Saint Patrick Church
119 North Market Street - Momence Illinois, 60954

Administrator
Father Pete Jankowski
Pastor Emeritus
Rev. Dan Hessling

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Office Hours
Mon., Wed., & Thurs.
9:00-11:30AM - 12:30-3:00PM

Office Staff
Mary Tolmer
Joanne Hermann

RCIA
(Adults joining the church)
Contact: Rectory
Beth Crouch
262-510-1165

Mass Schedule
Weekend  Saturday 5:30 PM
Sunday 7:30 & 10:30AM
Spanish Mass 12:00PM

Daily  Monday-Friday 9:15AM

Knights of Columbus
Grand Knight
Dave Wheeler
Meetings 3rd Tues at 7PM

Bookkeeper
Mary Tolmer

Religious Education
Director: John Rehmer 815-472-2460

Baptisms
Schedule with Parish Office
English: 2nd Saturday at noon
Spanish: 3rd Saturday at noon

Weddings
Schedule with Parish Office
at least 6 months in advance.

Shut-ins
Please call the Parish Office

New Parishioners
Please Call the Parish Office

Confessions
Saturdays 4:30PM

Hispanic Ministry
Ruben / Carmen Andrade

Sacred Heart Mission
PO Box 557
Hopkins Park, IL 60944
815-944-5562
Administrator:
Sister Mary Beth Clements
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
DECEMBER 22, 2019

Mass Intentions

Monday Dec. 23
9:15 a.m. Annebelle Giasson (Family)
May 30 p.m. Fr. Denis White
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass (Ostrow Family)

Tuesday Christmas Eve Dec. 24
10:30 a.m. John Hermann (Mary Tolmer)

Wednesday Christmas Dec. 25
10:30 a.m. John Hermann (Mary Hermann)

Thursday Dec. 26
9:15 a.m. No Mass

Friday Dec. 27
9:15 a.m. No Mass

Saturday Dec. 28
5:30 p.m. Mary Jo Boicken Family
(Jean Gibson)

Sunday Dec. 29
7:30 a.m. John Hermann (Ron & Judy Gall)
10:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of St. Patrick’s

Liturgical Roles

Saturday, Dec. 28 Fr. Dan 5:30 p.m.
Communion
Blood of Christ: J Blanchette
Body of Christ: B Blanchette
Body of Christ: M Peterson
Lector: K Blanchette
Altar Servers: RE Students

Sunday, Dec. 29 Fr. Dan 7:30 a.m.
Communion
Blood of Christ: J Hermann
Lector: G Hess
Altar Servers: RE Students

Sunday, Dec. 29 Fr. Dan 10:30 a.m.
Communion
Body of Christ: J Downey
Lector: J Downey
Altar Servers: RE Students

Tuesday Christmas Eve 5:30 p.m. Fr. Pete
Body of Christ: B Blanchette
Blood of Christ: S Favre and R Kupferer
Lector: N Blanchette
11:00 p.m. Fr. Dan Body of Christ: J Rehmer
Blood of Christ: R Hess and P Gelino
Lector: J Rehmer

Wednesday Christmas 10:30 a.m. Fr. Dan
Body of Christ: N Jeffries
Blood of Christ: M Stedman and C Ralston
Lector: L Jeffries 12:00 p.m. Fr. Pete

Second Collection: 12/28-12/29 Cemetery

Prayer Requests: Health / Intentions of:

Prayer Line: Call Marcy Siwicki 815-472-4688

Sanctuary Candle Call the Rectory, 815-472-2864, if you wish to have it lit for a week. In Memory of

Sunday Collection: $4193.44
Debt $5.00 Rental: $0.00
Cemetery $270.00 Other: $20.00
Christmas: $1050.00

Collection Counters:
Dec. 22: Dave & Cheryl Bramer
Dec. 29: Ardis Wardynski & Mary Jo Boicken

Please Come Pray the Rosary: after the 10 AM mass each Sunday. All are invited!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE POOR BOXES

Adoration is every Thursday from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS MASSES:
Christmas Eve: Monday, Dec. 24 5:30 p.m. & 11:00 p.m. (Christmas carols hymns, and Choir selections at 10:45 p.m.)
Christmas Day, Dec. 25: 10:30 a.m.

NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE:
Since New Years Day is on a Wed., it is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on New Year’s Day, Wed, Jan. 1, will be at 10:30 a.m.

Like the Diocesan offices; the Rectory office will officially be closed from: Monday Dec 23rd thru Wednesday Jan, 1st.

A Note from Father Pete...
Talk about a Christmas gift!!! The second phase of the new Sound gift with additional technical equipment and speakers are completed. The entire project was donated to St. Patrick Church in Memory of Marlene LaMotte from the Jim LaMotte Family. We are most grateful for the contributions that folks like the LaMotte have done for this parish and we are most blessed that they care about the parish as much as they do. God bless them and God bless all of you!
Thank you to Roger Hess who installed the new LED fixtures in the Rectory and basement. We appreciate everyone’s hard work
This is still a work in progress (you know, a priest sometimes DOES have to sleep...!) but below is the beginning of a three parish website, covering the parishes of St. Patrick’s in Momence, Sacred Heart in Hopkins Park and St. Anne’s in St. Anne’s.
stpatrickmomence.org, stannestanne.org & sacredheartpembroke.org.

To Dream and to Act: The promised Second Coming of Christ is assured in the reality of the first. This birth of Jesus, promised by an angel to Mary and dreamed by Joseph, results in God-with-us, Emmanuel. *How will my life be a sign that God is indeed with us now? * How will God’s grace spill this week into these mercy works __________? * How will I trust God and exorcise from my life whatever keeps me fearful?

THANK YOU to everyone who ordered Poinsettias for our church this Christmas!
St. Patrick’s would like to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.
Over the last few weeks, we have been covering a great many projects for all three parishes that I am commissioned to serve. I have learned in four months that each of the three communities speak in a completely different “language,” so to speak. How all of you at the three parishes pray, celebrate traditions and administrate are quite unique. Trying to streamline all three parishes to swim down the same stream has been quite a daunting task.

That said, all of you have a great deal in common - your spirit, your dedication to the faith and your overwhelming generosity has been unparalleled. Over the last few months, we have renovated two church houses (and currently are working on the third). Your charitable spirit towards the Sacred Heart Mission has resulted in literally busloads of coats, toys, hams and turkeys that are being delivered even at the time of this writing. All three parishes are invested in Advent customs - on Sunday night (December 22nd at 6:00), I celebrate the first bilingual Las Posadas celebration at St. Pat’s (I am told the Guadalupe Mass on December 12th was the largest attended Mass in the area in over a decade).

Towards our continual attempt to help all of you out, I have been working on two projects that have now come to fruition. The first is a three-parish website that we will be able to utilize to promote activities at all three parishes. St. Patrick’s Hispanic Ministry is thriving; both Pat’s and Anne’s invest in a Lenten Fish Fry. We need to promote St. Anne’s Day online to inform folks that our parish is a National Shrine! We need to find ways to support financially the folks at Sacred Heart. If you take a look at the website, I am hoping we will be able to do this (and I’m always looking for suggestions for improvement... like lots of pictures and videos!!). You can access the website through three domains:

www.stpatrickmomence.org  www.stannestanne.org  www.sacredheartpembroke.org

In addition, we have started installing plaques for our pew donation program, which has generated (in addition to what I have personally invested) over $7,500 at St. Patrick’s thus far. We have installed the initial plaques at St. Anne’s and St. Patrick’s already. Because of the generosity of the Blanchette family and the Youth Group of St. Patrick’s Church in Kankakee, we were able to cover the costs for alarming and providing dumpsters for Sacred Heart Church. The LaMotte family was kind enough to donate resources to upgrade the sound system at St. Patrick’s on behalf of Jim’s wife Marlene. We have some major work to do in repairing our organ and St. Pat’s has a debt to be addressed.

