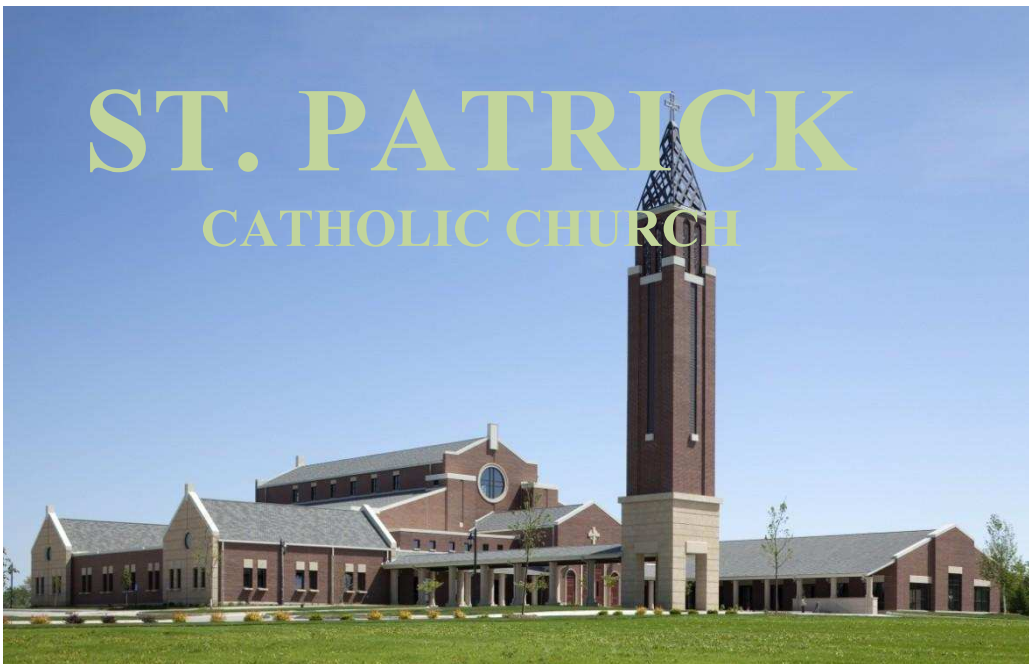


# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH



*A Letter From Our Pastor*

## The Year of Faith 2012-2013

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Fall has begun, and the beautiful colors of the season are in great array as we take in the panorama of yellows, oranges, greens and browns of autumn in Iowa.

In no time, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas will be here – three great seasons of appreciation, anticipation and welcome. And most assuredly our faith, family and friends will play a significant role in our celebration of these seasons.

In this edition of the St. Patrick newsletter, we are highlighting *The Year of Faith*, which began on October 11, 2012 and which will conclude on November 24, 2013 on the Feast of Christ the King.

*The Year of Faith* marks two significant events in the life of the Church: the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Second Vatican Council and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the publication of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Both of these events have had a major impact on the life of Catholics throughout the world.

Pope Benedict XVI has invited us to mark *The Year of Faith* by living a more fervent faith, growing in our understanding of the teachings of the Church, renewing our spiritual lives through personal prayer and the celebration of the sacraments, studying the Scriptures, become evangelizers ourselves by reaching out to others and by being in solidarity with the poor through works of justice and charity.

All of these things we can do through our participation in the life of our parish. And that is why I urge you to be a part of our communal journey of faith, hope and charity today! Among the many things you could do to celebrate *The Year of Faith* is:

- Pray for the parish
- Join the Knights
- Form a study or support group
- Get involved with our social action committee
- Become a lector or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
- Take an hour in the Adoration Chapel
- Become a prayer partner for a Confirmation candidate
- Increase your offertory gift
- Visit the sick or imprisoned
- Be a loyal friend
- Join the Needleworkers
- Pay more attention to your spouse or loved ones
- Offer up your Sunday Mass for world peace
- Donate your cans to the Knight's monthly can collection
- Stay out of trouble ☺

