



# Saint Patrick

CATHOLIC PARISHES

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**21<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— AUGUST 23, 2020**

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## MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

- (C) Sat., Aug. 22 NO Mass
- (L) Sun., Aug. 23 8:30 a.m. Mass, Roger Moore
- (C) Sun. Aug. 23 10:30 a.m. Mass, Steve Hawks
- (C) Tues., Aug. 25 Noon Mass, John Hogan
- (L) Wed., Aug. 26 8:30 a.m. Mass, Joyce Skahill
- (C) Thurs., Aug. 27 8:30 a.m. Mass, Stephen Cantrell
- (L) Fri., Aug. 28 8:30 a.m. Mass, Alan Miller
- (C) Sat., Aug. 92 NO Mass
- (L) Sun., Aug. 30 8:30 a.m. Mass, Dean & Mary Weese
- (C) Sun. Aug. 30 10:30 a.m. Mass, Mary Olive

### **CONFESSION HEARD BEFORE ALL WEEKEND MASSES**

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Corning Tithes: August 16, 2020 \$718.00

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR

- Joan Maeder Liam Morstorf
- Mike Cruise Dave Pettinger
- Wayne Moore Catie Hunter
- Debbie Hogan Jinx Amdor
- Phyllis Brokaw Isaac Peterson
- Doug Hardisty Sonja Barton
- Eleanor Ogburn

### **"It takes a village to raise a child."**

Dear youth as you begin your new school year, the whole St. Patrick Catholic family prays for you and we wish you all the best and we want to let you know that we all love you. As you know, going back to school is a reason for celebration because it means a new step towards a wonderful future. Learn as much as you can while you are young since life becomes too busy later. As a proverb says, teachers open the door but you must enter by yourself. Enjoy your school days. I am sure that you are going to miss it when it ends. Every day begin your school days with this beautiful prayer; dear Jesus, use my eyes to see new friends; open my ears to hear my teachers, open my mind to learn new things; let my heart remember You are near when I am afraid; help me to love others like You do; I want to shine Your light, so bright in my school. Oh Holy Spirit, fill my life with Your light.

Dear parents, we also have some responsibilities with regard to our children. Always remember this: your children are not your children. They come through you but not from you and though they are with you yet they belong not to you (*Kahlil Gibran*). They are God's gifts to you. It is said that there are four gifts parents can give to their children if they really love them. The first of the greatest gifts is to pass on the gift of faith in God, leading by example, including the unswerving practice of our Catholic Faith. Find time to pray together. The family that prays together, stays together. We know that the grace of God is poured upon us abundantly through the sacraments. So find time to participate in the sacraments, especially in the Sunday Holy Mass in our parish. Time spent with God is never wasted; I guarantee. Put God first and then, the rest is blessed. This will bear untold fruits in the life of our families. The greatest gift that we can give to our kids is Jesus. Let us make use of the Catechism and other religious education programs in our parish to help our kids to know and love Jesus more. Take time to share with your kids the life of Jesus through small stories and gospel parables. And be careful; little eyes are always watching you for examples. They learn from models all around them. "Do as I say, not as I do," is a useless and hollow phrase. Country singer Rodney Atkins' *"Watching You"* is a little song with a powerful message. Atkins claims to have written the song for his own young son, who was then starting to imitate his every move. In the first stanza, the young boy unexpectedly uses a four-letter word while riding in the car with his dad. In the final stanza, he falls to his knees at bedtime in spontaneous prayer. In the lyrics, the

