

Fourth Sunday of Advent – Sunday, December 18, 2016

Mass Intentions

MONDAY, Dec 19
6:00 P.M.

Oconee – Louis Schwartz

TUESDAY, Dec 20
8:00 A.M.

Jean Schmitz
By Fred Fitzpatrick

WEDNESDAY, Dec 21
8:00 A.M.

Greg Riley
By Family

THURSDAY, Dec 22
8:00 A.M.

John Fitzpatrick
By Kenny & Rosemary Horsthemke

SATURDAY, Dec 24
4:00 P.M.

Gruber & Stepping Families
By Jim & Mitzi Stepping
Palmer Weddle
By Family

11:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, Dec 25 - The Nativity of the Lord
7:30 A.M.

Oconee – Robert C. Kuhn

9:00 A.M.

Larry Keifer
By Larry & Maggie O'Malley

Servers

TUESDAY – WEDNESDAY

J.J. Pauley & Boone Elledge

SATURDAY, Dec 24

Emma McFarland & Lydia McFarland

4:00 P.M.

Monte Weddle & Sam Nollman

11:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, Dec 25

9:00 A.M.

Boone Elledge & Dillon Elledge

GIFT BEARERS

SATURDAY—4:00 P.M. –Family
 11:00 P.M. – Eli Weddle Family
SUNDAY—9:00 A.M. – Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

No Commentators

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 P.M. Tom Cross, Ann Cross, Leland Schmitz, Bob Zueck
11:00 P.M. Kevin Duez, Cindy Duez, Marie Weddle, Lucy Weddle
9:00 A.M. Marty Cerven, Gina Kuhn, Chris Butkauskas

Lectors

4:00 P.M. Tom Latonis
11:00 P.M. Dick Moss
9:00 A.M. Nancy Elledge

Ushers

4:00 P.M. Lawrence Jannink, Bryan Swisher, Denny Pastor, Mike Holthaus
11:00 P.M. Kurt Pollman, Eric Arnold, Dean Burrus, Eli Weddle

HOMEBOUND

Bill Kook

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

LAVERNE HOLTHAUS at BOB RIDINGS

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 10, 2016 – December 11, 2016
We Need \$6,500 Each Week

Regular	\$6,271.00
School Fund	\$70.00
Needy	\$75.00
Buildings & Grounds	\$135.00
Major Repairs	\$90.00
Cemetery	\$170.00
Justice & Hope	\$5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$881.00
Christmas Flowers	\$385.00
Christmas Offering	\$40.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$5.00
Catholic Children's Home	\$50.00
Religious Retirement	\$518.00
Loose	\$363.00

CALENDAR WINNERS

12/12 Dalton Perry	Pana, IL	\$25
12/13 Veda Beall	Springfield, IL	\$25
12/14 Christopher & Regina Schafer	Pana, IL	\$25
12/15 Louis Roth	Mesa, AZ	\$25
12/16 Jared & Kimberly Wolf	Pana, IL	\$25
12/17 Jean Harris	Decatur, IL	\$25
12/18 Jeremy Kline	Taylorville, IL	\$75

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The Sanctuary Candle, *the Eternal Light*, will be lit the week of December 18, 2016 for Beth Pearson Holthaus by Mom & 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 19 at 7:00 p.m., Rectory Basement.

S.P.Y. – No classes Wednesday, December 21st & 28th. They will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

P.S.R. – No classes Wednesday, December 21st & 28th. They will resume Wednesday, January 4, 2017.

FINANCE COMMITTEE & SCHOOL BOARD MEETING – No meeting on Tuesday, December 20 or Wednesday, December 21.

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.

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. Last practice is scheduled for December 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.

SECOND COLLECTION

An extra collection for the 2016-17 A.C.S.A. will be taken up at all Christmas Masses.

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.

GIFT CARD NOTICE

Locked and Loaded in Pana will now be offering gift cards through the SHOP Gift Card Program. Denomination cards available are \$25.00 and \$50.00. They will also be willing to offer special order denominations in any amount. They are available in the church office. Shop local and support Sacred Heart school at the same time!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.” Let us learn to accept each other and Christ in our marriages by participating in a WorldWide Marriage Encounter weekend on February 3-5, 2017. To register or for more information call 314-649-7317 or go online to www.stl-wwme.org.

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

According to Canon Law, parents are asked to attend a Baptismal Session prior to their child's Baptism. We at St. Patrick's offer parents the opportunity to attend a Baptismal preparation session six times throughout the year. **If you are expecting a child and anticipate Baptism, you are urged to attend a session as soon as possible. There is no need to wait until the child is born.** Please call the parish office at 562-5396 to register and attend a session that is most convenient for you. **ALL SESSIONS ARE HELD IN THE RECTORY BASEMENT, Immediately** after the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the appointed date. The schedule for the next session will be **Sunday, January 8, 2017. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AND MUST BE DONE NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JANUARY 6, 2017.** If no one registers for a class then that class will be cancelled.

PARISH OFFICE NOTICE

The Parish Office will be closed December 23-26 for the Christmas holiday. We wish you a Merry Christmas!

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECONCILIATION

December 18—Taylorville St. Mary's—5:00 p.m.—Penance Service
December 19—Oconee Sacred Heart—5:00-5:45 p.m.—Individual
December 20—St. Raymond in Raymond—6:30 p.m.—Penance Service
December 24—Pana St. Patrick's—11:00-11:30 a.m.—Individual
No afternoon confessions Christmas Eve due to Children's choir

ROAD CLOSED

Beginning January 3, 2017, Pana City Council has agreed to close Congress Street (Alley behind church) from 4th St. to the south parking lot (behind the school) on school days when children are present. After 8:00 a.m. all access to the Parish and School Offices during the day will be via 5th St. Please make a note of it!