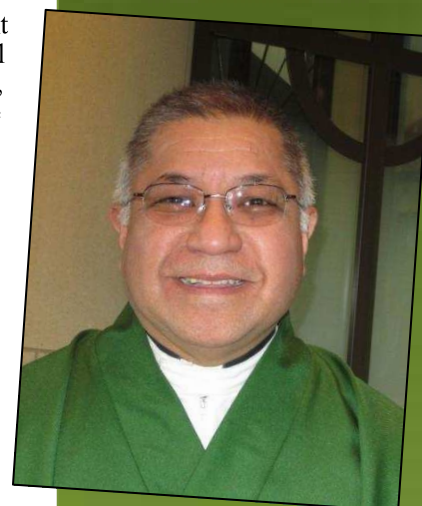
Just think what your input could mean! In the meantime, enjoy this edition of the newsletter and we'll see you at Mass!

In Christ,  
Fr. Rudy

## November 2012

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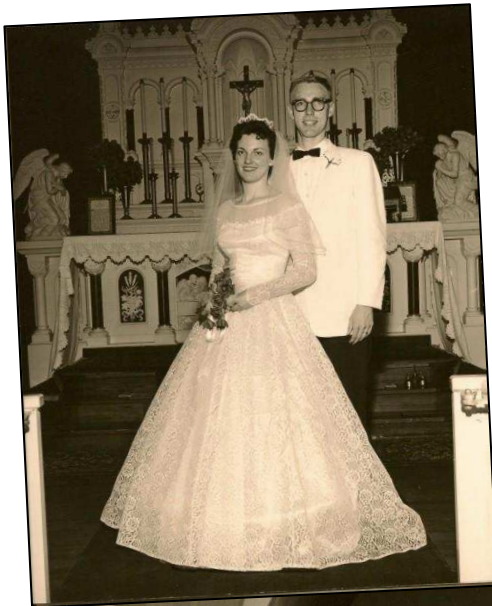
## View from the Pew – Fifty Years Ago

In Nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen. So began the Mass fifty years ago.

It does not seem like fifty years since Vatican II and all the changes in the Church. If we went back those fifty years, the “view from the pew” would be totally different.

The most notable difference would be that we would be looking at the back of the priest. The altar was more significant in size and style – more ornate. An altar railing would be between the congregation and the altar.

Everyone had their own missal with Latin on the left side and English on the right. The priest said the entire Mass in Latin and, if you did not keep up or use the missal, you had no idea what was being said. The congregation was not nearly as involved as we are today, more of an audience than a participant. The priest did the readings in English.



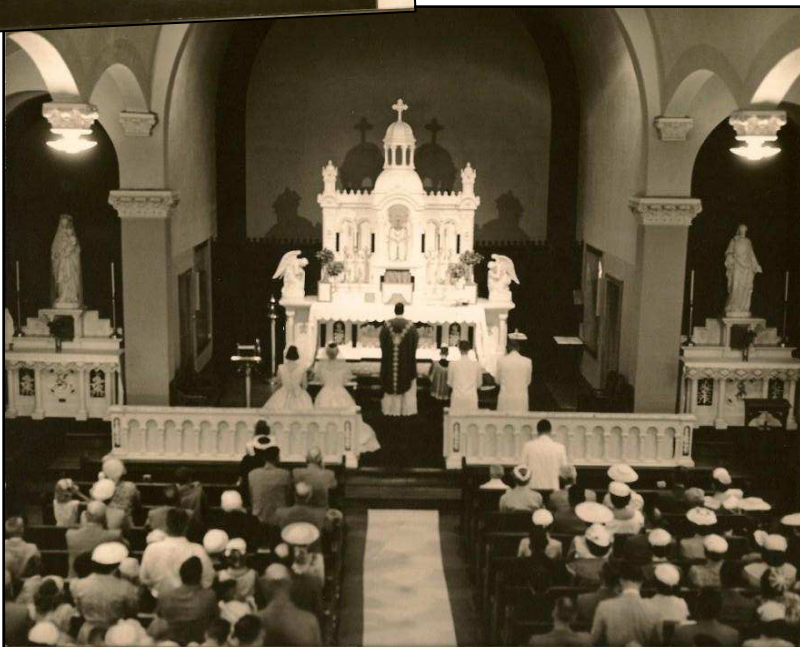
Many families went to confession once a month and ONLY received communion that Sunday, with communion only in the form of bread – the Body of Christ. Only the priest ever touched the communion Host. People receiving communion would kneel at the communion railing and the priest would place the host on their tongues. We would then rise and return to our seats. We were not supposed to chew the host at all and only the priest received the Blood of Christ. Oh yes, and we would FAST TOTALLY, not even water, from midnight the night before. Only boys served Mass and one of their duties was to hold the patent under the communicant’s chin, less a Host would drop. The altar servers were also required to respond in Latin to many prayers.

