



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'" - Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

March 27, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent—Cycle C

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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 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
Finance Officer: Trina Medina
Receptionist: Julie Anne Milberger
Director of Religious Education: Andrea Hodges
Asst. Director of Religious Education: Rosie Johnson
Youth Ministry: Dennis & Karin Fakelman
Director of Adult Formation/RCIA: Kevin Sadler
Music Ministry: Lynn Kahler
Safety, IT/Audio Coordinator: Rich Detrick
Maintenance: Larry Taylor
Custodial: Ralph Slattery**



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

Sunday, March 27th-April 3rd

NO Class Spring Break

Sunday, April 10th

Palm Sunday Experience

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt after 10:30 a.m. Mass

Sunday, April 24th

Class



RCIA

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

Sunday, March 27th

Lent and the Scrutinies

Sunday, April 3rd

Lent and the Scrutinies

Sunday, April 10th

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 17th

Easter Sunday

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



WEEKLY ROSARY FOR SCHOOLS

We will not meet on Thursday March 31st, due to Spring Break. Please join us for our next rosary on Thursday, April 7th as we pray the rosary for each of the students, teachers, administration and the support staff at Roosevelt High 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.

LENTEN DISCIPLINES OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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SOUP & BREAD FRIDAYS

On the Fridays during Lent, St. Patrick's Parish Council will sponsor soup and bread suppers. The meal will begin after the 5:15 p.m. Mass at approximately 5:45 p.m. Stations of the Cross will follow the meal at 6:30 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend and share a simple meal of soup and bread (sorry folks, no dessert) and be reminded of our common journey. We are asking for volunteers to bring pots of home-made meatless soup, mac and cheese, or a loaf of bread to share with others and then remain after supper to be one of the readers during the Stations of the Cross. There is no cost or requirement to bring soup or bread to attend this family-friendly event, and you can come just for the soup and bread. We will have macaroni and cheese for the children.

April 1st, & April 8th

Anyone who wishes to provide soup or bread for any of the suppers contact Parish Council Chairperson Chris Perry at cperry8@aol.com, 265-9388 (voice mail), or 262-0795 (text).

CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope From Rwanda

Living in Kigali, Rwanda, Gloriose Uwamahoro and her husband Karekezi Jean Pierre are no strangers to hardship and hard work. Driven by a dream to send their three children to a good school, Gloriose sells vegetables and water in a kiosk and Karekezi sells vegetables at a market. It's a full day's work. They often return home late at night, but thankful for the blessings they have. "Our country went through a lot," Gloriose says. "Though I say that our country has made progress, development is still essential, and it is ongoing." They faced many challenges. Their daughter was malnourished—like many other children in their village. Then Gloriose joined Gikuriro, a project funded by the U.S. government and led by Catholic Relief Services to support the Rwandan government's efforts to combat malnutrition. In Gikuriro, Gloriose learned how to prepare balanced meals for her children. She also learned about the importance of good hygiene. She shared these and other skills—like how to grow a kitchen garden—with her husband so they could support their children together. "Parents have to pull together ... because they are our responsibility," Gloriose says about caring for their children. She later joined a CRS-led micro-savings group and learned how loans could help her grow her business and make more money. Now she earns enough to support her family. She and Karekezi can also afford to fulfill their dream of sending their kids to school. Gloriose says because parents in her village have gained knowledge about balanced diets, their children are receiving the food they need to grow. But what she considers truly wonderful is how, by participating in the program, "a woman has been given a voice." "It wasn't a thing before for a woman to speak up ... or borrow a certain amount of money and use it to make profit and pay it back," she says. "That is something to be thankful for."



Rosary for the Ukraine



Please join us each Wednesday evening at 6:00 p.m., to pray the rosary for the people of the Ukraine. We will meet in the main body of St. Patricks Church. If you are unable at join us Wednesday evenings join us in praying the following prayer for the Ukraine. Let us join our prayers for the end of this conflict.

