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Founded 1866

Sunday Masses: 8:30am 11:00am 5:15pm Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Friday: 5:15pm



Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time September 5, 2021

This Week: Isaiah 35:4-7a; Psalm 146; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37 Next Week: Isaiah 50:5-9a; Psalm: 116; James 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35

MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of St. Patrick Catholic Community is to proclaim and live the Gospel message of unconditional love, healing, and reconciliation, through prayer, celebration, and action on behalf of justice, as a sign of hope for all God's people.

Today's Psalm Response

Praise the Lord, my soul! (Psalm 146)

11am MASS

Live streamed Every Sunday at

www.facebook.com/

StPatrickCatholicChurchMemphis

Replayed on YouTube after 1:00 pm

www.youtube.com/channel/ UCYTZik9suUZtMi1mb-IYBIw

WEEKLY CALENDAR Sep 5 - Sep 12

Sunday, September 5

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm, Masses
- All Masses, Fr. Russ Harbaugh presiding
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Becoming Catholic, St. Brigid Room, Rec-
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Monday, September 6 Labor Day

Office Closed

Tuesday, September 7

5:15 pm Communion Service, Church

Wednesday, September 8

5:15 pm, Communion Service, Church

Thursday, September 9

5:15 pm, Communion Service, Church

Friday, September 10

5:15 pm, Communion Service, Church

Sunday, September 12

- 8:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:15 pm, Masses
- 9:45 am, Sunday by Sunday Group, Braganza Rm
- 9:45 am, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Atria
- 9:45 am, Becoming Catholic, St. Brigid, Rectory
- 11:00 am, Mass live streamed on Facebook
- 12:00 pm, Soup Kitchen, Outreach Center

Father Val's Homilies

Father Val's recent homilies are available on our website: www.stpatsmemphis.org. Click Communications.

Baptismal Preparation Class

For Parents and Godparents

If you plan to participate in a Baptism in the next few months, please call the parish office at 901-527-2542 so we can schedule a preparation class.



Sacrament of Reconciliation



Sundays 8:15 am-8:30 am 10:45 am-11:00 am 5:00 pm-5:15 pm or by appointment 901-527-2542

Can be done face-to-face or anonymously.

Liturgy of the Word Communion Service

If you would be interested in presiding at the Liturgy of the Word with Communion Service this week while Fr. Val is out of town, please contact Debra Brittenum at dbrittenum@gmail.com.



BECOMING CATHOLIC

If you've never been baptized and are thinking about seeking baptism, or if you've been baptized in another Christian communion and thought about becoming Catholic, the St. Patrick Community extends a heartfelt invitation to explore the Catholic faith.

> Sundays (except September 5) 9:45 -10:45

St. Brigid Room (in the Rectory building)

Please contact Sally Greene,

901-483-3656 or sbg1220@aol.com A Journey In Faith for more information.

HAPPY LABOR DAY



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Atria Gatherings begin September 12 9:45 - 10:45

Masks Required

Please do not bring food or drinks into the Atria

Small Faith Sharing and Prayer Groups

Sunday by Sunday Faith Sharing Group Braganza Room, Outreach Center Sunday, 9:45 a.m.

Pat Papachristou ppapachr@cbu.edu

A Prayer Circle
Monday – Friday
9:00 a.m. for about 15 minutes

Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com

Tuesday evenings
6:30 p.m.
Louise Cayo 901-833-1506

Say Their Names Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m.

Linda Opiel <u>lindaopiel@comcast.net</u> Sandy Heiss <u>heisshouse@yahoo.com</u> Jan Kidder <u>jan.kidder62@gmail.com</u>

Sunday by Sunday
Faith Sharing Group
Thursday mornings
10:30 a.m. until noon
Judy and Jerry Bettice
901-327-8068

Please pray for our St. Patrick community every day



St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council September 11, 2021

Pandemic Assessment

The consensus was that the parish handled the pandemic restrictions well; parishioners and visitors were cooperative and appreciative of the safety procedures we observed. Unfortunately, just as we believed we were emerging from quarantine, the Delta variant of the virus has hit the country with a strong, new wave of infection. It was unanimously agreed that we would revert to the previous safety measures that were in place with the exception of social distancing. Masks are required. The choir loft and chairs the sides of the church will be reserved for social distancing. Anyone who wishes to social distance can speak to a greeter and be seated in one of these areas. In addition, Fr. Val strongly advises that unvaccinated people attend Mass via the streaming and NOT in person. Weekday Masses will move back to the Church instead of the Chapel. As a result of these renewed safety measures, we will appeal for additional volunteers to act as greeters.

