Why did he want to see Jesus so desperately?

Maybe Zacchaeus saw how Jesus treated and talked about tax collectors. He didn't hate them like the rest of the Jews did. Matthew, who left his job in the same profession to join Jesus as an apostle, may have been an acquaintance of Zacchaeus. Perhaps he noticed Matthew's conversion and wanted the same. Maybe Zacchaeus' wealth was unsatisfying. He may have found his shallow friendships boring. It's possible that he was tired of being despised by his countrymen.

Whatever the reason, Jesus sees him and imparts a sense of urgency when he says, "Come down quickly for today I must stay at your house." It's like Jesus knows that Zacchaeus is ready for a change and doesn't want to lose the moment. Jesus knows how Zacchaeus got rich—by collecting the quota required by the Roman government and then some for himself from his fellow Jews. Apparently, he doesn't care. Jesus is going to stay at a sinner's house today. And the crowd grumbles.

This is the part I want to talk about—the grumbling crowd. I found a great quote online: "The only exercise some people get is jumping to conclusions." The crowd had no idea what was in Zacchaeus' heart—Jesus did. But they didn't have any hesitation about judging him.

Grumbling is common in the church office, and it isn't from the employees! People come in to complain about the leadership of the Church at every level—from the Pope and the Bishop, all the way down to Father, Sandy, and me. They grumble about the capital campaign, how they aren't giving to the interior restoration because of some slight they received or perceived. They object to the placement of flower arrangements, to the songs we sing, about the slowness of getting an annulment, or the fact that they even need an annulment. They gripe about the lack of social functions or how much we spend on helping the poor. One woman ranted for hours on Facebook this week about receiving a capital campaign letter from us. They can't believe how much the bathroom costs to remodel or why we're changing the doors. Then they leave.

Few come with solutions. Even fewer come to volunteer.

God only knows if we are doing the right things here. As he saw Zacchaeus' heart, Jesus looks into ours, and he knows we're trying. We aren't perfect. We will make mistakes, and we apologize. Whether you accept the apology or not is your prerogative. And you don't have to give to the capital campaign either. We won't judge that. But I know who will.

Let's seek Jesus as Zacchaeus did. Let's jump out of the tree and welcome him. He means to stay at our house today.

Saints

All of us are called to be holy. In some way each of us are called to live out the paschal mystery by our sometimes very ordinary lives. The feast we celebrate on All Saints Day remembers not just the saints who have been canonized by the church but the just of every race and nation: all those who reign in the glory of the kingdom of heaven. It is a day to remember in faith the promise made by God to our parents and grandparents and to all who have gone before us. For many of us, it is largely through their prayer and example that we live the life of faith today. The long list of those "saints" have common last names like Smith and Jones, names like ours. Perhaps the reminder is simply this: we too belong to the family of God, the family of the saints.



October 3 - November 7, 2010			Mass Intentions	Requested By:
Saturday	10/30	6:00 PM		Parishioners
Sunday	10/31	9:30 AM	†	All Saints
Monday	11/1	10:00 AM	†	Mass of Christian Burial for Helen Ellis
Tuesday	11/2	5:40 PM		Rosary and Novena
		6:00 PM	†	All Souls
Wednesday	11/3	7:40 AM		Rosary
		8:00 AM		Jacob Mick Dan and Sandra Mick
Thursday	11/4	8:00 AM	†	Thomas Flesher Walter and Mary Williams
Friday	11/5	8:15 AM	†	Theresa Boyle Joseph Boyle
Crestview Manor		10:30 AM		Josephine Danser Phil Smith
Saturday	11/6	6:00 PM		Parishioners
Sunday	11/7	9:30 AM	†	Matt McCauley Family

PLEASE NOTE: Because the Feast of All Saints falls on Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation.

Church Linens:	November	SOME MEN LOOK FOR A CAREER. OTHERS LISTEN FOR A CALL... Sunday, Oct 31 is PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY! Remember to let Fr. Steve and/or any priest who has helped you to grow spiritually know how important they are to you.	Tuesday evening Rosary Leaders:	11/02
	Bonnie Swecker			Tom Ruppert

Small Faith Communities

Small Faith Communities are for EVERYONE. If you would like to find out more about them, please feel free to attend one.. If you are interested in starting a Small Faith Community, ie: Praying the Rosary, Taize Prayer, The Sacraments, or any thing that will help you grow in your relationship with God, please contact the parish office at 304 269-3048.