singer questions where the boy learned these behaviors. The child's response is "I've been watching you, Dad. Ain't that cool?" Be careful; children are master imitators. The second greatest gift you can give to your children is a secure, enduring, happy marriage between father and mother. That's why it is said, the best thing you can do for your kids is to love your spouse. Children find a great sense of security in this gift, and thanks to this gift, they will flourish more in virtually every aspect of their lives. This calls for commitment, effort, and sacrificial love on the part of the parents. We can do it with God's ever present help poured out upon us through the grace of the Sacrament of Marriage. If you are going through the tough times in your marriage life; don't worry, we are here to help you with our prayers and support. The third gift lasts for many decades and into eternity. This gift is unique, and can never be repeated, but a similar gift can be added approximately every year. Yes, this profound gift is that of another child. Be open to life. Think about the good old days with so many siblings in your family. Jesus says, I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly (John 10.10). My dear parents through the sacrament of marriage you get a special privilege from God that neither our holy father Pope Francis nor the bishops or the priests have it; that it is the privilege to collaborate in God's work of creation. What a special privilege you have!!! Be fertile and multiply (Gen.1;28). Be open to life. The fourth greatest gift is quite simple, yet challenging. This fourth greatest gift parents can give to their children is that of the parents, to the best of their ability, and at the cost of sacrificing many things, being present, yes present to and loving their children. No amount of money, gifts, sports, or activities will ever be able to substitute for our loving presence with our children. We do not need to go shopping for these gifts. They cost nothing, yet they cost everything, that is total self-giving love.

Always remember family is the first and the best school. Parents are the first teachers. Your life is the first book your kids ever read and study. Dear parents, as it is said, your greatest contribution to the universe may not be something you do, but someone you raise. Not easy, right? That's why the famous proverb says, "it takes a village to raise a child". Do your best and leave the rest to God. Mother Mary, intercede for us always.

God bless,

Fr. Litto Thomas 7128909467

## **THANK YOU--ADAMS CO. ELECTRICAL**

Clark Jones from Adams County Electrical recently wired the light above the tabernacle to a spare switch in the sacristy at NO charge to our church. If you see him around town please thank him for his generous donation of time and talent!

## **WE ARE WAITING TO RECEIVE JESUS**

We have scheduled First Holy Communion for September 13<sup>th</sup> for the following young ladies. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

Ellie Amdor                      Lyssa Anderson  
October Edwards                Brinkley Venteicher

## **THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!**

Thank you to all who have made additional donations to our Diocesan Appeal. We have reached our goal of \$15,907.00

## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN--RE**

We are planning to start Religious Education classes on September 23<sup>rd</sup> with registration the week before on September 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration will be from 5:00-6:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars now.

Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade: after school to 5:00  
6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

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### **BIRTHDAYS**

August 23    Lynn Schafroth  
August 24    Michael Ramsey  
August 26    Stacy Maynes  
August 27    Shirley Boswell  
August 28    Joel Morrison

### **ANNIVERSARY**

August 22    Richard & Donna Hogan

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## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2020**

**Aug 23 SUN:** *Is 22: 19-23/ Ps 138: 1-2. 2-3. 6. 8 (8bc)/ Rom 11: 33-36/ Mt 16: 13-20*

**Aug 24 Mon:** *Rv 21: 9b-14/ Ps 145: 10-11. 12-13. 17-18/ Jn 1: 45-51*

**Aug 25 Tue:** *2 Thes 2: 1-3a. 14-17/ Ps 96: 10. 11-12. 13/ Mt 23: 23-26*

**Aug 26 Wed:** *2 Thes 3: 6-10. 16-18/ Ps 128: 1-2. 4-5/ Mt 23: 27-32*

**Aug 27 Thu:** *1 Cor 1: 1-9/ Ps 145: 2-3. 4-5. 6-7/ Mt 24: 42-51*

**Aug 28 Fri:** *1 Cor 1: 17-25/ Ps 33: 1-2. 4-5. 10-11/ Mt 25: 1-13*

**Aug 29 Sat:** *1 Cor 1: 26-31/ Ps 33: 12-13. 18-19. 20-21/ Mk 6: 17-29*

**Aug 30 SUN:** *Jer 20: 7-9/ Ps 63: 2. 3-4. 5-6. 8-9 (2b)/ Rom 12: 1-2/ Mt 16: 21-2*