Black History Month

February is closer than it seems and we would like to plan for a robust celebration this year, so we are putting together a planning and implementation team immediately. Event suggestions include guest speakers such as Bishop Fernand J. Cheri from New Orleans and our own Bishop Terry Steib; a special concert featuring the St. Augustine and St. Patrick Church choirs; educational events, and if feasible, social events. Anyone interested in helping to plan and implement a Black History Celebration Month for February 2022, please contact Jan Kidder jan.kidder62@gmail.com or Sophie Duffel Sophie.duffel@cmg.com.

FY22 PPC Budget

The PPC has submitted a requested budget of \$24,700 for the fiscal year 2021 – 2022 to the Finance Council. These funds will include Black History activities, Pentecost celebration, Sunday coffee and donuts, social outreach, spiritual formation and more.

Global Health Outreach

The Mother and Child Health Outreach in Kifuru Village, Tanzania is a ministry of the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. Parishioners Monica and Stephen Juma are active in supporting this ministry and suggested that St. Patrick Parish partner with the Sisters in helping the people of Tanzania. The PPC agreed that this is a great opportunity to affect the global community at a modest expenditure of time and treasure.

Next Meeting

The next Parish Pastoral Council will be held on September 21. Please contact any PPC member with your comments and suggestions for items to be considered by the Council. Contact information is available on the last page of the Sunday Bulletin.



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

Saturday, September 25th at 9 AM

St. Patrick Catholic Church

4th St. & Dr. Martin Luther King Ave



MUST HAVE PROOF OF ADDRESS & TRANSPORTATION

Contact: (901) 527-2542

(Proof of address examples: MLGW bill, Mail addressed to you, etc.)







For more information, contact Joe Birch jbirch@wmctv.com

Volunteer Shifts:

Volunteers check in: 7:30

Gates open: 8:30

Second Shift: 10am

We are done by 12 noon!

Please pray for the sick in our parish community, our friends and loved ones:

Nia Watkins, Hank Haney (Shannon Curtis's partner), family of Dr. Carmel Verrier and all the Haitians, Sydney Bowers (Pamela Higgins' granddaughter), Noli Ducklo, Robert Tutson, Antonio M Bradshaw, Sue Ann Duffy, Mary Baldwin, Art Suth-



erland, Deacon Eugene Champion, Jerry Bettice, Lewis Fort, Brian Huebner, Andrea Nichols, Sally Greene, Tracy Sweat, Brent Stanton, Pete Alfonso, Craig Hodges, Barbara Weddle

(Brenda Somes' mother), Ralph David Kelley (Sandy Heiss' granddaughters' grandfather), Tom and Pat Gorney (Tom's parents), Rusty Ramsey, John Letchworth, Lois and Coy Henderson, Maureen Hough, David Farley (Jeff's father), Stephen Golanka (Mary Evans' son), Patrick Harkins, Bill Morman (Monica and Stephen Juma's uncle), Ella Herod (Mike Garrett's mother), Samantha Smith, Terry Nesmith, Fr. Eric Peterson, Brad Patterson, Theresa Gifford, Ray Berthiaume, Ginger Tubbs (John's mother), Dot Eubanks, Daniel "Mickey" Farrell, Fr. Michael "Mickey" Stewart, Jerry Handwerker (Fr. Val's cousin), June Greene (Bob Green's stepmother), Chuck Coggins, Travis Handwerker, Della Miles, Archbishop Joseph Kurtz of Louisville, Earl Randle, Shelby Terry (Ray and Louise Terry's daughter-in-law), Jerry Foster, Anne Lee Buford, Shantia Baldwin, Sharon Shea and Family, Deidre Smith, Fenton McEvoy, Jeanne Richardson, Robert Collins, Fred Robinson, Joy and Richard Asbury, Peggy Cunningham, Margaret Lynch

Happy Birthday Ms. Eddie Mae Hawkins! Sunday, September 12th



Ms. Eddie Mae was the longtime housekeeper and cook at the St. Patrick rectory who welcomed and fed the priests, parishioners and neighbors for years!

676 Leacrest Ave Memphis, TN 38109

A Message from Father Val—

Peace in the Lord to all of you!

This important message is for all of you, but especially for those adults and teenagers who are not yet vaccinated.

Last month **Pope Francis** taught clearly about the importance of getting vaccinated.

