THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.
- Mt 2:10-11

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St. Patrick's Catholic Church

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord

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Mass Times
Saturday, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m.
Weekday Masses: 9:00 a.m.
Reconciliation: Wednesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Saturday, After the 4:00 p.m. Mass or by appointment

Parish Staff

Pastor: Very Reverend Gary Ruzicka
Parochial Vicar: Reverend Linh Vu
Pastoral Assistant: Johnnie Dean
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Director of Adult Formation/RCIA: Kevin Sadler
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Safety, IT/Audio Coordinator: Rich Detrick
Maintenance: Larry Taylor
Custodial: Ralph Slattery

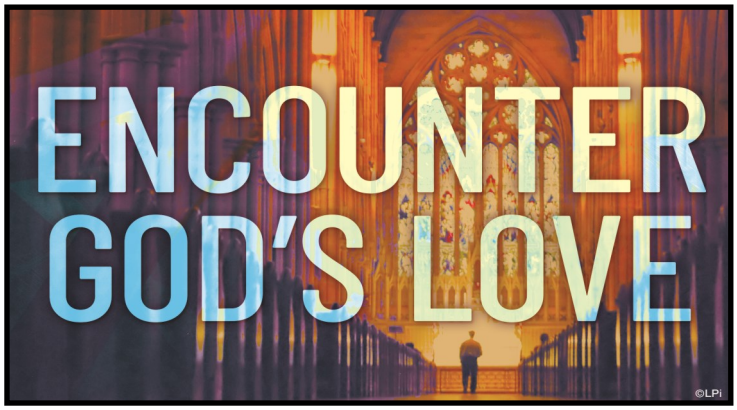
Religious Education
Sunday, 9:00-10:15 a.m.

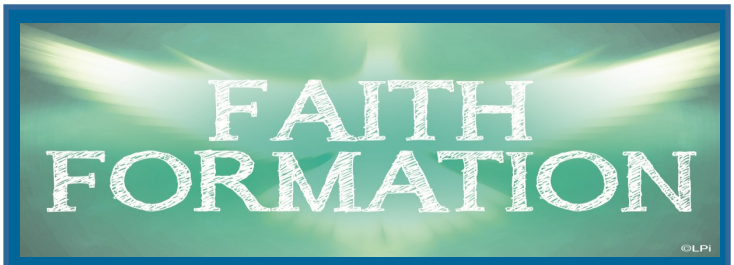
NO RE December 12th-January 2nd
Sunday, January 9th
Class
Sunday, January 16th
NO Class
Sunday, January 23rd
Class
Tuesday, January 25th
Confirmation Instructional Mass

RCIA
Sunday, 9:00-10:15 a.m.
NO RCIA DECEMBER 19th-January 2nd
Sunday, January 9th
Jesus' Life through the Sacraments
Sunday, January 16th
Jesus' Life through the Sacraments
Sunday, January 23rd
Jesus' Life through the Sacraments
Sunday, January 30th
Jesus' Life through the Sacraments

Are you or a friend or neighbor considering full communion with Christ and his Church? Please join us for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), the process of becoming full members of the Catholic Church. If you have questions about RCIA or are interested in becoming Catholic please contact: Kevin Sadler at the parish office 235-5535, or kevin@stpatricks-casper.com Although classes have started is not too late to join, new students are always welcome.

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Youth Center
For more information, please call
Dennis or Karin: 247-2902



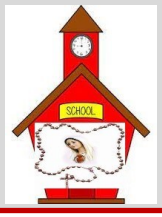


ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Starting Sunday, January 9, 2022 there will be an adult faith formation class over in the Commons. Class will start after the 8:00 a.m. Mass (9:10 a.m.) and end before the 10:30 a.m. Mass (10:20 a.m.) The classes will center around the seven Sacraments. We will discuss how the sacraments touch all stages of life and the important moments of a Christian's life of faith. Join us as we see the whole world through sacramental eyes. If you have any question please call Kevin at 235-5535.

