



St. Patrick-St. Anthony Parish

Newsletter

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St. Patrick-St. Anthony
Parish
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Mission Statement

*We are a welcoming
Catholic Community,
alive in Christ,
making present the
kingdom of God!*

Parish Core Values

Compassion: We lift up one another in compassion—listening to, praying for and walking with those who are in need.

Justice: We promote equality and are called by God to protect human life, to promote human dignity, to advocate for the poor and to be a voice for the voiceless.

Respect: We experience and reveal the living Christ as we embrace the richness we all bring to God's kingdom.

Empowerment: We are empowered to use our God given gifts to serve others and share the good news of God's love.

Mass Schedule

Saturday - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday - 9:00 a.m. &
11:00 a.m.

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Greetings in Christ!!

We have come to the beginning of a new year! And while my pen still struggles to write '19' instead of '18', what a glorious year 2019 will be! I can feel it. As we celebrated Christmas, the great feast commemorating that God has come to be with His people, we know and we believe that Almighty God, our Creator and All Powerful God has come to visit us! With smiles in our hearts, we know and believe that God has come to dwell among us at St. Patrick-St. Anthony in Grand Haven. And this is cause for JOY!

I expect 2019 to be (as the scriptures say) 'a year acceptable to the Lord,' and a year of exploration. 2019 will be a time dedicated to searching and asking, Lord God how can I serve You and your people? Of course we already know the answer...Jesus. By imitating Christ's self-sacrificing love, we serve God and His people. I recently stumbled across a quotation from a favorite saint of mine, Padre Pío. Saint Pío said, "Joy, with peace, is the sister of charity (love). Serve the Lord with laughter." And I hope that this guides our exploration of how to love and serve throughout 2019.

Already this year, I am stirred up with excitement! The Pastoral Council and I have been having what I can only describe as inspired conversation. We are beginning to talk about who we are and what we are about in this parish. These conversations are leading us to want to know our impact for Christ in the lives of people both inside and outside of the doors of the parish and how to better serve. We know who we are, a welcoming community, alive in Christ, making present the kingdom of God. And we know what we are about, Opening Doors to welcome and serve. While the pastoral council and I are not entirely sure how to answer this other query, we are sure that each of your voices and lives are a part of the answer.

God-is-with-Us is our Christmas celebration! And today in 2019 he is present, in our midst, and dwelling among us! With joy and peace and love, we are ready and willing to "serve the Lord with laughter!"

Blessings,

Fr. Chuck

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS AND STEWARDSHIP

Christ the Redeemer Parish; Houston TX

The beginning of the year is a popular time for personal reassessment. The earth has finished one more revolution around the sun, and swings low over the cold January horizon, just like last year. The days are shorter, and an evening of introspection seems more inviting. Somehow, when we take down the old calendar and tack up the new, we sense an opportunity to make a fresh start.

To make the best of this opportunity — which, truthfully, exists in June just as it does in January — it is useful to make firm commitments. It's even more useful to write them down. These resolutions, kept in a desk drawer or on the refrigerator door, are a "hard copy" of our best intentions for self-improvement. They're signposts that redirect our lives towards good, and towards God.

New Year's resolutions are often focused on personal health — losing weight, relaxing more, or smoking less. It is certainly important, of course, to take good care of our bodies. But Christianity offers us a fuller concept of self-improvement. St. Paul reminds us that both the body and the soul need an exercise program. In fact, every aspect of our persons — physical, mental, spiritual, emotional — can benefit from an annual self-audit.

Some people have taken to heart this multi-faceted concept of the self, and each year make one resolution for each area. For instance, one could resolve to join a Rosary prayer group to work on spirituality, or take a continuing education course to build mental skills. Still, others use the three theological virtues — faith, hope and love — to guide their resolution-making process.

By now you may have discerned a similarity between New Year's resolutions and stewardship commitments. First, we use a similar method to think about stewardship, by breaking it down into more specific concepts — time, talent and treasure. Second, to become better stewards, we write down our commitments. We record our good intentions to clarify exactly what they are — and to remind us of our commitment on the evenings when the Rosary group interferes with a bowl game.

Any serious commitment shares the same components — it is specific, and it is written. From marriages to mortgages, treaties to trades — serious resolutions are spelled out, both literally and figuratively.