That said, we are blessed that all of you have been invested in the lives of all the parishes. Have a blessed Christmas Season!

Gloria Dei Vivens Homo (The Glory of God is Living in Man)
Welcome to the Churches of St. Patrick's, St. Anne's & the Mission of Sacred Heart!!

Christmas Masses
St. Patrick's, Momence
December 24th (5:30 & 11:00 p.m.)
December 25th (10:30 English & 12:00 Spanish)
St. Anne's, St. Anne
December 24th 8:00 p.m.
December 25th 9:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart, Pembroke
December 25th 12:00 noon

We are a welcoming Catholic community called by God to live out the message of Christ in love and service to all people. These parishes east of Kankakee, IL served as "border town" churches in the mid-1800s, welcoming immigrants from throughout the world. Our missions today is to do the same. St. Patrick's Church (the old border town from 1834) serves the Spanish and English-speaking communities of an old Dutch town. St. Anne's Church is the home of the National Shrine of St. Anne, brought to the states from France to Canada and then the US in the 1850s. Sacred Heart Church just celebrated its 80th anniversary; it is the poorest Church in the Joliet Diocese, the poorest city in Illinois and is the diocesan mission in great need of your help.
**UN MENSAJE DE PADRE PEDRO**

El 22 de diciembre, a las 6:00 p.m., vamos a celebrar nuestra segunda celebración anual de **LAS POSADAS** en San Patricio. Que significan ‘las posadas’. Las Posadas conmemora el viaje de María y José a Jerusalén, después de ser rechazado varias posadas hasta que llegan a su lugar de descanso final y el nacimiento de nuestro Señor. Tradicionalmente, la fiesta dura nueve noches en los diferentes hogares de nuestros fieles. Aquí en St. Pat, hemos truncado la celebración de una noche, de 6:00 con un servicio bilingüe, cerca de 100 de nuestros fieles que nos acompañaron el año pasado y muy probablemente hará lo mismo este año. Es una gran noche para conmemorar el verdadero significado de esta temporada, es decir, el don de Cristo, que es llevado al lugar de nacimiento del Rey David y la casa de nuestro eterno, rey espiritual. Por favor, siéntase libre de unirse a nosotros en todas las celebraciones de esta semana/ Dios los bendiga.

**TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE**

Esta semana celebramos el nacimiento de Jesús, comenzando con la Misa de Gallo. A esta Misa se le añade la tradición popular que ha comenzado en el hogar con pesebres, comidas y regalos. Se nos haría difícil imaginar terminar el año sin la Navidad. Pero el calendario cristiano sólo la ha festejado algunos 1800 años. Los primeros cristianos únicamente celebraban la Pascua de Resurrección, siguiendo lo que todos los evangelios nos relatan de los eventos de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de Jesús. Sólo Mateo y Lucas mencionan su nacimiento. Alrededor del año 200 d.C., los egipcios empezaron a conmemorar el nacimiento de Jesús el 20 de marzo que era el noveno mes de su calendario. Con el tiempo, la idea de festejar el nacimiento del Mesías se extendió a otras comunidades cristianas, pero con diversas fechas como el 19 de abril, el 6 de enero, el 28 de marzo y otras. Fue hasta el siglo cuarto que se fijó la fecha para el 25 de diciembre, gracias a Juan Crisóstomo y al Papa Julio I. Otras fuentes señalan que en el año 366 los cristianos comenzaron a celebrar el nacimiento de Cristo, sol de justicia, precisamente el 25 de diciembre. En realidad no sabemos cuándo nació Jesús, pero sí sabemos que hay que celebrar el hecho que Dios se hizo uno de nosotros. -F. Gilberto Cavazos-GIz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**PERSPECTIVA**

La montaña avergüenza a una madruguera hasta que ambas son humilladas por las estrellas.

**LECTURAS DE HOY**

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<td><strong>Salmo</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Evangelio</strong></td>
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