Women wore dresses or skirts, men dress shirts and ties, and most wore suits or jackets. The females would always cover their heads when entering the Church, even for errands or retrieving items. If you did not have a hat with you, a handkerchief was placed on your head, held in place with a bobby-pin. Most of the modern dress of today would be frowned upon (probably never worn) especially anything showing bare skin, for both men and women. Even wedding dresses had sleeves and mostly covered necklines.

How wonderful the many changes. Hopefully, this article will bring some family discussions of the “olden days.”

(P) Dominus vobiscum. (S) Et cum spiritu tuo. (P) Ite, Missa est. (S) Deo gratias. And we were dismissed.

-Betty Osland



# RELIGIOUS FREEDOM



*(The following is from a document released by the U.S. Bishops concerning the current governmental threat to religious freedom.)*

## PRAYER AND ACTION ARE NECESSARY TO KEEP OUR FIRST FREEDOM FIRST

When Pope Benedict visited the United States in 2008, he asked the U.S. bishops a question: “Is it consistent to profess our beliefs in church on Sunday, and then during the week to promote business practices or medical procedures contrary to those beliefs?” The Holy Father then answered his own question: “...Any tendency to treat religion as a private matter must be resisted. Only when their faith permeates every aspect of their lives do Christians become truly open to the transforming power of the Gospel.”

Although the full impact of the Holy Father’s words might not have been understood then, they have since proven prophetic. The Pope was challenging Catholics in the United States to resist the growing pressure to confine religious beliefs to houses of worship and to prevent the Church and individual believers from living out their faith in their day-to-day work and care for others.

The U.S. bishops have since raised numerous concerns over the increasing threats to religious freedom, especially the now-finalized rule of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which would force virtually all private health plans nationwide to provide coverage of sterilization and contraception—including abortifacient drugs.

While there is an exemption for certain “religious employers,” it only covers employers that serve people of their own faith. **Jesus and his apostles would not qualify. Mother Teresa would not qualify.** As the bishops noted in their statement, *United for Religious Freedom*, this is an extremely narrow and unprecedented federal definition of religion, resulting in coercion to act against our teachings and the violation of civil rights.

Federal law has long been generous in protecting the rights of individuals and institutions to not to act against their religious beliefs or moral convictions. Is that now changing? **Are we entering a time when the federal government may now force the Church—consisting of its faithful and all but a few of its institutions—to act against Church teachings?**

While we seek remedies from the White House, Congress, and the courts, the U.S. bishops have called upon the Catholic faithful, and all people of faith, throughout our country to join in prayer and penance for our political leaders, and for the complete protection of our first freedom—religious liberty. Prayer is the ultimate source of our strength—for without God, we can do nothing; but with God, all things are possible.

Additionally, we can support legislation that would correct the mandate's threats to religious liberty and conscience rights. The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act has been introduced in Congress (H.R. 1179, S. 1467) to ensure that those who participate in the market for health insurance “retain the right to provide, purchase, or enroll in health coverage that is consistent with their religious beliefs and moral convictions.”

For the latest developments on the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, or to find out more about writing your local representative, please visit [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience).