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR SCHOOLS

Please note that the weekly rosary for schools will be taking a break until Thursday, January 6th at which time we will pray the rosary for each of the students, teachers, administration and the support staff at Sagewood Elementary School. ALL are invited; especially parents and grandparents of school aged children. **We will meet every Thursday at St. Patrick's in the Commons from 11:30-12:30 p.m. For more information, about the rosary, dates of specific schools on the prayer schedule call Carol at 307-259-4765.** Send requests for specific individuals in a school to: casper.toothfairy1@gmail.com Check out our Face Book page Weekly Rosary for schools@prayerscchapin like and share.



PRAY TO END ABORTION

On December 1st, the Supreme court heard oral arguments in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, a case out of Mississippi that largely prohibits abortions after the 15th week of pregnancy. By most accounts, it is the biggest abortion case to go before the Supreme Court in decades. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Pro-Life Activities is joining with other religious organizations across the country by participating in a campaign called Pray for Dobbs that encourages Christians "to bend our knees in supplication to our Lord Jesus Christ, asking for the end to *Roe*, and the brutal practice of abortion." To join with others in prayer, visit: **prayfordobbs.com**.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Begin the year with a bang in your relationship! Worldwide Marriage Encounter offers weekend experiences to enhance your communication within your marriage. Join millions of couples, priests and religious who revitalize their commitment and keep the excitement in their marriage, **Upcoming dates: Billing, MT Feb 4-6th, Gillette, WY, Feb 18-21st, Elk Mountain, April 22-24th,** or visit the website at **wwwme.org** for more dates.

For more information and to apply visit:
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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE
January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord

In his Apostolic Exhortation, The Joy of the Gospel, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.

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MARCH FOR LIFE-JANUARY 15th

The Knights of Columbus and Natrona4Life defends the dignity of each human being at every stage of life. St Anthony's Council #1563 and St. Patrick's Council #9971, in partnership with Natrona4Life, encourage you to support the pro-life cause: join us in March for Life.

WHAT: March for Life
WHERE: St. Anthony's Catholic Church
644 S. Center
WHEN: Saturday, January 15th
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

Marchers will meet in the Church basement of St. Anthony's Catholic Church to pray and hear from local pro-life speakers. We will then proceed north on the sidewalk on the east side of Center Street to the Dick Cheney Federal Building. Walkers will return to St. Anthony's Church on the west side of Center Street.

Coffee and hot chocolate will be available in the basement of the church following the walk. Pro-Life advocates will speak in the church basement while attendees enjoy snacks and drinks to warm up. Face masks are strongly encouraged.

NOTE: A Mass for Life will be held at St. Anthony's Church at 8:00 a.m. and the March for Life will follow. All are welcome to join us.

Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Councils #1563 and #9917 in partnership with Natrona4Life

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

WEEKLY MASS READINGS

Sunday :	**Is 60:1:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12**
Monday:	**1 Jn 3:22--4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25**
Tuesday:	**1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44**
Wednesday:	**1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52**
Thursday:	**1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a**
Friday:	**1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16**
Saturday:	**1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30**
Sunday:	**Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 9-10 Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Jan 1st	9:00 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Patrick's**
	4:00 p.m. Fr. Thomas Sheridan †
Sunday, Jan 2nd	8:00 a.m. Tammy Washut †
	10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Patrick's**
Monday, Jan 3rd	9:00 a.m. Marialyce Barrett Tobin †
Tuesday, Jan 4th	9:00 a.m. Steven Hatterman †
Wednesday, Jan 5th	9:00 a.m. Lee Martinez †
Thursday, Jan 6th	9:00 a.m. Clay Keating
Friday, Jan 7th	9:00 a.m. Ermin Krummel †
Saturday, Jan 8th	4:00 p.m. Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday, Jan 9th	8:00 a.m. Stella Ridgeway †
	10:30 a.m. **Parishioners of St. Patrick's**

ST. PATRICK'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Registered Donors	Plate Donors
Donations Dec 19	**$14,826.00**	**$3,234.00**
Weekly Budget	**$14,038.46**	**$1,057.69**
YTD Donation	**$337,697.51**	**$42,029.83**
YTD Budgeted	**$350,961.50**	**$26,442.25**

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