But even more important than the methodology of a commitment is the heart of the person who makes it. Even the most well-written job descriptions are useless unless there is someone to do the job well! Let us pray that this new year is a time of grace and wisdom for those of us who seek to recommit our lives to our family, our parish, and our God.



**"CHRISTMAS INVITES US TO RECOGNIZE
JESUS IN THE CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO,
LIKE JESUS, HAVE NO PLACE IN THE INN."**

POPE FRANCIS

**TO THE FRIENDS AND
BENEFACTORS OF THIS HOUSE**

**THE CHILDREN, THE STAFF,
THE VOLUNTEERS AND THE SISTERS
OF SAINT VINCENT AIN KAREM,
WISH YOU:**

**A MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BEAUTIFUL YEAR 2019**

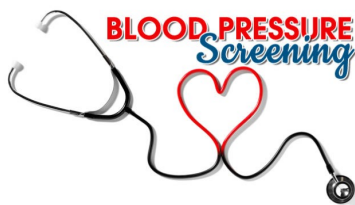
PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

will take place after all Masses on May 18 & 19, August 17 & 18, November 16 & 17. This sacrament will be available four times a year after Mass or by appointment. If you are planning on surgery or your health has changed and would like to be anointed, please call Parish Office to set up an appointment with Fr Chuck.

BLOOD PRESSURE

CLINICS are scheduled after 5pm and 9am Mass on March 16 & 17 and May 18 & 19.



UPDATE ON THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS MINISTRY:

Did you know that 30 active Eucharistic Visitors bring Communion to: Christian Haven, Grand Pines, Hope Network, Medilodge at the Shore, North Ottawa Community Hospital daily, Pinewood Place, Riverside, Robbinswood, Seville, Sierra, Simmaron, Sorrell, Village of the Pines, Village of Rosy Mound (this winter) and 13+ homebased parishioners? Interested in this rewarding ministry? Many of the homebased parishioners only spiritual connection is a Eucharistic

Visitor. This ministry has openings and appreciate your consideration. For more information please call Nancy Megley, RN, Parish Nurse. 842-0001, ext.119. A big thanks to the Eucharistic Visitors that spend their time biweekly/weekly bringing the Holy Eucharist to those who are unable to attend Mass. We appreciate you!!! Pam Arnemann, Tom Biros, Peggy Boismier, Matt Braginton, Tony Ciccantelli, Bill Collins, Ed & Phyllis Dault, Mary Field, John Frisch, Mary Margaret Grillo, Patti Grillo, Karin Howell, Jen Jorgensen, Dave & Karen Johnston, Kim Juodawlakis, Jeanne Klaes, Jeanne LaMourie, Mary Lou Marks, Sharon McAlister, Jane Nelson, Jan Peterson, Mark Signor, Vinka Soljan, Laraine Soltysiak, Dan Streng, Marcy TenBroeke, Jim Thelen, Greg Todd, Jen Zelenka-Rauch. *Please forgive me if I have omitted anyone's name. We are so happy you are a part of our parish family! If your name is not listed, please let me know. Thank you!*

VALUE OF THE OUTREACH CENTER

As part of the recently completed Capital Campaign at St. Patrick – St. Anthony, the Job Seeker Program has moved into its new home. We relocated into the newly created Outreach Center in February 2018. We continue to enjoy our new location after nearly a year and are grateful for our present-day surroundings:

Outreach Center:

- Offers separate waiting areas for both Job Seeker and Food Pantry ministries which provides larger work space for workers and volunteers to serve clients and improves operating capacity allowing them to achieve their ultimate goal of serving the community
- Easy access walking on level ground entering and exiting the Outreach Center; eliminates the issue for physically challenged Job Seeker's and Food Pantry benefactors to maneuver stairs for appointments; this was previously required to obtain services in the basement of the old parish offices

Job Seekers Office:

- Yields availability for West Michigan WORKS! to have Career Coaches meet with clients in Grand Haven who have transportation barriers traveling to Holland for appointments and allows them a presence in the Tri-Cities area once again
- Provides office space for a counselor on a bi-weekly basis
- Maintains privacy for meetings and more secure area for client files
- Displays freshly painted walls and renovated offices to present an inviting atmosphere for our job seeker clients

If you haven't had a chance to visit us yet, please feel free to stop in at any time to see our permanent home. The Job Seekers office is open Tuesday - Thursday from 10:00 A.M. TO 2:00 P.M.