## Needleworkers’ Annual Bazaar



The Needleworkers hosted their annual craft and bake sale on October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>. Embroidered tea towels, doll clothes, scarves, aprons, afghans, and a variety of homemade items, plus delicious baked goods were offered for sale. A beautiful quilt, painstakingly sewn and hand-quilted by our talented quilters was featured. The lucky winner of the quilt raffle was Jim Doorley.



## Guillermo Treviño Jr.

My name is Guillermo Treviño Jr. and I am pleased to have my pastoral year internship here at St. Patrick. I have been a seminarian for the Diocese of Davenport for four years. At the Newman Center, we just started a vocation awareness group where Father Thom Hennen, vocation director for the Diocese, comes to help young men explore the idea of priesthood. I am helping the parish by teaching First Communion to the second graders, teaching fifth grade religious education at Regina, visiting Legacy and Bickford, and I will help out at Mercy Hospital.

My mother, Maria Treviño is from Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico. My father, Guillermo Treviño Sr (deceased) was from Saltillo, Coahuila, Mexico which is by Monterrey. He died when I was 14. Along with two younger sisters, we were all born in San Antonio in the late 80's. My dad found work in the Quad Cities and we moved to Moline, IL in 1989. I went to Ericsson Elementary School, John Deere Middle School, and Moline High School. My home parish is St. Mary's in Moline. I have 3 nieces and 1 nephew now too.

I'm 25 and will celebrate my 26th birthday on March 7. After high school, I was one of those, "what do I do with my life?" kind of guys. I spent four years at Black Hawk Community College as a political science and journalism major. I worked for Hola America, a bilingual newspaper in the Quad Cities and also taught family literacy to adults learning English. I met Father Rudy Juarez and Father Mottet during this time and was deeply inspired by them. They both encouraged me so I finally had the guts to go to seminary. I went to Conception Seminary College for two years, a Benedictine school in the middle of nowhere Missouri and earned a bachelor's degree in 2010. I just finished in my second year of theology at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein Seminary. God willing, that means it will be three more years before you can call me father.



## The Sacrament of Confirmation: Grace for Fullness of Faith and Life

This fall at St. Patrick, 52 teens begin their journey of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This special anointing of the Holy Spirit completes the Sacrament of Baptism. If baptism is the sacrament of re-birth to a new and supernatural life, confirmation is the sacrament of maturity and coming of age. Confirmation is a true sacrament instituted by Christ and different from baptism. It is administered by laying-on of hands and anointing with chrism accompanied by prayer. The chrism is blessed by the bishop and the bishop administers the sacrament. All baptized persons can and should be confirmed. By receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation, one is initiated into a way of life that involves a lifetime of learning about the faith, developing habits of good decision making and building relationship with Jesus and the Church.



This year, Bishop Amos will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation from our parish on Sunday, March 10, 2013 at the 10:00am Mass. Please pray for our Confirmation candidates as they prepare to commit themselves to the Lord.

## PET BLESSING

They came in all sizes, colors and breeds (and brought their masters)! In honor of St. Francis, 38 humans and 31 pets attended this special event on a cold and sunny Saturday on October 6<sup>th</sup> to receive a special blessing from Father Rudy. A special thank you to the parish KC's who helped to set up and coordinate the event activities. Gift bags were given to pet owners filled with dog & cat treats and goodies.



## Shining the 'Light' On Your Catholic Faith

Many of us have been challenged at some point in our lives to explain our Catholic faith. We hear questions such as, “Why do you confess your sins to a priest?” “Why do you pray to Mary?” “Why do you believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist?”

We love our faith, but when peppered with such questions, feelings of insecurity and anxiety sometimes can leave us feeling as if we don't know *how* to explain our beliefs.

With more than 7 million CDs distributed to parishioners in 4,000 parishes in 57 countries, Lighthouse Catholic materials are ideal for those curious about Catholicism or who are looking to deepen what they already know.

Patricia Ullrich, a parishioner at St. Patrick, explains why she listens to Lighthouse CDs.