Listen to him: "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable." Getting the COVID jabs is, as Pope Francis put it, "an act of



love...for oneself, love for our families and friends, and love for all peoples."

I hope all of us are vaccinated. I am fully vaccinated, and am very grateful for that.



However, it's a disturbing fact: More than 96% of people in Memphis-area hospitals suffering with COVID are unvaccinated. That's a scary warning. For that reason, I say this: If you are not yet vaccinated, please do so

as soon as possible, heeding Pope Francis' counsel. Until you are vaccinated (or, until health officials say the pandemic is no longer a health threat), do not come to Sunday Mass at St. Patrick's. As your pastor, I'm hopefully saying this lovingly, as Pope Francis did. You may participate in Mass by following the "streamed" Mass each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. If you are not vaccinated—even if you are wearing a mask-you may be a very serious health danger to others, especially our smaller children who cannot yet be vaccinated and who worship with us.

For information about the St. Patrick Outreach Center, please email outreach.center@stpat.cdom.org.

Please join us for donuts, juice, coffee and fellowship in the Annex and the Courtyard after the







Coffee and Donuts

We are looking for volunteers to help with the Coffee Hour Ministry.

Pick up the doughnuts before 8:30 Mass from Midtown Donuts (1776 Union Ave). They are prepaid and the order will be under St. Patrick. In the Annex, make coffee, set up the service tables with doughnuts, cups, napkins, etc.

After Mass, set out the juice and lemonade, greet, mingle, and monitor the supplies, return the juice and lemonade to the fridge.

After 11:00 Mass, repeat the preparation steps. When finished, take leftover doughnuts to the Outreach Center, put away juice, lemonade, and supplies. Clean coffee pot, wipe down the tables, clean up any trash and fold up the doughnut table.



For more information, contact Shannon or any Parish Pastoral Council member. (See back page of the bulletin for contact info.)

You can sign up for one Sunday or several at tinyurl.com/StPCoffee

Please follow us on social media! And check out our website:

www.stpatsmemphis.org

Read recent Bulletins and Homilies online



Thanks Kate!!!

For the past two years, parishioner Kate Brown has been a vital part of our Sunday experience. In addition to attending our 5:15 mass, Kate has been creating our worship aids! Recently, Kate moved to Arkansas and started a new job that



makes attending Sunday services at St. Patrick's a challenge. Nevertheless, Kate plans to continue to volunteer her talents by providing us with our worship aids.

Offertory Donations



Offertory \$3,685 Parish Giving 3.605 Food Ministry 75 Other 165 \$7,530 Total

Disaster Relief for Haiti \$1,882

Thank you for your generosity!



Did you know that you can set up your offerings to St. Patrick Church through the Parish Giving option on our website? Your contributions will be automatically deducted from your checking or savings account or credit card and deposited directly to St. Patrick's bank account. It's a safe and easy way to make your donations. Just go to http://bit.ly/StPatrickgiving or our web site www.stpatsmemphis.org and click on the Parish Giving button to join.

If you have problems or questions, please call Julie at 901-527-2542.

Relief for Victims of Hurricane Ida

We've all seen pictures of the devastation wreaked by Hurricane Ida, we pray for the recovery of those affected, and we wonder where monetary donations can do the most good. Below is a list of "boots on the ground" organizations that provide real time relief.

Catholic Charities of Acadiana linktr.ee/ccacadiana

Imagine Water Works Donorbox.org/ida

New Orleans Mutual Aid Group venmo.com/NolaMutualAid

Southern Solidarity southernsolidarity.org/dnoate

New Orleans Mutual Aid Society bit.ly/NOMAdonate

Another Gulf is Possible anothergulf.com/ida

Isle de Jean Charles Band of Biloxi Chitimacha Choctaw isledejeancharles.com/ donate

Grand Calilou/Dulac Band gcdbcc.org/support

Pointe-Aux-Chien Indian Tribe pactribe.tripod.com

Atakapa Ishak Tribe atakapa-ishak.org

OUTREACH CENTER NEWS





WEEKLY SERVICES OFFERED



MOBILE FOOD **PANTRY:**

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 1:00pm - 2:30pm



DAILY **MEAL** BAG:

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00am - 3:00pm 11:30am - 3:00pm



SUNDAY SOUP KITCHEN:

EVERY SUNDAY 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Everyone is welcome · Free entry 277 S. 4th St. Memphis, Tennessee 38126

Shamika Hodges Pantry/Program BLESSINGS

ccwtn.org

Manager 901-722-4706

HEALTHY BABY AND PARENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

We offer baby essentials:

Diapers, wipes, baby formula, baby food, clothes, and more!