SUPPORTING THE HAITI SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

When Bud and I first went to Haiti, we saw so many needs that we were overwhelmed with all that needed to be done. When we came home, we still felt that no matter what we did, we probably couldn't make a dent in solving the needs of the people in our parish in Morne Hospital. Then we asked the people of Haiti what they wanted. Was it food, clothing, clean water, health care? It appeared that they needed all these things. But the one thing they asked for was **EDUCATION FOR THEIR CHILDREN**. We probably would have put that far down the list if we were doing it our way. But solidarity asks us to ask people what they want and need. And there began a 20 year commitment to bring education to SS Simon and Jude parish.

Over the years our parish updated the primitive school that existed there. We hire qualified teachers. We supply books and school supplies. And we provide scholarships. As the years passed it became necessary to provide secondary school (grades 7-13). To enroll children in these higher grades required more money than our St. Patrick-St. Anthony tithe could provide. Thus began the Haiti Scholarship Program. For \$250/year we can send a student to school. Right now, friends of the Haiti program provide 69 scholarships. 200 students are enrolled in these grades. We become missionaries to bring education to someone who would not be able to progress farther than Grade 6. We equip Haitian students to live a fuller life, go on to college or trade school and fulfill their parents' wishes for education. Bud and I consider it a privilege to support our student every year until he finishes school. Then we will give another student that opportunity for as long as we are able. We would encourage anyone who feels a missionary longing to do the same. ~Mary Lothschutz

SAVE THE DATE FOR A NIGHT AT THE HORSE RACES!

This is a NEW parish event taking place on Friday, May 3, 2019. What is A Night At The Horse Races? It is an audience-participation event where actual races are shown to the participants to recreate the atmosphere of being at the horse race track. It's just like being at a real track, just without the smell and clean up. There will be 10 races and all horses will be sold to the parishioners and the community. If you purchase a \$25 horse you even get to name it! The races will be shown on a huge screen and the race caller will use the actual names given to the horses when calling the race. The winning horse will receive a trophy and prize. All participants can bet on the horses at our "race like" betting windows. The evening will also include a dinner, cash bar, raffles and 50+ door prizes. Tickets for the event will be \$25 per person. If you or your business are interested in sponsoring a race the cost is \$100 a race. This is a fun night out and you may even go home hoarse from cheering on your horses! For more information on purchasing a horse, sponsoring a race and/or event tickets please call Lorri at 616-842-0001 ext. 110 or email at Ldean@stpatsgh.org.



<h1>Children's Ministry</h1>	
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<p>...& Experience the Glory!</p>	

SHOES FOR HAITI: Please join Elementary Faith Formation in collecting school-uniform shoes for our sister school/parish St. Simon and Jude. Boys and girls new or gently used black or brown shoes sizes pre-school through grade 13 are needed. Loafer styles are perfect as well as those with buckles, straps, and laces. We will be collecting through spring when our group returns to Haiti for a visit. Donations may be brought to the Haiti box in the narthex or to the faith formation greeter table by the nursery. Thank you!!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE: June 17-21, 2019 (mornings)

RAISING KIDS IN THE DIGITAL AGE: "Your family is under attack online, and your kids are counting on you to protect them." Don't wait, protect your entire family today with internet accountability and filters. **LEARN THE FACTS** – discover how the internet affects your life and the lives of those you love. www.covenanteyes.com

PAPERGATOR: We're taking steps to save our environment! The Faith Formation team at St. Patrick-St. Anthony is using the PaperGator at St. Mary's for all our recyclable newspapers, catalogs, magazines, junk mail, phone books, office/school paper, and hard/soft covered books. We are also eliminating foam from our projects and working toward using items from nature.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY

6th—8th Grade SHINE RALLY MARCH 16 | Reg. Due March 1

All 6th - 8th graders are invited to join us at Shine Rally 2019 at West Catholic High School! We will take a bus with other parish youth groups in the diocese. **Cost is \$25.00.** Visit <https://shinerally.wordpress.com/> for more details.

Register by March 1st! Payment due with registration to secure your spot.

