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## Mass Intentions

## Tuesday, December 16 – Advent Ferial (III)

8:15 a.m. .... + Samuel Hackler  
by Joe & Geralyn Miskulin  
6:00 p.m. .... Oconeé – + Joe Beyers

## Wednesday, December 17 – Advent Ferial (III)

8:15 a.m. .... + Eugene Schmitz by Family

## Thursday, December 18 – Advent Ferial (III)

8:15 a.m. .... + Deceased Members of Winand & Ludvina Schmitz Family by Rosemary Huttens

## Friday, December 19 – Advent Ferial (III)

8:15 a.m. .... For All Souls

## Saturday, December 20 – Vigil of the IV Sun. of Advent

2:45-3:25 p.m. .... Confessions  
4:00 p.m. .... + Don Havrilka  
by Joseph & Dana Vits

## Sunday, December 21 – IV Sunday of Advent

7:30 a.m. .... Oconeé – + Juanita, Joe, & Lynn Wolf  
9:30 a.m. .... + Aug Kronshagen  
by Kevin & Cindy Duez

**"All Souls Day Offering Envelopes"** – The intentions submitted with these envelopes will be offered collectively at the 8:15 a.m. Mass on Friday, December 19. (Rescheduled from Dec. 3 due to snow)

**Mass attendance and inclement weather** – When weather conditions make it dangerous to be outside, please know that your obligation to attend weekend Mass is lifted. This is especially true for our senior citizens and those with mobility issues. Remember, it is not a sin to be safe! Please use your best judgement and pray for our road crews, emergency personnel and healthcare workers.

If Sacred Heart School is cancelled due to inclement weather, the morning Mass is likewise cancelled. (Depending upon conditions, we cannot always guarantee that our walks/parking areas will be cleared and safe to use).

## SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

## PIZZA MAN

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.

## Ministry Schedule

## Servers

December 20-21  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. .... Ethan Lehn  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. .... Adalyn Blodgett, Taylor Blodgett

## Extraordinary Ministers

December 20-21  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. .... Tom Latonis  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. .... Sonda Holthaus

## Lectors

December 20-21  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. .... Tynlee Lehn  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. .... Kelsey Schneider

## Security Schedule

December 20-21  
Saturday 4:00 p.m. .... Dave Leduc, Greg Gruber  
Sunday 9:30 a.m. .... Robert Schmitz, Sam Nollman, Tony Glick

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER, LECTOR, OR SERVER AT YOUR ASSIGNED TIME, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

 The Sanctuary Lamp, the sign of our Lord's abiding Presence in the Gift of the Holy Eucharist, is lit the week of December 14, 2025 In Loving Memory of Michael G. Holthaus by Betty Holthaus.

## CATHOLIC TIMES

**Catholic Times** is going monthly in 2026 – Beginning in 2026, Catholic Times will transition from a biweekly publication to a monthly magazine. This change will allow for expanded coverage and more in-depth storytelling across the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. The magazine will feature more comprehensive articles, better photography, and a stronger mix of features and diocesan news that better reflects the life and vitality of our Catholic community.

## MEETINGS

SPY – Sun., December 14 – 5-6:00 p.m. – Meet at Church for Confessions  
OCIA – Mon., December 15 – 6:30 p.m. – Rectory Basement  
SECURITY – Mon. December 15 – 7:00 p.m. – K of C Hall  
PSR – Wed., December 17 – Grades K-5- 3-5:00 p.m. – Parish Hall (Christmas Party)

## PIZZA MAN

"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer, God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

## Weekly Contributions

December 6-7

We Need \$10,363 Each Week  
Church Operations

Regular.....	\$8,279.00
Buildings & Grounds.....	\$108.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$45.00
Solemnity of Mary.....	\$20.00
Christmas Offering.....	\$25.00
Loose.....	\$266.00
<b>School (Church's Support)</b> .....	\$2,585.00
Joann Kindermann (Church Memorials).....	\$810.00
Joann Kindermann (School Memorials).....	\$25.00
Cemetery.....	\$45.00
Needy.....	\$180.00
Justice & Hope.....	\$15.00
Military Collection.....	\$250.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$20.00
Catholic Children's Home.....	\$20.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$515.00

## PARISH NOTICES

• **SIGNUP SHEET** for Christmas and New Year's Day is available in the church vestibule!

