

Third Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 11, 2016

Mass Intentions

**MONDAY, Dec 12
6:00 P.M.**

Oconeec – Norb Holthaus

**TUESDAY, Dec 13
8:00 A.M.**

Dennis J. & Anna Kennedy, Children, &
Spouses
By John & Linda Kennedy

9:30 A.M.

Heritage Health – Susie Denton
By Kenny & Rosemary Horsthemke

**WEDNESDAY, Dec 14
8:00 A.M.**

Brian McMillen
By Tom & Joan Bull

**THURSDAY, Dec 15
8:00 A.M.**

James “Zip” Dudra
By Rhoda Dudra

**SATURDAY, Dec 17
4:00 P.M.**

Mike Pastor
By Nathan & Michael Pastor

**SUNDAY, Dec 18
7:30 A.M.**

Oconeec – John VanUytven

9:00 A.M.

Endris & Swenny Families

10:30A.M.

Parishioners

Servers

**TUESDAY – THURSDAY
SATURDAY, Dec 10
4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, Dec 11
9:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.**

Sam Holthaus & Drew Hackler

Hayleigh Manual & Addie Deere

Paige Morrell & Connor Ridgway
Colin Schmitz & Max Lynch

GIFT BEARERS

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M. – Pastor Family

SUNDAY—9:00 A.M. – Family

10:30 A.M. – McFarland Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Commentators

4:00 P.M. Tom Latonis

9:00 A.M. Tom Morrell

10:30 A.M. Ann Cross

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 P.M. Tom Latonis, Melvin Green, Marie Weddle

9:00 A.M. Tom Morrell, Mike Holthaus, Ann Cottrell

10:30 A.M. Tom Cross, Ann Cross, Rod Carls

Lectors

4:00 P.M. Leland Schmitz

9:00 A.M. Eric Schafer

10:30 A.M. Regina Hilbert

HOMEBOUND

Sharon Morell

NOTICE

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE A GIFT BEARER, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER, LECTOR, HOMEBOUND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OR SERVER AT YOUR ASSIGNED TIME, PLEASE GET A REPLACEMENT.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

PANA TWICE THE ICE

On the back page of our bulletin is a suggested Business Directory. Please consider these businesses for their products or services. Because of them, this bulletin is cost-free to the Parish when you patronize one of them, tell them you saw their ad on our bulletin.

Weekly Contributions
December 3, 2016 – December 4, 2016
We Need \$6,500 Each Week

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| Regular | \$5834.00 |
| School Fund | \$1,130.00 |
| Needy | \$203.00 |
| Buildings & Grounds | \$40.00 |
| Major Repairs | \$485.00 |
| Cemetery | \$7.00 |
| Justice & Hope | \$50.00 |
| Immaculate Conception | \$45.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$342.00 |
| Christmas Offering | \$25.00 |
| Solemnity of Mary | \$25.00 |
| Catholic Children's Home | \$10.00 |
| Loose | \$312.65 |

CALENDAR WINNERS

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| 12/5 | Sue Klespitz | Pana, IL | \$25 |
| 12/6 | Judy Schoonover | Pana, IL | \$25 |
| 12/7 | Terri Meyer | Taylorville, IL | \$25 |
| 12/8 | Troy & Michelle Blackwell | Pana, IL | \$25 |
| 12/9 | Danetta Hrabak | Pana, IL | \$25 |
| 12/10 | Karen Markham | Oconee, IL | \$25 |
| 12/11 | Lois Repking | Effingham, IL | \$75 |

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle, *the Eternal Light*, will be lit the week of December 11, 2016 for Special Intention by Kindermann Family.

LOAVES & FISHES FOOD PANTRY

The Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry will be collecting food and nonperishable items **EVERY** Saturday and Sunday. Baskets will be left in the vestibule of the Church for your convenience. Please remember those who have very little. One canned good/item from each family one weekend a month can make a difference. Food Pantry is open on Mondays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and Fridays 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Next working day for volunteers from St. Patrick Church to work at the food pantry is Monday, December 19th.

MEETINGS

R.C.I.A. – Monday, December 12 at 7:00 p.m., Rectory Basement.

S.P.Y. – Wednesday, December 13 from 6:45-8:00 p.m., Parish Hall.