AND assistance with food, family nutrition, and other community resources

MONDAYS

11 AM - 3 PM 11:30 AM - 3 PM **TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS** 10 AM - 12 PM

11:30 AM - 12 PM

Catholic Charities of West TN Downtown Outreach Center 297 S. Fourth St. (St. Patrick's Soup Kitchen Entrance)







AND

AROUND THE DIOCESE



Please join us for our

First-Tuesday-of-the-Month Potluck

★ We are adhering to current COVID protocol: please wear a mask if unvaccinated.★

6:30pm | Food, Fellowship, Prayer 7:00pm | Speaker | Marian Hall Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

September 7 | *Bridge Builders Series:*

Creating Dialogue with the Church and LGBTQ+ Community

Speaker: You!
Open Mic!

How Has CMGLP Impacted Your Life?

Bring a dish if you can, but come anyway if not!

All are Welcome

Gay, Straight, Family, Friends, and Allies of All Faiths & Cultures Welcome

Contact us for more info: CMGLP@ic.cdom.org

AROUND THE DIOCESE



14th Annual St. Vincent de Paul of Memphis, Inc.



Friends of the Poor® WALK / RUN **SATURDAY. SEPTEMBER 25. 2021**

CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL TOM NIX STADIUM - HIGH SCHOOL TRACK AT 5900 WALNUT GROVE ROAD

TO JOIN AS A WALKER OR RUNNER OR TO DONATE TO THIS EVENT GO TO svdpmemphis.org/friends21

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT GLORIA HYDEN

AT 901-552-7038 OR EMAIL gloria.hyden.svdp@gmail.com

EARLY REGISTRATION AT 8:30 AM

WALK/RUN BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

MUSIC • FOOD • FREE T-SHIRT with Registration \$25 Minimum Donation per Walker \$50 Maximum per Family

EVERY DOLLAR RAISED PROVIDES TWO LUNCHES

PROCEEDS FROM THE WALK/RUN PROVIDE 150-200 LUNCHES EVERYDAY AT OUR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL OZANAM CENTER FOOD MISSION **LOCATED AR 1306 MONROE IN MEMPHIS, TN!**

St. Vincent de Paul of Memphism Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Organization so your donation is tax deductible.

The Holy Spirit, Mystery in our Midst Bible Study with Sister Cathy, OP Where is the Spirit in the Old Testament?

In Person: 4 Mondays, Aug. 30, (skip Labor Day) Sept. 13, 20, 27 at Cathedral, 10-11:30 a.m.

In Person: 4 Tuesdays, Aug. 31, Sept. 7, 14, (skip Sept. 21) 28 at Holy Spirit, 10-11:30 a.m.

Zoom: 4 Mondays, Aug. 30, (skip Labor Day) Sept. 13, 20, 27 at 6:30-8 p.m.

Go To Meeting (Online): 4 Wednesday mornings, Sept. 1, 8, (skip Sept. 15) 22, 29 at 10-11:30 a.m.

Register cathy.galaskiewicz@gmail.com or 901-726-5611. \$10 for 4-week series. Bring Bible. I will send you the online link if you register for online class.









Pax Christi, the Peace of Christ, strives to create a world that reflects this peace by witnessing to the call of Christian nonviolence.

PaxChristiMemphis.org

"Be strong, fear not"

Each vocation carries the strength and courage of He who does the calling. Is the Spirit is moving you to follow the Lord as a priest or consecrated religious?

www.memphisvocations.com

or call the Office of Vocations 901-373-1244



FROM BISHOP DAVID TALLEY



OFFICE OF THE BISHOP DIOCESE OF MEMPHIS

5825 SHELBY OAKS DRIVE MEMPHIS, TN 38134 901-373-1200

2 September 2021

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ Jesus, the Lord:

From the beginning days of this deadly pandemic, I have turned to the Lord's instruction, His Golden Rule (Leviticus 19.18, Matthew 7.12, Luke 6.31), and have asked all to renew our obedient love for this new Way of Life (John 14.6). We remain in His love, even during these difficult days, as branches on the living Vine (John 15. 5). We remain united, as members of the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12. 12-13, 27).

