

PARISH NEWSLETTER & LITURGICAL BULLETIN

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Mass Schedule – February 27 – March 5, 2023

Monday – (SH) 9 a.m. – Jeannie Dunn
 Tuesday – (SH) 9 a.m. – Nick Schmeits
 Wednesday (SPat) 7:00 a.m. – Rita Tomes Cox
 Thursday – (SH) 9 a.m. – Betty Geis
 Friday - (SH) 9 a.m. – Sally Washburn Smith
 Saturday – 5:00 p.m. Sacred Heart- Barb Coffey intentions
 Sunday - 9:00 a.m. St. Patrick's – All People

Confessions: Saturday 4:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart and Sunday, 8:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's before Masses, or call to set another time to meet in person or at the confessional.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in both parishes monthly; St. Patrick's on first Wednesdays from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m. and at Sacred Heart on First Fridays from 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Every Friday morning at Sacred Heart Church 8-9 a.m.

Sacred Heart

Lector/Acolyte: Steve Wambold
 Statue: Jerry Pariset

St. Patrick's

Acolyte: Brent Daehling
 Lector: Ron Tomes
 Music: Angie & Mari
 Rosary: Legion of Mary
 Altar Boy: Wyatt Stelling
 Offertory: Rita & Scott Kment
 Statue: Marietta Glasshoff

Thank you for your stewardship.

Sacred Heart

Tithe..... 273.00
 Plate..... 5.00
 Register 15.00
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 Total..... \$ 708.00

St. Patrick's

Tithe..... 5000.00
 Plate..... 10.00
 Register..... 70.00
 Legion of Mary..... 115.76
 Central & Eastern Europe 150.00
 Building Fund..... 70.00
 Total.....\$5,415.76

Monthly Intention of Pope Francis: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

Bingo & Tacos on February 26 at Sacred Heart Church. Bingo will start around 2:30 p.m. with the meal to follow around 4:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share and a bingo prize. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of Sacred Heart Church for food items. All are welcome. Bring a friend!

Sacred Heart Altar Society will meet on February 27 at 1:30 p.m. in the social hall.

First Wednesday at St. Patrick's & First Friday at Sacred Heart this week.

Stations of the Cross: Sundays at 11:15 a.m. at Sacred Heart in Beaver Crossing and Wednesdays 7:15 p.m. at St. Patrick's.

Lenten Series: Sundays 10-10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's Hall and 12-12:30 at Sacred Heart, after stations.

Fish Fry at St. Patrick's, Utica, Friday, March 17, serving from 5 to 8. Cod, cheesy potatoes, coleslaw, bread, desserts and beverages. TO GO will be available. Adults and children to age 7: \$15. Children 6 & under free. Adult beverages will be available. Proceeds go towards church renovations.

Potato Bake at the Utica Senior Center, March 12, serving from 11 – 1:00on Sunday March 12. Free will offering. Proceeds will go towards the Center activities.

Pork & Polka: Thank you for your support – *Knights of Columbus*

Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at St. Patrick's. All are welcome any time.

Lenten Disciplines: Everyone 14 years of age or older is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. Fridays outside of Lent one can substitute a different penance.

Everyone 18 or older, and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of only one full meal and two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal one full meal. One is not to eat between the meals.

One should not lightly excuse themselves from these minimal penitential practices, but when health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.

The Discernment of the spirits rests on the belief that the human soul is a battleground where God and the evil one struggle for mastery. In the desert, Jesus was tempted by the evil one masquerading as an angel of light. He discerned the movements inspired by God from those inspired by the evil one. He let divine revelation guide Him in the battle. Jesus came to recognize who the real enemy of God's rule is. He cast out demons, and equated his power over the demons as a sign of God's coming to rule: "But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you." The majority party of the Pharisees and most Jews of the time saw the real enemy of Israel, and therefore of God, as the pagans, usually foreign rulers. Over and over again Jesus warned his hearers that their real enemy was Satan and other fallen angels. Jesus faced this enemy and refused to use the strategies and means of Satan, the evil one. Over long term, we cannot maintain a neutral stance vis-à-vis God and Satan, thus the importance of learning to discern in order to choose God's will and reject temptations from the evil one.