A Prayer the Ukraine

God of peace and justice

We pray for the people of Ukraine today.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.

We pray for those who fear tomorrow, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near them.

We pray for those with power over war or peace, For wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

JOB OPPOTUNITIES

Part Time Job Opportunity

Applications are now being taken for Parish Secretary at Holy Rosary Church in Lander. Candidates should possess computer skills and be able to use Excel, Publisher, and Word. Candidates need to be able to learn Parish Data Software Parish Soft and other user friendly software. Pleasant communications skills required, along with professional confidentiality and service to Our Lord. This is a part-time position with hours 9:00 am to 1:00 pm Monday through Friday. Employment applications can be picked - up at the Parish Office or call 307-332-4952. Background check also required. Deadline to submit application is March 28th

Assistant Manager Needed



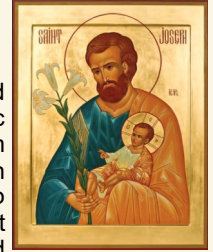
St. Vincent DePaul Thrift Store is a great local store with terrific volunteers, shoppers and leadership. The store donated a total of \$42,000 during the short COVID year of 2021-\$13,000 each to Seton House, Interfaith, and Holy Cross Food Bank and \$3,000 to Food for

Thought. The Store is filled with hope and joy for 2022. **To make that goal a reality the store needs a part time assistant manager to work alongside our present store manager Gloria. Please send a resume or letter of interest to Linda Slattery at 831 Recluse Ct, Casper, WY 82069 by April 30, 2022.**

Making Advance Funeral Arrangements During Lent

The practice in many parishes is making personal advanced funeral arrangements during Lent as the church observes the themes of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. Forms for making these arrangements are available at the parish office. Julie Anne can give you a copy of the documents in digital form or hard copy. You may want to consider helping a loved one complete these forms. A copy of the completed forms may be given to the funeral home of your choice and a copy to family members. These are available through Julie Anne, Fr. Hugo or on the parish website: stpatricks-casper.com.

**Prayer Service in Honor of St. Joseph
Held by the Knights of
Columbus Council #9917**



“Flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis, and inspired by his apostolic letter Patris Corde, comes our new Pilgrim Icon Program in honor of St. Joseph. Devotion to St. Joseph was understandably slow to develop in the history of the Church. The “just man,” whom God chose to protect, defend and raise the most precious of his gifts to humanity had not a word of his recorded in Scripture. Tradition tells us that our Lord’s foster father died — likely with Jesus and Mary at his side — even prior to Jesus beginning his public ministry. St. Joseph carried out his mission of raising, guarding and preparing Christ quietly, courageously and faithfully. For that faithful work, St. Joseph was rewarded — not with seeing the fruits of his labor in this life, but with the incomparable prize of glory in heaven. This beautiful icon is housed at St. Joseph’s Oratory in Montréal, Canada’s preeminent Shrine to St. Joseph, founded by St. André Bessette. The original is written (prayerfully painted) by Elizabeth Bergeron, from a drawing by famed iconographer Alexandre Sobolev. In the image, St. Joseph stands with his eyes cast humbly down, but with a determined strength in his face. In his covered arm he bears the Child Jesus, whose own hand is raised, blessing the world. In his right arm, St. Joseph holds a flowering staff, a sign that he was chosen by God. The white lilies of the staff signify his purity and chastity. Taken together, the icon provides a window into the life and mission of this courageous father, a man who was one of us and yet called to a mission of incomparable significance. Our world desperately needs men and women of courage. But in a particular way, it needs courageous fathers — men willing to stand up and to carry out their own mission of protecting, defending and raising future generations. It needs men willing to risk it all, in order to offer the world Jesus. In short, our world needs men in the model of St. Joseph.” (Patrick E. Kelly, Supreme Knight)

**Join Us Sunday, April 3rd at 2:00 p.m.
St. Patrick Catholic Church**

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU



A deep felt thank you to all the wonderful individuals in our parishes who supported our Partners in Education Event (PIE) on Saturday, March 19th. **We had a full house and raised close to \$500,000! This is approximately 20% of our revenue budget.** The monies raised at PIE,

along with tuition, grants, gifts, subsidies, memorials, and donations go to support tuition for all students.

