

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

223 Harmony St., Council Bluffs, IA 51503 [www.saintpatschurch.org](http://www.saintpatschurch.org)

(Service hour opportunities for students are available on-line.)

## HOLY DOOR hours

Saturdays 9 — 11 AM

Adoration, Prayer & Reconciliation.

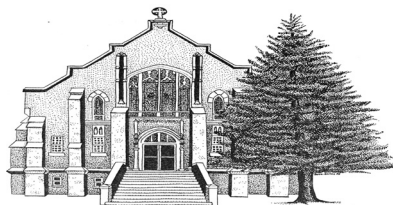
## Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:00 PM

Sunday, 7:30, 9 & 11 AM

Confessions 3:30-4:30 PM, Saturdays

Weekend Masses at St. Albert H.S.



## Pastor

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## Parish Staff

### Parish Manager

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RCIA is for non-Catholics wishing to be Catholic and for adult Catholics desiring 1st Holy Communion and/or Confirmation.

Music Lyn Stuntz 712-322-7410

## Marriage Preparations

Rick & Laural Ronk 712-322-4656

PLEASE TAKE NOTE: If engaged, 6 months notice is required by the diocese before the anticipated wedding date. If a prior marriage is involved; one year notice may be necessary. Please plan accordingly.

## Knights of Columbus

Brian Hunter 712-323-2615

## Prayer Chain Requests

Mary Ann Wager 712-322-6718

## Parish Nurse

Margie Graeve 712-323-3582

Elaine Fenner 712-328-2481

## Hospital & Care Center Chaplain

Fr. Tan Tran 712-309-5742

## Bereavement Ministry

Vickie Rule 712-325-0772

**Year of Mercy:** “God’s patience has to call forth in us the courage to return to Him, however many mistakes and sins there may be in our life.” Pope Francis 4-7-13

**December 13, 2015**

**3rd Sunday/Week of Advent**

**Mon. December 14 — Scripture: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17a; Matthew 21:23-27**

8 AM Communion Service

**Tues. December 15 — Scripture: Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13; Matthew 21:28-32**

8 AM Mass for the Frascht Family

**Wed. December 16 — Scripture: Isaiah 45:6,-8,18,21b-25; Luke 7:18b-23**

8 AM Mass for Colleen Thomas

6:45—7:30 PM Faith Formation/R.E. classes, St. Albert School

**Thurs. December 17 — Scripture: Genesis 49:2,8-10; Matthew 1:1-17**

8 AM Mass for Art Bartel

7 PM Pre-Baptism Session, church

**Fri. December 18 — Scripture: Jeremiah 23:5-8; Matthew 1:18-25**

8 AM Mass for Patricia McHugh

**Sat. December 19 — Scripture: Judges 13:2-7,24-25a; Luke 1:5-25**

3:30 — 4:30 PM Reconciliation

**Sunday, December 20 — 4th Sunday of Advent**

*Scripture: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45*

**Mass Intentions for the Masses:**

5 PM for *St. Patrick Parish*

7:30 AM for *John Allmon*

9 AM for *John Lawrence*

11 AM for *Tom Logas*

**Advent Reconciliation schedule:**

**Sunday, December 13th** Two Parish Reconciliation Noon—1:30 PM at Queen’s (10 priests)  
**Saturdays, December 5th,12th&19th** Normal Reconciliation 3:30—4:30 PM at St. Albert’s H.S. chapel

**Year of Mercy**

**Sunday, December 13th** Consecration of Holy Door 4:00 PM at St. Patrick (Liturgy & Adoration)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** will be held at **St. Albert High School gym**. **Those times are:**

**Christmas Eve 3:45 PM (note time change) 6:30 PM 10 PM**  
**Christmas Day 8 AM 10 AM**

**Please encourage many families to attend the 3:45 PM Mass. We’ll have room for up to 700 & parking too! So, remember to invite your extended family and spread the news.**

**Since Christmas is on a Friday, remember, we have our regular Mass schedule (Saturday, 5 PM, Sunday 7:30, 9 & 11 AM) for the weekend of the December 27th/28th.**

**Mary, Mother of God (holy day of obligation) Masses will be:**

**Thursday, December 31st, 4 PM Friday, January 1st, 9 AM Masses at St. Albert Auditorium**

**The Holiday spirit and tithing.** The parish has had great success with the first Capital Campaign for the new church. The parish continues its various ministry activities with a lower budget, but unfortunately, tithing is 10% short. You may recall that a “catch up” second collection was taken a few weekends ago. In past years tithing has been short, but bequests and investment income made up the difference. With a new church such unexpected gifts must go into the new church. In order to avoid “catch up” weekends, for normal expenses, normal tithing must rise.