Mon., 6:30 pm - Scripture study of the Mass readings	Parish Meeting Room
Tues., 11 am - Scripture study of the Mass readings	Tierney house at 2319 Gee Lick Rd. Call 304 269-2596 for more info.
Tues., 1pm - Scripture study of the Mass readings	Parish Meeting Room
Tues., 6pm - Scripture Study and prayer service	Criss Manor, Sister Theresa Metz, facilitator
Thurs., 7pm - RCIA Everyone is Welcome!	Parish Meeting Room
Sat., 4:30 - Men of St. Joseph (Weekly Scripture Study)	Upper meeting room, Fred Olson, facilitator (304) 884-8074

If you are unable to serve, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Ministry Schedules

		Greeters	Altar Servers	Readers	Gifts	Eucharistic Ministers	Rosary
SAT	10/30	Mike and Anna Lee Determan	1 Tom Ruppert	1 Bob Swiger	Mike and Nancy Gissy	1 Pam Thompson	Micki Snyder
			2 Paul Derico	2 Mary Hendricks		2 Julie Garton	
	6 PM		3 Rock Garton			3 Valerie Corley	
SUN	10/31	Paul and Nancy Avington	1 Ethan Mehr	1 Sandy Mick	Amy and Patrick Mehr and Bonnis Swecker	1 Jeremy Garton	Jim Mehr
			2 Dalton Davis	2 Danielle Mick		2 Jenny Garton	
	9:30		3 Tyler Mehr			3 Jim Mehr	
SAT	11/6	Donna & Ian Lake	1 Paul Derico	1 Daniel Pascasio	Harry and Mary Hendricks	1 Rock Garton	
			2 John Riley	2 Rudy Pascasio		2 Mike Determan	
	6 PM		3 George Garton			3 A. L. Determan	
SUN	11/7	Greg Walker & Meagan	1 Brooklyn Queen	1 Mary Walker	Marissa Aman & family	1 Micki Snyder	
			2 Mitchell Queen	2 Debbie Queen		2 Frances McCauley	
	9:30		3 Deanna Pascasio			3 Peggy Crites	
SAT	11/13	Catherine Linger & Pat Mulooley	1 Rock Garton	1 Kathy Riley	Tom and Margaret Blake, Teresa and Blake	1 GL Shearer	
			2 Bryson Karp	2 Jim Meyers		2 Valerie Corley	
	6 PM		3 Pam Thompson			3 Marjorie Ruppert	
SUN	11/14	Becky and Dave King	1 Adam Moran	1 Steve Corley	Jim, Tanya, and Michael Riley	1 Betty Hill	
			2 Megan Moran	2 Jim Mehr		2 Cathy Griffin	
	9:30		3 David Moran			3 Sandy Mick	

Happy Halloween!

dear Padre

October 31, 2010

Who was Matthias?

My granddaughter is preparing for confirmation, and she says her teacher said there were thirteen apostles. I asked for the name of number thirteen, but she couldn't remember. Who is she talking about?

Bill

Dear Bill,

When we recall the apostles, we usually think of the Twelve, an early tradition that the Church is a reconstituted Israel based on its original twelve tribes.

In the Gospels of Matthew (10:2-4), Mark (3:14-19), and Luke (6:13-16) and in Acts of the Apostles (1:13, 16-18), all twelve apostles are named. All begin with Peter, followed by Andrew, James, and John, with Judas always last. Then, except for Philip and Thomas (listed in all four Gospels and in Acts), different names are added. John's Gospel, which does not name all twelve, adds Nathanael (1:45-51). Any of these could be mistaken for a thirteenth apostle.

But your granddaughter is probably talking about Matthias. When the apostles gathered to choose a replacement for Judas Iscariot, two men were nominated: Joseph, also called Barsabbas, and Matthias. Before they chose, the apostles prayed, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this apostolic ministry from which Judas turned away to go to his own place" (Acts 1:24-25).

Then they voted by casting lots (throwing pebbles or straws), and the lots fell on Matthias. From then on, Matthias was counted as one of the twelve apostles.