*“I believe that to grow in grace, we must always be growing in our faith. How do I do that? I question, I learn, I argue with myself, and I always, always keep trying to be the woman I am meant to be. I do not always have smooth waters in this journey and I have found that Lighthouse CDs are not only an excellent source of continuing religious education but also a nurturing environment ... I most often listen to them in the car while I'm driving.”*

*“Fr. Larry Richards is a lively example of one of the excellent speakers on the Lighthouse CDs. Having spent many years teaching high school, he is refreshingly brazen in his love of the Lord and understands only too well the human-ness of the world... Don't pick a title you think you SHOULD listen to...pick one you WANT to listen to...Fr. Larry would agree that if you WANT to listen, you WILL!”*



We all wish we had more time to delve into the depths of our faith, whether it is learning about the Saints, the Mass, or our Blessed Mother. We yearn to explore the questions that seem to plague our days. We wonder what the purpose of life is, why suffering is present, and how we can heal relationships with those we love.

Maybe we know someone who has fallen away from practicing his or her Catholic Faith. No matter the situation, we are left wondering if there is something that we can say or do to bring them back to the Church who so desperately loves them.

In referring to the CD entitled “The Mass Explained” by Fr. Larry Richards, parishioner Bonnie Ready said,

*“The cover of this CD quoted someone as saying that hearing this CD jolted him out of his stagnation at Mass. I prefer to say it renewed my love of the Eucharist and its meaning during Mass... Do you realize that we can go to heaven each time we go to Mass and receive the body and blood of Christ? Jesus said to do this in remembrance of me and we accept the fact that this is the true body and blood of Jesus. The joy of this action can be felt. That is why the opportunity to go to Mass as often as possible makes one a happy, caring person in one's daily life*

Bonnie enjoys listening to Lighthouse CDs so much that she shared a couple of CDs with her adult children.

*“I mailed CDs that I thought would help my married sons in raising their families (“Discipline that Lasts a Lifetime” and “How to Apply Our Faith to Our Families”) “They were helpful for them to recognize the good job they are doing in helping their children grow in faith.”*

We all live busy lives and sometimes finding the time to “learn our faith so we can keep our faith” is difficult. Answering the call for a New Evangelization, Lighthouse Catholic Media presents inspirational CDs on topics of Catholic Faith presented by renowned Catholic speakers and authors- including Dr. Scott Hahn, Matthew Kelly, Jeff Cavins, and Fr. Larry Richards. These speakers and many more present exciting and powerful insights into the Catholic Faith that enrich and strengthen people's relationship with Jesus Christ and help them live out their faith in their daily lives.

You are encouraged to stop by the Lighthouse Catholic CD displays in the church Narthex and browse the various titles available. Each CD can be purchased for a donation of \$3.00 or you can take advantage of bundle pricing. Spanish CDs are also available. All donations go directly to St. Patrick parish and are used to purchase more titles.

When subscribing to the “CD of the Month Club,” Lighthouse will make a donation to St. Patrick Church and each month you will receive a NEW faith-filled CD sent straight to your mailbox. Also, FREE “Military Download of the Month Club” subscriptions are available to all military personnel, their families and veterans.

For more information, please contact Ministry Leader, Sheryl Schwager at (319) 351-1015.



## The Year Of Faith

In the Acts of the Apostles, we learn that God has opened the door of faith for the early Church. But did you know that God has opened the door of faith for each one of us and he invites us to step through the threshold into a deeper relationship with him. The upcoming Year of Faith is an opportunity for every Catholic to turn towards Jesus Christ, encounter him in the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist and rediscover the Faith and Church.

With his Apostolic Letter of October 11, 2011, **Porta Fidei**. . . , Pope Benedict XVI declared that a "Year of Faith" will begin on October 11, 2012 and conclude on November 24, 2013. October 11, 2012, the first day of the Year of Faith, is the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the **Second Vatican Council**. . . (Vatican II) and also the twentieth anniversary of the **Catechism of the Catholic Church**. During the Year of Faith, Catholics are asked to study and reflect on the documents of Vatican II and the catechism so that they may deepen their knowledge of the faith.

