

Christ
You are my way,
my truth, and my life

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Mass Schedule

Tuesday.....5:30pm
Wednesday-Friday.....8:00am
Saturday Vigil Mass5:00pm
Sunday.....8:00am & 10:30am
Holy Day Masses.....*See Mass Schedule*

Sacraments

Penance/Reconciliation

Saturday.....4:00pm *or by appointment*

Sacrament of Baptism

Call Parish office to arrange.

Marriage

At least 6 months prep is required. Call the pastor.

Anointing of the Sick/Communion

Please keep the Parish Office informed of parishioners who are homebound, hospitalized, or in a nursing facility.

New Parishioners

We are glad you are here! To get acquainted and/or to REGISTER call the Parish Office during office hours .

Rosary

Thursdays 6:30pm & Sundays 5:30 pm



St. Patrick
Catholic Church

807 Tyler St. • Walkerton, IN 46574

May 3, 2026 • Fifth Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule

Saturday May 2

5:00 pm For all Holy Souls

Sunday May 3

8:00 am Stanley Kita+
By Edward & Kristina Urban

10:30 am For the Parish

Tuesday May 5

5:30 pm Lou D'Abbraccio+
By the Gene Clingenpeel Family

Wednesday May 6

8:00 am Edith Beem+
By Norm & Jean Ann Beem

Thursday May 7

8:00 am Janet Futa+
By Richard & Kathy Eichstedt

Friday May 8

8:00 am For Lily Brems Birthday
By Norm & Jean Ann Beem

Saturday May 9

5:00 pm Richard+ & Rita+ Eby
By Don & Mary Parker

Sunday May 10

8:00 am For the Braun Family Birthdays
By Suellen Braun

10:30 am For the Parish

Ministry Schedule

Saturday May 9 5:00 pm

Proclaimer Bob Rudecki
EMHC'S Sheree Rudecki
Server
Server

Sunday May 10 8:00 am

Proclaimer TJ Borton
EMHC'S Pam Davis
..... Suellen Braun

Sunday May 10 10:30 am

Proclaimer Joyce Palmateer
EMHC'S Dave Guseilla
..... Pauline Fraiser
Server

Money Counters... Joyce Palmateer
..... Sara Guseilla

Prayer Requests

Dear God, we place our worries in your hands; we place our hospitalized and infirm in your care; and we humbly ask that you restore them to health once more...

Helen Doan
Danny Beem
Nathan Braun
Kackie Chrapliwy
Pauline O'Hern - Fraiser
Jennifer Moritz
Terri Schmeltz
Ken Waite
Katherine Ganger
Lyla Hendryx
Bob Holland
Teresa Kemp

Dave, Kaye & Linda Laney
Donny Wyant
Jessica McGwin
Tom Rzepka
Brad Schmeltz
Travis Bunch
Msgr. Peter Smith
Lisl Stemmelen
Craig Vandenbouch
Shelley Anderson
Jaxon Bogard
Carol
Carolyn
Paula L.
William & Nancy Walker
Todd Zellers
Sheila Gomez
Larry Turner
Dave "Duck"
Kominkiewicz

Donna Banks
Thelma Stachowski
Stephanie McGwin
Judy (Holland) Lemler
Steve Beem
Jeanette O'Brien
Charlotte Walker
Alex Reyes
Lucas Bradshaw
Joyce MacMillan
Georgianne Compton
Joseph Seliga
Barbara Lymangrover
Ellen Swan
Peggy Bajer
Jeff Fansler
Al Allsop

*And all the parishioners who are homebound or reside in nursing homes.
Amen*

Parish News

NEED HOMEBOUND MINISTERS

Our homebound parishioners have been increasing, and its crucial to provide the Eucharist to them when requested. Jean Ann Beem currently serves many of these people, especially at Miller's Merry Manor, but we need more help. Please consider volunteering for this needed ministry by calling the church office. There is usually not a specific date and time that is requested therefore, it can be on your timeline. The Diocese does require background checks for your protection as you will be entering someone's home. All of the steps to do the background check is performed online.