In the spirit of holiday cheer I ask you to review your weekly tithing, change to automated giving if applicable, and increase your tithing by 10%, whatever your normal tithing happens to be. If you give \$2,000, \$1,000 or \$500 a year, then that would be an extra \$200, \$100 or \$50 spread throughout the year, \$16,\$18,\$4 each month respectively. A thoughtful increase is necessary for the short-term and long-term well being of the parish.

A letter to this effect will be sent to everyone in the parish and reminders placed in the bulletin. Thank you for your continued excitement for the parish and generosity of spirit shown in so many ways through the ministerial life of our parish. God’s blessings to you this holiday season. *Fr. Glen*

**WINTER MASSES AT ST. ALBERT:** The weather has been nice recently but upcoming frosts remind us that winter is not far away. For those not familiar with St. Albert, please be reassured that the city does a VERY GOOD job with plowing and salting the road in front of the school. The Parish Office has the name and number of city officials to remind them that the road still needs to continue to be well taken care on Sundays for us. The school will take care of the lot and sidewalks. When driving up the hill during winter it is obviously best to turn into the parking lot at the VERY TOP of the hill. Thank you. *Fr. Glen*

**FYI: The YMCA closed off the parking lot on Friday evening, December 4th. As of the printing of the bulletin the lot has yet to be torn up.**

***Reflection on Mercy***

The Jubilee of Mercy began with the opening of a Holy Door in Rome and at St. Ambrose Cathedral in Des Moines. How do you see the parallel of opening the Holy Door with opening wide the door of your heart to God?

**Parish Stewardship/Tithing**

DATE	ACTUAL	BUDGET	VARIANCE
YTD 11/29/15	158,779	176,800	(18,021)
12-06-15	16,000	10,400	( 788)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>213,101</b>	<b>228,800</b>	<b>(15,699)</b>

**Help the Parish through automated giving. Complete the EFT form in the bulletin or On-Line Giving on the Parish website.**

**On Line Giving Report as of November 30, 2015 60 users**

	<b>Total Tithes</b>	<b>OLG Tithes</b>	<b>OLG Tithes % Total</b>	<b>Total Campaign</b>	<b>OLG Campaign</b>	<b>OLG Campaign % Total</b>
<b>November</b>	54,876	6,883	12.5%	52,137	12,248	23.5%
<b>Year-to-date (7-1-15)</b>	217,785	28,298	13%	235,535	32,679	13.9%

**There will be ONE bulletin for the Christmas & New Year's weekend (December 26th/27th & January 2nd/3rd. Therefore, please have any bulletin items to the Parish Office by this Friday, December 18th. Thank you.**

## AREA-WIDE NEWS

**TEEN MASS** The next Teen Mass is today, **Sunday, December 13th**, 5:30 PM at Queen of Apostles Church. Bring a friend. Come for Mass, stay for pizza. (Please Note: All people of all ages are welcome at this Mass put on by teens, for teens.)

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court #330 December meeting/Christmas party:** The December meeting/Christmas party will be held on **Monday, December 14th**. There will be Mass at 5:15 PM at St. Peter's with dinner and meeting to follow in the social hall. Members are reminded to bring a \$5—\$10 gift if you want to participate in the gift exchange. This would be an excellent time for guests to check us out. Welcome all Catholic women of Council Bluffs.

### **Holiday Babysitting Services on Saturday, December 19th at St. Albert Auxiliary Gym.**

Looking for child-free holiday shopping time before the final Christmas rush? Look no further! As a fundraiser for the Student Educational trip to Puerto Rico, St. Albert high school students will watch your child(ren). Drop off your child between the hours of 9 AM — 1 PM and pick them up no later than 3 PM. Enjoy yourself as you shop while we entertain the little ones.

We are able to watch all toilet trained children from 4—12 years old. We will provide organized play and "arts & craft" activities in the safety of our auxiliary gym at St. Albert. Snacks will be provided but you may provide your own food for your child if you prefer. Please notify us of any food allergies when you drop off your child. Please note that if your child is staying for lunch, you must provide for his/her meal.

Our rate is \$3 per child/per hour with a six hour max if you drop off your child as early as 9 AM. If you have any questions, please call Mr. Jedd Sherman, one of our St. Albert *Science Guys* at 712-370-6233.

**4thSunday — for all parish high school teens (Freshmen—Seniors)** the next 4thSunday event, **Sunday, December 27th**, 10 AM—2 PM is a service opportunity at the *Open Door Mission* assisting with lunch prep and serving meals. We will meet at Queen of Apostles at 10 AM and carpool over to *Open Door Mission*. To have an accurate count and have plenty of drivers, all teens are asked to **sign up by Saturday, December 26th**. Contact Jill Faust, high school faith formation coordinator at 402-699-3919 or jrfaust1@cox.net



**Romans & Christians will be Sunday evening, January 24th. Parents and older children (5th—12th grade) are all invited for this fun evening!! Service hours offered, too, to those attending!**