The upcoming Year of Faith is a "summons to an authentic and renewed conversion to the Lord, the One Savior of the world" (*Porta Fidei* 6). In other words, the Year of Faith is an opportunity for Catholics to experience a conversion – to turn back to Jesus and enter into a deeper relationship with him. The "door of faith" is opened at one's baptism, but during this year Catholics are called to open it again, walk through it and rediscover and renew their relationship with Christ and his Church.

-from [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org)



*"The 'door of faith' (Acts 14:27) is always open for us, ushering us into the life of communion with God and offering entry into his Church."---Pope Benedict XVI, Apostolic Letter Porta Fidei for the Indiction of the Year of Faith.*

The Year of Faith in the Diocese of Davenport began with a prayer service at St. Ambrose University commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of Vatican II and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. There are various events scheduled throughout the year and will culminate with a Year of Faith pilgrimage and closing liturgy at Prince of Prince Catholic Church in Clinton.

What does the Year of Faith mean for the average parishioner? Opportunity! This is our chance to connect with our faith, a re-conversion, if you will. As life goes, and being human, we are creatures of habits; we get busy. We attend Mass and say our prayers, we take care of our family, we work and then we find time for home maintenance, pay our bills, socialize and maybe even volunteer when we can. But do we take the time to remember why and how we are Catholic?



This year, Pope Benedict has offered us a special call to remember why we are Catholic. Here at St. Patrick's opportunities abound. Maybe, you can attend an Advent study series, Vespers on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, stop by the Adoration Chapel ANYTIME, plan to participate in a Lenten study series, join a bible study or catechism group. In the year to come, find these in the bulletin or website.

Maybe you are already part of a commission through the parish. You could ask your group to come a little earlier and spend some time studying the gospel for the next week or the 6 session bible study called "The Year of Faith: A Bible Study Guide for Catholics" by Fr. Mitch Pacwa. That's possible within the year!

Or, maybe your time is so limited you'll need to find a more individual way to recall your faith. Google search "year of faith" and a plethora of information will come up. You'll find resources for you individually and/or your family. ([catholicyearoffaith.com](http://catholicyearoffaith.com); [ewtn.org](http://ewtn.org); [relevantradio.com](http://relevantradio.com); [davenportdiocese.org](http://davenportdiocese.org); [usccb.org](http://usccb.org); [vatican.va](http://vatican.va); [annusfidei.va](http://annusfidei.va) just to mention a few!) Don't let November 2013 come along and say to yourself, "I shoulda joined a bible study group, I coulda gone to an adult catechism class, I woulda if I had known." Don't let 'shoulda, coulda and woulda' define your Year of Faith.

In the words of Pope Benedict XVI from "Porta Fidei", *The people of today can still experience the need to go to the well, like the Samaritan woman, in order to hear Jesus, who invites us to believe in him and to draw upon the source of living water welling up within him (cf. Jn 4:14). We must rediscover a taste for feeding ourselves on the word of God, faithfully handed down by the Church, and on the bread of life, offered as sustenance for his disciples (cf. Jn 6:51).*

Let's be like the Samaritan woman and go to the well!

## WELCOME, NEWCOMERS (& THEIR FAMILIES)!

Pedro and Deicy Acevedo  
Kevin and Adrienne Adams  
Joseph and Myrna Boyle  
Brian and Diane Bradford  
Janine Burkhiser  
Victor and Martina Camacho  
Iveth Carrion  
Ryan and Martha Cobb  
Dorothe Connell  
Ulises and Teresa Cruz  
Cristobal and Escolastica Diaz  
Carrie Eckermann  
Anthony and Rachel Fehr  
Jacqueline Hackbarth  
Robert and Elizabeth Hall  
David Harrell  
Joseph and Sarah Hoke  
Joseph and Carrie Hourigan  
Jaime Jacquez  
Maritza Rodriguez  
Brian and Lisa Joens  
Brian Knudtson