Bob Lindsey, CSSR

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LOST and FOUND

A ring was found after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 24. Please call Becky Mullooly at 304 269-5807 (home) or 304 269-3231 (work) to identify.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Sat., Nov. 20 9am—6pm St. Patrick School gym

Spaces are still available!

Registration forms are in available in the vestibule! Contact Theresa Francis at 304 269-6614 for more info.



The school will hold a **BAKED ZITI and MEATBALL DINNER** in the cafeteria during the bazaar. Dinner times and prices will be announced in future bulletins!



ST. PATRICK CHURCH CHRISTMAS CD practice will be held on Mon., Nov. 1 at 6:30. The CD will be recorded on Mon., Nov. 8 (6:30) and soon will be available for purchase.



DREAMS WORKSHOP

Sr. Cheryl will present a workshop on dreams and their spiritual journey, on Wed., Nov. 10 at 6pm in the parish meeting room. See how dreams have been recorded in Scripture and how dreams can be messages from God.

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas need your help!

What can you do to combat pornography during WRAP Week Sun., Oct. 31, 2010, through Sun., Nov. 7, 2010 (AND THROUGHOUT THE YEAR)?

The White Ribbon Against Pornography (WRAP) Week is intended to educate the public about the extent of the pornography problem and what can constitutionally be done about it. Fighting pornography, however, is a year-round challenge.

Wear a White Ribbon - Wear or display a White Ribbon during WRAP Week and all year long. People will see the White Ribbon and ask why you're wearing or displaying it. That's an opportunity!

For more information about the WRAP Campaign, go to www.moralityinmedia.org (WRAP page).



VOLUNTEER LITERACY TUTORS NEEDED in LEWIS COUNTY

Do you love to read? Do you like helping others? Do you have some time to share? The Lewis County Literacy Council is looking for volunteers to help both children and adults improve their reading skills. No experience necessary! For more information, please call Liz Johnson at 304 269-4553.



BREAKFAST BUFFET

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Sat., Nov. 6

\$7 Adults—\$3.50 12 and Under

8—Noon

Annual Minister Training Schedule

The annual training for church ministries has been scheduled for the dates listed below. Current ministers as well as anyone interested in becoming a minister should attend one of the sessions.

Oct. 30 - 31 Readers

Nov. 6 - 7 Greeters

Nov. 13 - 14 Eucharistic Ministers

Nov. 27 - 28 Altar Servers

Because of the Minister Training, we will not have After Mass Class during this time! After Mass Class will resume the weekend of Dec. 4 and 5.

Catholic West Virginia

Ryan Ruthkowski, Director of Archives and Records for The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston has written a book, *Catholic West Virginia*, that tells the story of the generations of Catholics who have continued striving to give a voice to our unique community in West Virginia. The book will be on sale Oct. 25 and can be found at amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, Borders, and other local bookstores.

Alcoholics Anonymous

Tues., Thurs., & Sat. 8pm—open meetings in the basement of St. Patrick School. If attending a meeting, please use the basement door on the side of the school building facing the rectory.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS

OA meets Friday's at 7 in the parish meeting room. For more info, contact Fr. Steve.

Stewardship Update

Thank You!

Oct. 24, 2010	Budgeted Offering YTD	Actual Offering YTD	Over -Short YTD	Budgeted Offering Weekly	Actual Offering Weekly	Over -Short Weekly	School 50
	167,485	167,669	184	3,895	3,815	-80	

"The Church has always desired to provide with praiseworthy concern, and in a manner suited to the various needs, for the spiritual care of military people."

Pope John Paul II

Support Vocations & Catholic Military Chaplains Next Weekend Nov. 6 & 7

Currently, 285 Catholic military chaplains provide pastoral care to over 1.5 million Catholics on ships, in combat, on bases, and in 153 VA hospitals. Next week's 2nd Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS) will fund their Co-Sponsored Seminarian Program, which identifies vocations within the military and is now educating 30 men for the priesthood and subsequent military chaplaincy. The AMS has no parishes from which to draw financial support and relies solely on donations. See their website: milarch.org/index/frequently-asked-questions for more information

HUNTERS HELPING THE HUNGRY


A second collection for Hunter's Helping the Hungry will be held at St. Patrick Church on Nov 13 & 14. To learn more about this collection, brochures are available in the vestibule.