P.S.R. – Wednesday, December 13 with Grades K-8 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. and Grade 7-8 from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Parish Hall

YEAR OF MERCY A.C.S.A. DEBT REDUCTION

The Diocese of Springfield in Illinois has offered parishes that owe past Annual Catholic Services Appeal (A.C.S.A.) a one-time opportunity to pay off their 2011-2014 A.C.S.A. debt. Now until December 31st for each dollar donated to the Year of Mercy A.C.S.A. Debt Reduction Campaign, the Diocese will take off a dollar; so folks, this is a 2 for 1 proposition. St. Patrick's currently owes \$31,386.77 for past 2011-2014 A.C.S.A. (FYI: St. Patrick's owes \$22,992 for 2015 and our assessment for 2016 is \$29,000). Please make a serious decision to help St. Pat's reach our goal of paying off the A.C.S.A. debt. **Make out all checks to A.C.S.A., memo: Year of Mercy A.C.S.A. – St. Pat's – Pana.** We can all help make a dent in paying off our debt, especially with this one time offer. Please use the enclosed envelopes provided.

S.H.O.P. NEWS

S.H.O.P. will be hosting their Annual "Kids Christmas Store" in December, and we need your help. We are asking for new and gently used items: candles, jewelry, golf balls, small tools, etc. Boxes will be left in the church vestibule marked "Christmas Store" for donated items. We are in need of Christmas Gift Bags too, if you have any to donate. The Store is an opportunity for Sacred Heart Children to buy Christmas gifts for family members, so any donations are greatly appreciated! **Deadline for donations is December 12.**

WARM HEARTS PROGRAM

The community Mission Center is collecting new coats, gloves, socks, **pajamas, and toys** for their "Warm Hearts" program. Gently used coats are also accepted. Larger sizes for adolescents is greatly needed (up to women's size 18). This program provides these items for children and adults in need in Pana and surrounding communities. You may drop these items off at First National Bank, People's Bank, Pana News or the Mission Center, 34 S. Locust, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays & Thursdays.

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

Nokomis – December 14 – 6:30 p.m.
Shelbyville – December 15 – 5:30 p.m.

2017 CHURCH CALENDARS

Please feel free to take a Church Calendar located in the church vestibule. St. Patrick's would like to thank Morrell Auto Service for sponsoring the calendars again this year!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

Christmas Poinsettias may be ordered in memory of your loved ones by calling Marilyn Endris at 562-4623 or by using the Christmas Flower offering envelope provided in your monthly envelopes. Enclose \$15 for each poinsettia ordered and the names of the person/persons you wish to be remembered. The deadline for ordering is December 18.

CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR

Once again Christmas will soon be here. We will need children to sing for the Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. on December 24. All children in grades 3-8 from Sacred Heart School and St. Patrick's Parish, public schools and high schoolers are encouraged to participate. Practices are scheduled for December 6th, 13th, and 20th from 2:00-2:45 p.m. Children's voices are a wonderful and joyful sound making the Mass celebration complete. Please come join us! Any questions, contact Claudia Oller at 562-4479 or Janet Hicks at 562-2645.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

St. Patrick's assessment for the 2016-2017 Annual Catholic Services Appeal (A.C.S.A.) is \$29,462.00. Please consider donating to meet our goal. So far we have collected \$5,532.48.

COMMUNITY MISSION CENTER NOTICE

Community Mission Center will close for the holidays at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 22 and will reopen on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:30 a.m. May you have a very Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

FOUND

A pair of lady's prescription/reading glasses was found at the parish hall and a ring at the church. Please come to the Parish office to claim.

SHS CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Sacred Heart School's Christmas Program will be held on Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Pana Junior High School auditorium.

PANA PRIDE NOTICE

Pana Pride is asking for donations and participation such as adopting a street, planting flowers, etc. Our goal is to beautify our community. Donations may be sent to Paula Lebon, P.O. Box 165, Pana, IL 62557. Checks should be made to Pana Pride. For participation, call Janet Hicks at 562-2645 or Ruth Baldock at 562-4340.

BAPTISMAL SESSIONS

The next Pre-baptismal session is set for Sunday, January 8 immediately following the 10:30 Mass in the RECTORY BASEMENT. These sessions are required by Canon law for all parents wishing to have a child baptized. Registration is required, so please call the parish office 217-562-5396 to sign up no later than Friday, January 6.

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Pana First United Methodist Church, 619 Kitchell St., is planning a Blue Christmas Service of Hope for the Holidays on December 20th at 6:30 p.m. Whether you attend this church, another church, or no church, all are welcome to come for a quiet time of worship in the midst of a season that can get a little loud. This time of worship is designed to make space for us to come to God and experience the hope, joy, love, and peace of Christ Jesus our Lord even if things are difficult, or we don't feel like our circumstances "fit" the normal Christmas festivities.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION BEFORE CHRISTMAS

Please note there will be no confessions on Saturday, December 24th due to the Children's Choir Pre-Christmas Mass songs and carols. Also, please see the following area confession times:

December 18—St. Mary's in Taylorville—5:00 p.m.

December 19—Oconee Sacred Heart—5:00-5:45 p.m.

December 20—St. Raymond in Raymond—6:30 p.m.