• St. Pat's will have a **New Year's Day Mass** on Thursday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m. It is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God and is a **HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**.

• **2026 LECTOR BOOKS** are available for pick up in the church sacristy.

• Plaques and candles in honor of our parishioners who have died this past year are available to families or close loved ones on the table in the church vestibule.

## UPCOMING SHS FUNDRAISER

**ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION featuring DUELING PIANOS** - Held at the Pana Eagles Club on February 21, 2026. Featuring a Live and Silent Auction. Doors open at 5:15 p.m. with Dinner at 6:00 p.m./Silent Auction open for bidding until 7:00 p.m. with Live Auction kicking off at 7:00 p.m./ Show at 8:00 p.m. **Tickets are available in the School Office for purchase - \$50 per ticket (includes Dinner, Auction, and Dueling Pianos entertainment)**. Formal Attire and must be 21+ to attend. Any questions or you would like to Sponsor or Donate to the School Auction, please reach out to Calee Castle, Amanda Kroenlein or a School Board Member.

## CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Don't miss out on this year's Christmas play, "New Star", showcasing Sacred Heart School Grades K-8 and Preschool. The play is on Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Pana Jr. High School auditorium. Please join the kids for a wonderful night of performance!

## EXTRA CONFESSIONS

On Monday, December 22, Confessions will be at St. Patrick's from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Fr. Joseph will be in the confessional. As there will be no prayer service, feel free to stop by anytime during the time listed above.

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

Uncle Jeff; The people with cancer: May all hearts find solace in moments of quiet reflection

## K OF C KING OF CLUBS

The next Pana K of C "King of Clubs" drawing will be held on Saturday, December 13 at 7:00 p.m. Board will be set up live at 5:00 p.m. 50/50 available. Jackpot is \$11,400. Serving Ribeye Sandwiches and Chips for \$10.00. Must have a PIN number to play. Numbers are free and available at the K of C on Wednesdays prior to the drawing from 4-7:00 p.m. and until 6:45p.m. day of drawing. Please visit [facebook.com/PanaKofC896](http://facebook.com/PanaKofC896) for updated information.

## THANK YOU

A "Merry Thank You" to our school families who worked hard to make "Breakfast with Santa" a success! A big "Thank You" to our faithful Knights of Columbus for providing their cooking skills! To all who patronized the event, God Bless You!

## RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND

This annual appeal assists nearly 25,000 elderly sisters, brothers, and religious order priest nationwide. It provides vital financial support to religious communities aging members who have dedicated their lives to service, usually receiving little pay in return. Your donation provides for their essential care, medicine, and daily needs. Please support this worthy cause and keep all or women and men religious in your prayers.

## CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S HOME

The Catholic Children's Home (CCH) continues their mission by meeting the emotional, social, academic, and basic material needs of the children sent for residential care. These children have been chronically abused, designated "unmanageable" by their schools or simply have no place to call home. The Christmas season can be a particularly difficult time for these youths as many of them are without a family. In the spirit of Christ's incredible love for all children, please continue to support the work of CCH through this special Christmas collection.

## PARISH OFFICE HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish Office will close Wednesday, December 24 – Thursday, January 1 for the Christmas /New Year holiday.

**Have a Safe and Blessed Christmas and New Year!**

## 2026 CALENDARS

Our 2026 Calendars, depicting "*The Miracles of Jesus*" have arrived. Please feel free to take a calendar located on the radiators in the church vestibule. St. Pat's would like to thank Morrell Auto Service for sponsoring the calendars!

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

December 24

St. Patrick's..... 4:00 p.m.  
8:00 p.m.

Oconeé ..... 6:00 p.m.

December 25

St. Patrick's ..... 9:00 a.m.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

December 31

Oconeé ..... 5:00 p.m.

January 1

St. Patrick's ..... 9:00 a.m.

**Please mark your calendars!**

Sign-up sheets available in the vestibule  
for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Servers,  
and Security.