Shine Rally High School Leadership Team (Young Apostles)

Young Apostles is open to all teens in grades 10-12 (preference is given to juniors and seniors). This is a team of servant-leaders who host the day's events, helping make the middle school youth feel involved in the rally. Team members lead games, skits, organized activities and share testimonies. **To apply to be a Young Apostle**, visit <https://shinerally.wordpress.com/young-apostles-team/>

Text Notifications for WEATHER & OTHER UPDATES

Text the group code to the number **81010** to sign up for that group:

5th Grade ROCK Code: @rock5thgr

6th Grade ROCK Code: @rock6thgr

7th Grade EDGE Code: @edge7thgr

8th Grade EDGE Code: @edge8thgr

Confirmation A-K Code: @AKpar2019

Confirmation L-Z Code: @LZpar2019

Important Reminder for 5th—8th Grade Parents:

It's the time of year when schedules are busy, people are coming down with various illnesses, and leaders are sometimes unable to attend ROCK/EDGE. Asking another leader to fill in when they are not needed due to low attendance does not respect their time! **Please help respect other's time by updating when your child will not be at ROCK/EDGE ASAP on the ROCK/EDGE page of the parish website.** If your child is registered, but will not be attending ROCK/EDGE this year, please contact Teesie to update information.

Grades 5th & 6th Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:15pm

Grades 7th & 8th Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:15pm

5th/6th Grade ROCK

JANUARY

1: NO ROCK

8: ROCK Night

15: ROCK Night

22: ROCK Night

29: ROCK Night

MARCH

5: ROCK Night

12: ROCK Night

19: ROCK Night

26: ROCK Night

FEBRUARY

5: ROCK Night

12: NO ROCK

Team Mtg

19: ROCK Night

26: ROCK Night

APRIL

2: NO ROCK

Spring Break

9: ROCK Night

16: ROCK Night

23: LAST ROCK NIGHT!

7th/8th Grade EDGE

JANUARY

2: NO EDGE

9: EDGE Night

16: NO EDGE - *Team Mtg*

23: EDGE Night

30: EDGE Night

MARCH

3: CONFIRMATION

6: NO EDGE - *Ash Wed*

10: 8th Grade

Confirmation Party

13: 7th Gr EDGE Night

20: 7th Gr EDGE Night

27: 7th Gr EDGE Night

FEBRUARY

3: Super Bowl YOUTH

BASH 6 - 10pm

6: EDGE Night

9-10: Conf. Retreat

13: EDGE Night

20: EDGE Night

27: Last 8th Grade

EDGE Night!

APRIL

3: NO EDGE

Spring Break

10: 7th Gr EDGE Night

17: 7th Gr EDGE Night

24: LAST EDGE Night!

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of sessions exploring faith. Each talk looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation, with no judgement. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone's welcome. It runs in cafés, churches, universities, homes—you name it. No two Alphas look the same, but generally they have three key things in common: food, a talk and good conversation.

St. Patrick – St. Anthony Parish had the pleasure of hosting our first 12 week session of ALPHA with more than 80 participants / group leaders. The evening began with an awesome dinner and great conversation. After dinner, Grant Wyatt often led us in worship music and then, we watched the ALPHA video, breaking out into small groups afterwards. The small group is the heart of ALPHA and many new friendships were formed.

Here are some experiences shared about the ALPHA program:

"Great lesson in God's love for us." – Kristy

"Being able to express my faith openly without judgement." – Wes

"Alpha allowed me to form new, unexpected but very welcome friendships while viewing my faith from a back-to-basics point of view. The camaraderie of sharing a meal, combined with small group discussions about the Alpha videos, was an occasion I looked forward to each week." - Brett

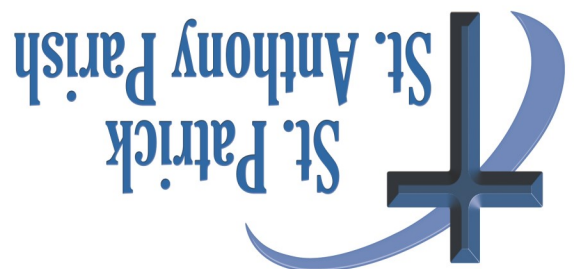




CELEBRATE THE FEAST DAY OF OUR CHURCH'S NAMESAKE ST. PATRICK SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH

Join us after the 11 am Mass
for a special prayer
by Father Chuck and a
traditional Irish meal of Corned
Beef, Cabbage and all the
accompaniments. This meal is
an at will donation, however to
have an idea for meal and set up
counts please RSVP with number
attending to LDean@stpatsgh.org
or Call Lorri at ext. 110
by Friday, March 8th.

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