Bill and Rose Landers  
Casey and Renee Lehman  
Jeffrey Long  
Mary Leslie Flynn  
Leo Mahoney  
Andrea Reed  
Joe Mara  
Fabian and Yolanda Martinez  
Sofia Martinez  
Jade McAllister  
Robert Lovstuen  
Paul and Debra Michalski  
Hazel J. Miller  
Christopher and Jensina Milner  
Matthew and Debra Muckler  
Tom and Amy Nicknish  
Matthew and Heather O'Brien  
Tom and Annette Owens  
Gabriel Perez  
David Phillips  
Laura Symmonds  
David and Leigh Ann Poe

Rubén Principe  
Carlos and Maria Ramos  
Phil and Amanda Rushton  
Ed and Kathy Saehler  
Leslie Santos  
Ryan and Melanie Sextro  
Rob and Carrie Sladek  
Chang and Helena Soon  
Jim Speicher  
Rachel Helle  
Megan Streb  
John and Sheri Swenning  
Dan and Stephanie teDuits  
Mike and Amanda Tisinger  
Jose and Elizabeth Torres  
Guillermo Treviño  
Kacie and Pete Ungaro  
Jared and Michelle Vetsch  
Todd and Marlene Waikel  
Gary and Marcy Wolf

## STEPPING FORWARD IN FAITH

Many adults who enter the Catholic Church, or those thinking about it, follow a process known as RCIA- the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. As Ministry Leader for RCIA, Pam Gantz is usually the first face the candidates and catechumens see. She gets a chance to sit down with them and talk about where they are in their lives and why they are interested in coming into the Church. Pam and her team of volunteers lead the candidates through the RCIA process at St. Patrick- answering questions, leading discussions on various topics related to the Catholic Church, and guiding prospective participants in their discernment.

In addition to the numerous rites in which the candidates and catechumens participate throughout RCIA, they also learn about the tenets of the Faith, its sacraments, its traditions, and its theological principles. They enjoy fellowship with one another and have opportunities for prayer and reflection throughout the process. All the while, they are accompanied by individual sponsors- confirmed Catholics who serve as brothers and sisters of faith in their respective journeys, and can answer any questions they might have.

Pam enjoys seeing the gift of faith blossom in people's lives. "This is a wonderful way to come to know the Faith of the Catholic Church. It is a journey that will bring a new perspective into your life, along with peace and a greater understanding of God," she says.

If you are interested in more information about the RCIA process or you would like to volunteer as a RCIA Team member or sponsor, please contact Pam Gantz at (319) 430-6697.



Please visit the St. Patrick website to view photos of parish events and activities.  
[www.stpatsic.com](http://www.stpatsic.com)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### November

- 17 KCans 4 Life
- 22 Thanksgiving Mass - 9am  
– Office closed

### December

- 1 St. Nicholas Party
- 8 Immaculate Conception  
Mass @ 8:30am
- 9 Advent Service/Year of Faith  
Celebration / St. Patrick  
Choir/Iowa City Deanery  
@ 4:00pm
- 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Mass @ 7pm
- 15 KCans 4 Life

### January

- 1 Mary, Mother of God  
Holy Day Mass@10am
- 5 Seniors' Epiphany Party
- 19 KCans 4 Life
- 28 Chris Norton – Speaker

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### **DON'T MISS:**

**Advent Service / Year of Faith Celebration**  
Sunday, December 9 @ 4:00pm  
St. Patrick Church

### **WHAT:**

**Advent – A Four-Week Study and Reflection Group**  
*Rediscover Advent* by Matthew Kelly

### **DATES:**

Week 1- November 15, 17, 18  
Week 2- November 29, Dec 1, Dec 2  
Week 3- Dec 6, 8, 9  
Week 4- Dec 13, 15, 16

Contact Sheryl Schwager ([319](tel:3193511015)) 351-1015 to attend.

### **TIME/WHERE:**

Thursday evenings 7-8pm (St. Anne's Room)  
Saturday evenings 5:45-7pm @ Bob's Your Uncle Restaurant  
Sunday mornings 11-12pm (after Mass- meets in Parlor)

**Refer to bulletin, website and kiosk for more Parish Advent  
and Christmas Activities**