

# St. Patrick & Immaculate Conception Parishes

## November 29, 2015

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### Sacraments

For all **Sacraments**  
please contact the  
Parish Office.

### Anointing of the Sick

Communal Anointing following  
7:00 am & 12:10 pm Masses on  
1<sup>st</sup> Friday or please contact the  
Parish Office.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00-4:00 p.m.  
St. Patrick or by appointment  
with the priest.

### Masses

#### Saturday

4:30 p.m. St. Patrick

#### Sunday

9:00 a.m. IC

11:00 a.m. St. Patrick

7:00 p.m.

Montana Tech Campus  
Ministry Mass, IC

#### Weekday

7:00 a.m. St. Patrick (Tu-F)

### Lauds (Morning Prayer)

following Mass (W,Th,F)  
following Devotion (Tu)

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Patrick Church  
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
(Tu,W,Th,F)

### Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion

Tuesday after 7:00 a.m. Mass  
St. Patrick

# 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday OF ADVENT



# Parish Notices

Dear friends on Sunday November 22, 2015 our parish will place an ad in the Montana Standard inviting Catholics who are no longer practicing to return to a full communion with the Eucharist and a parish family.

The "Welcome Back" meeting will take place at St. Patrick at 6:30 pm on Tuesday December 1st.

It will be a warm and inspiring invitation to come home.

I count on you to please invite everyone you know who is in that situation to please join us that evening.

With prayers, thanks and best wishes,

Father Patrick

## Advent Penance Service

**Wednesday December 2nd, 6:30 pm.  
at St. Patrick's Church.**

"During Advent, there will be weekly Advent Vespers on Thursday at 5:30 pm at St. Patrick's. The Vespers will be on December 3, 10 and 17. Please join us for this time of worship and praise, in anticipation of Christ's birth."

## *Feast of the Immaculate Conception Masses*

*Tuesday December 8th*

*7:00 am at St. Patrick*

*5:30 pm at Immaculate Conception*

*Merry Christmas*



## Our Annual Christmas Party

is scheduled for Wednesday, December 16th,  
5:30 pm at the MAC Center.

Plans include Chili Dogs, Christmas Carols, Hayrides,

Visiting with Fellow Parishioners and of course Santa Clause.

Please bring your favorite cookies/dessert to share.

Call the Parish Office to make your reservation no later than  
Monday December 14th. **Hope to see you there!!!**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need help Decorating our Churches for Christmas.  
The Decorating for our churches for Christmas will be on  
December 23rd.

St. Patrick's Church at 6:00 pm

and Immaculate Conception at 1:30 pm

If you would like to help please contact the  
Parish Office at 723-5407.

**Thank You!**

**SUDS MCCLEAN**

Please see advertisement on back of the Bulletin!



## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASS SCHEDULE

### December 24th, Christmas Eve

**5:00 pm: Children's Mass, St. Patrick**

**11:00 pm: Mass of Midnight, Immaculate Conception**

### December 25th, Christmas Day

**9:00 am: Mass, Immaculate Conception**

**11:00 am: Mass, St. Patrick's**



### December 31st, New Year's Eve

**5:30 pm: Mass, St. Patrick**

### January 1st, New Year's Day

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God**

**10:00 am: Mass, St. Patrick**

**Please Note:** The Parish Office will close at 12 Noon on Christmas Eve and will re-open on Monday January 4th. There will be no 7:00 am daily Mass or Adoration from December 24th to January 4th. They will resume on Tuesday January 5th. Also, there will be no 7pm Mass on 12/25 & 12/27.

# Community Notices

## **Women's Advent Retreat 2015**

**Be Still and Know That I Am God Psalm 46:10**

What an interesting topic for the most busiest time of the year! Come! join other women of faith for a day of reflection and renewal. Prepare your heart and soul for the birth of Jesus in the midst of all the other preparations you do for the Christmas holidays.

Father Bob Porter will be available for confessions.

Where: Holy Family Catholic Church, Anaconda, Mt.

When: December 5, 2015

Time: 9 to 4

Cost: \$20.00 (Includes lunch and a donation to a local charity)

To register please call Patrice Downey at 533-5757

Or email: [patricelynn@hotmail.com](mailto:patricelynn@hotmail.com)

## **TOYS FOR TOTS**



**The mission of the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.**

**There will be collection bins in the vestibule of St. Patrick and Immaculate Conception Churches. Please support this fantastic campaign to help those children in need in our community.**

**Mon Nov 30 St. Patrick, 7:00 am NO MASS**  
**Tue Dec 01 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Doris Boyle (1st Ann) rb Carol Mulholland**  
**Wed Dec 02 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Margaret Seymour (15 Ann) rb Jim & Marg Leary**  
**Thu Dec 03 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Skip O'Brien (23rd Ann) rb The Family**  
**Fri Dec 04 St. Patrick, 7:00 am Marie Daniel rb Jean Minea**  
**St. Patrick, 12:10 pm Tom Worring rb Sharon Garwood**  
**Sat Dec 05 St. Patrick, 4:30 pm Bill Gibson (2nd Ann) rb The Family**  
**Sun Dec 06 IC, 9:00 am Louetta Kearney rb Wells Fargo Bank (uptown)**  
**St. Patrick, 11:00 am John Watters (2nd Ann) rb Penny Sue Bazzanella**  
**IC, 7:00 pm George Stensland rb His Children**



**The Friends of Irish Studigs  
present**

**An Irish Christmas in Montana**

Celebrating the music, song, dance and customs of  
a traditional Irish Christmas

Saturday, December 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm,  
UM Recital Hall

Sunday, December 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm,  
UM Recital Hall

Tickets: \$20.00 - Family; \$15 - General Admission; \$10

Seniors and Friends of Irish Studigs; \$5 - Students

Available at the door or online at

[www.friendsofirishstudigs.com](http://www.friendsofirishstudigs.com)



**ADVENT REFLECTION**

*Blessed first Sunday in Advent to each of you!*

Advent and Lent are the two penitential seasons of the church year. However, Advent is a season in anticipation of the birth of Christ in time. Now, what is meant by “the birth of Christ in time”? Our four Sundays of advent are not just Sundays in preparation for the birth of a child destined to become the Savior of the nations, but the birth of a child every day in the hearts of every Christian and the future return of the second coming in time where everything will be taken back by our God.

In today’s Gospel for some this reading might shake fear into their hearts: “...perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright.” Even today we hear about doomsday sayers professing the end of the world on a particular date. To be sure, the end of the world will come! However, we truly do not know the time. Only God knows when God will call everything to return to Him.

In the final lines of today’s Gospel we are told to “be vigilant at all times and pray the you have strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent.”

The first Sunday in the season of Advent is a time for us to joyfully await the coming of Christ for the first time, at birth; for the second time, into our everyday lives; and looking forward to the last time when he will come to take all of creation back to his Father.