As an act of love and seeking a way to contribute to the common good of all during these difficult days of the worldwide pandemic, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have been vaccinated against this novel coronavirus, COVID-19. As an act of love for the people of the Diocese of Memphis, Bishop Emeritus Terry Steib and I have been vaccinated. I encourage all who are able to receive the COVID-19 vaccine to do so. I ask parents to seek vaccination for children who are eligible, always in consultation with a physician.

Regarding these COVID-19 vaccinations, Archbishop Joseph Naumann, Chairman, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Pro-Life Activities, said in a recent statement, "The sound moral analysis by the Church supporting the permissibility of receiving the vaccines as well as the public health crisis evidenced by the many COVID deaths, the mental, emotional and economic stress suffered by so many and the ensuing social isolation harming all, especially our young people, motivated me to be vaccinated."

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, there has been a new focus placed on the matter of vaccines and their moral use. The use of vaccines, in helping rid the world of previous pandemics, such as Polio, Smallpox and Rubella have been a great scientific achievement. Most of us as children received these lifesaving vaccines allowing us to live safely and attend school. The morality of vaccines and their use has been addressed by Church authorities and while we are not obligated to vaccinate, the act of being vaccinated is a moral act and an act of charity.

Regarding the issue of exemptions from the COVID-19 vaccines, the Supreme Authority of the Church has not granted such an exemption. As you will read in the links below, the Holy See has spoken of the vaccines developed to combat this deadly virus, recognizing their worth and the morality that allows for their use. For the Catholic disciple that has reasons for refusing the vaccine, this is an issue of his or her personal moral conscience. It is not a matter of whether a Bishop, Priest or Deacon approves or disapproves of the vaccine. Simply put, no religious

FROM BISHOP DAVID TALLEY

authority can vouch for another person's well-formed internal moral conscience. Though I continue to urge all to be vaccinated, in caring for the gift of health and our common good, we must remember the rights of conscience of those who decide not to be vaccinated, asking that this voice of conscience be respected at places of employment, schools and elsewhere that vaccines are mandated.

I pray for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic; and I pray for a renewal of our minds and hearts. Enlighten our minds and hearts, dear Father, granting us insight and courage as we strive to protect our loved ones and neighbors, for the common good of all, always in loving obedience to your Word of Life! I am yours

In the light and love of the Lord,

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Note: The following links from The Holy See, USCCB and Archbishop Naumann are intended to assist all with forming consciences, vaccine decision-making and prayers:

The Holy See - Morality of Using COVID-19 Vaccines, Dec. 17, 2020: HolySeeCOVID- 19VaccinesNote

The Holy See - Note from Vatican COVID-19 Commission, Dec. 29, 2020: VaticanCOVID- 19CommissionStatement

USCCB - Moral Considerations on COVID-19 Vaccines, Dec. 23, 2020: **USCCBCOVID-19VaccinesStatement**

USCCB - Answers and Questions about COVID-19 Vaccines, Jan. 1, 2021: **USCCBCOVID-19VaccinesQ&A**

Archbishop Naumann - Statement on Vaccine Mandates, Aug. 27, 2021: **ArchbishopCOVID- 19Vaccine- Mandates**



September 5, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	John Wigley	Walter Smith	Diane Flasch
Lector 2	Dell Stiner	Chris Claude	Donna McLellan
EMHC	Mike Stengel	Valerie Espinoza	Oneata Windler
Cantor	Bill Gaudet	Russell Moose	Angelica Rendek
Musician	Jeannine Gaudet	Angelica Rendek	Tom Cognetti
Altar Server	Jonathan Nichols José Salazar	George Espinoza	
Sacristan	Andrea Nichols	Joe Birch	Shannon Curtis
Flowers	Geoff Maddox		

September 12, 2021	8:30	11:00	5:15
Lector 1	Dell Stiner	Anne Stubblefield	Donna McLellan
Lector 2	Rhea Thomas	Sylvia Gallaher	Anita Houk
EMHC	Hugh Taylor	Oneata Windler	Gene Mangiante
Cantor	Brian Conklan		
Musician	Angelica Rendek	Angelica Rendek	
Altar Server	Jose Hernandez Linda Hernandez	Ethan Towell Ellie Towell	Don Farrell
Sacristan	Adriana Alcazar	Marlene Keenan	Chuck Blackwell
Flowers	Brenda Somes		

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Parish Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm

Procedure for Reporting Sexual Abuse

Anyone who has knowledge of or who has cause to suspect an incident of sexual abuse should report the information to the appropriate civil authorities first at 1-877-237-0004, then to the Diocesan Director of Child & Youth Protection at 901-359-2027