Thank you to all who sponsored the event (many Catholic businesses and families) and those who donated both items and money, purchased items through the auctions, supported our paddle raise, planned, set up, cleaned up, offered prayers for success, and everything in between.

I am grateful to the planning committee consisting Anne Derby, (SAS Fundraising Coordinator) Muffy Best, Jason Best, Tiffany Catellier, Terry Cometto, Brian Dixon, Kara Evans, Amy Fandal, Susie Fresquez, Tim Galles, Lisa Havens, Christina Jonart, Cas-sie Kirkwood, Courtney Ladenburger, Christy LeClercq, Carla Martin, Kinley Maxwell, Ruma Novotny, and Jen Titus; working countless hours to make PIE special and fun. Also, Thank you to all the folks behind the scenes who helped iron tablecloths, set up, cleaned up, hosted, untangled the chandleier, and MUCH more.

It is because of your support that we have been able to successfully educate our deserving students over these past 95 years.

Grace, blessings and appreciation,
Cyndy Novotny, Principal



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

St. Patrick's Parish will be participating in a parish-wide survey! Please Read

St. Patrick's will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online, you must be 18 years of age to complete the survey. The survey can be accessed through an online link or a QR Code beginning March 2, 2022 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole.

Here is the link

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/k8b782> will share both the QR Code and link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Gary and the new Pastor and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.



If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a copy of the survey up in the Church or the parish office. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop it in the collection basket at Mass or bring it to the Parish Office. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact Kevin Sadler at 235-5535.

Thank you for helping with this important project!
Important Dates to Keep In Mind for the Survey

Survey is Available Online
March 2nd through April 4th
Paper Copies Available

March 5th and must be turned in by April 1st



Knights of Columbus, Thank You!!

The Knights of Columbus Council #9917 would like to thank the Catholic Community for their generous support for the Dever Family. The St. Patrick's Day celebration was celebrated by over 325 people enjoying good food and fellowship. The Council was able to make a very generous monetary contribution to the family to help support them financially as they walk through the illness of cancer with their young daughter, Mary. Thanks again for your generosity.



WEEKLY MASS READINGS

Sunday : Jos 5-9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7;
2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13c-14, 17-18;
Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9b-12;
Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
Jn 8:1-11



Saturday, Mar 26th	4:00 p.m. Abel Wayne Spencer
Sunday, Mar 27th	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:30 a.m. Lila Simon †
Monday, Mar 28th	9:00 a.m. Julie Perry
	5:15 p.m. Mildred Kounovsky †
Tuesday, Mar 29th	9:00 a.m. Cliff Byrd †
	5:15 p.m. Phillip Santistevan †
Wednesday, Mar 30th	9:00 a.m. Chrolette Babcock †
	5:15 p.m. Caden Brechtel
Thursday, Mar 31st	9:00 a.m. George Kinsel †
	5:15 p.m. Michael Brechtel
Friday, Apr 1st	9:00 a.m. Ryan Enyert †
	5:15 p.m. Susie McMurry
Saturday, Apr 2nd	4:00 p.m. Larry Aksamit †
Sunday, Apr 3rd	8:00 a.m. Parishioners of St. Patrick's
	10:30 a.m. Carolyn Kane †

ST. PATRICK'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION

	Registered Donors	Plate Donors
Donations Mar 13	\$10,925.00	\$1,520.02
Weekly Budget	\$14,038.46	\$1,057.69
YTD Donation	\$521,759.82	\$62,778.90
YTD Budgeted	\$519,423.02	\$39,134.53

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT!