SYNOD MEETING REPORT

On March 1st, 2026, St. Patrick Parish members met in Letko Hall for the Synod listening session meeting. Break out sessions took place in separate groups discussing important topics about the strengths and weaknesses of our Parish. Thank you to Andy Minnick who collected the feedback and summarized it in a detailed report. Thank you also to the Parish Council who organized and ran the meeting. You may find the full report on our website at www.saintpatricks.church under the Parish News Tab. If you would like a copy emailed or printed, please contact the Parish Office.

Parish News (continued)

CALLING ALL GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

We would like to recognize all of our young adults who are graduating this year during the 5:00 PM Mass on Saturday May 16th. Please notify the parish office if you will be attending.

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS

The question is often asked why you need religion at all. Can't you just be a spiritual person and go directly to God? Especially in the wake of scandal, doesn't it seem like all human institutions have failed in one way or another to transmit the Gospel to all people at all times?

Years ago a very popular Youtube video showed a man speaking poetry claiming that he loved Jesus but hated religion. This seems to be a modern response to the horrible tragedies that have happened in religious institutions over the course of history, and these tragedies should not ever go unnoticed or the victims of these tragedies be forgotten.

Though it may be coming from a genuine place of concern for people to say they don't need religion, it is clear from the very beginning that Jesus founded a religion, a visible Church. He knew better than anyone that people could come directly to him, but he didn't set it up that way. In today's First Reading we hear a beautiful story of the early Church organizing and ordaining more priests in order to serve the growing needs of the flock. Right from the very beginning in Acts 6 we see the need for a visible Church that can bring the visible Christ to visible people with tangible needs. Of course we can always go directly to God, but as human beings we often get in our own way. I know

many Protestant friends who ask God directly for forgiveness and then have to struggle through mental games wondering if they truly are sorry and repentant. One of the benefits to a visible Church and visible sacraments is that we don't need to guess. Even Catholics can go directly to God and make a perfect act of contrition, but we are required by Canon Law to confess our sins to a priest, not because the Church wants to assure that we feel embarrassed about our sins, but so that we can have the assurance of forgiveness.

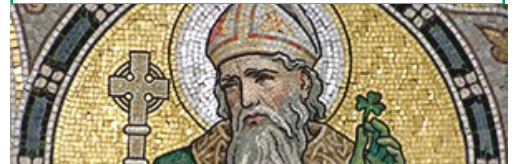
Though the Church is not perfect because it is full of very sinful people, myself included, being spiritual and not religious constantly leaves us wondering or worried about where we stand before God. With the Sacraments we need not worry, we have the assurance of Christ. So take hope during this Easter season that God has set up a Church, that it is a visible body with authority, and that by living in this Church we can be assured that God is working for our salvation, despite the things we do or the lies we believe. Why not have the best of both worlds? Let's make it a point this Easter season to be spiritual and also religious, clinging to the hope that Jesus brings through his death and resurrection.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless!

Upcoming Events

- May 3** Coffee & Donuts
- May 4** Eichstedt Family Church Cleaning
- May 10** Mother's Day
- May 16** Graduating Seniors Mass
- May 18** Kulp Family Church Cleaning
- May 19** Food Pantry Day Walkerton

Thursdays: 6:30 pm Rosary & Adoration
Sundays: 5:30 pm Rosary



Offertory

Regular Collection for April 19, 2026

Envelopes (41).....	\$1740.38
Loose.....	\$405.00
Special Envelopes.....	\$384.00
TOTAL Collection.....	\$2529.38

SPECIAL ENVELOPES

Capital Improve.....	\$25.00
Holy Land.....	\$17.00
Food Pantry.....	\$342.00

AMOUNT NEEDED WEEKLY

.....\$3568.00

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May 10 Catholic Charities

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