CATHOLIC SHARING APPEAL UPDATE: Number of Gifts 36


WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you haven't yet made a contribution to the Catholic Sharing Appeal, please consider doing so today. Every dollar given helps our parish to offset the cost of needed programs in our parish that depend on the Catholic Sharing Appeal for support. These programs are: parishioner counseling, small faith communities, and religious education.


Date	Goal	Collected	Needed	Percent	Benefits
8/31/10	12,500	8,160	4,440	65%	Religious Education, Small Faith Communities, Counseling

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

 **Those who are sick:** Tom Kraus (UHC), Lynn Hammond, Mary Ann Murray, Lillian Cardinal, and Doris Hamilton (Tammy Arsenault's mother and stepmother), John Garton, Ed Mullooly, Susie Stark (Heartland Nursing Home), Mary Helen Hinter (Nancy Gissy's mother), Kathy Turner (Julia Marsh's mom), Maggie Phillips (Shirley Murchland's great-niece).

 **Those who have died:** Helen Ellis (A Mass of Christian burial will be held on Mon., Nov. 1 at 10am.), Homer Sandy (Lena Sandy's father-in-law) May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

 **Military Personnel:** Fred Turner, Bob Hubbs, and Margaret Elizabeth Blake (Please contact the parish office if you have a family member who has been deployed and would like to add them to the list.)

 **Missionaries:** Please pray for Andrea Garton, a Salesian Lay Missioner in Bolivia.

To the St. Patrick Family,


Food For The Poor wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father Walsman on his recent visit to your parish.

On behalf of our less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.

In Christ,

The Food For The Poor Family

NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

- NOVEMBER – Deodorant YOGA - Thurs., 5:30 - 7, cafeteria**
ZUMBA - Mon. & Wed.: 7 - 8pm, Lewis County Emergency Squad
 2 Tue: 6:30 Knights of Columbus mtg., upper meeting room
 3 Wed: 7pm Volunteer Orientation mtg. for Capital Campaign, cafeteria
 6 & 7 Capital Campaign Commitment weekend
 6 & 7 Second Collection: Archdiocese of Military Services
 8 Mon: 7pm Catholic Daughter mtg., cafeteria
 9 Tue: 7pm Pastoral Council meeting, pmr
 10 Wed: 6pm Dreams Workshop with Sr. Cheryl France, pmr
 10 Wed: 7pm Volunteer training and assignment mtg., cafeteria
 11 Thu: NO SCHOOL, Veteran's Day
 13 & 14: Second Collection: Hunters Helping the Hungry
 15 Mon: 3:15 Junior Catholic Daughter mtg., cafeteria
 17 Wed: 7pm Volunteer report mtg., cafeteria
 19 Fri: 2:30 Student Prayer Service, church (3rd Grade)
 20 Sat: 9—6 St. Patrick School Holiday Bazaar—**SPACES are still available, contact Theresa Francis at 304 269-6614 for more info**
 20 Sat: Baked Ziti Dinner, cafeteria
 20 Sat: Toy Collection begins
 20 Sat: Non-perishable Food Collection begins
 21 Sun: GIFT - Praying Through Advent and Christmas 
 23 Tue: 7pm Thanksgiving Ecumenical Prayer Service, Rev. John Valentine - speaker, First Baptist Church
 28 Sun: 10:30am, First Communion Class, Confirmation Class, cafeteria

DECEMBER – Cleaning Supplies

- YOGA - Thurs., 5:30 - 7, cafeteria**
ZUMBA - Mon. & Wed.: 7 - 8pm, Lewis County Emergency Squad
 5 Sun: 10:30 (first of two) First Reconciliation Parents mtg., cafeteria
 7 Tue: 6:30 Knights of Columbus mtg.
 11 Sat: 7pm Catholic Daughters Christmas Party and mtg., Hickory House Restaurant
 12 Sun: 10:30 (second of two) First Reconciliation Parents mtg., cafeteria

SCRIP: Help raise money for the school by using scrip for all your purchases! There isn't much you can't buy with scrip. Visit www.glscrip.com or talk to Amy Mehr to learn more! Call anytime for reloadable cards. Call the school at 304 269-5477 by 9am Monday to order!