

CHURCH OF ST. PATRICK

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

CHURCH OF SAINT PATRICK

St. Patrick's Presents the annual Children's Christmas Pageant

"The Not So Silent Night"

Showtimes:

**Wednesday December 16 at 5:00 p.m.
and Sunday December 20 at 12:30 p.m.**

Does Christmas ever feel like it interrupts a schedule that's already too full? What if we miss the real excitement because of all the other noise in our lives? This year's pageant imagines what would happen if the shepherds were put on trial for disturbing the peace. How would courtroom drama rule on Christmas today?

Don't miss this incredible presentation of talent, with kids ages four to twelve singing traditional Christmas carols as well as new songs, and telling the traditional nativity story with some fun twists. Sheep, shepherds, angels, Mary and Joseph plus a cast of eccentric characters make this year's pageant lots of fun.

Don't miss it!



Scenes from last year's pageant which featured many happy shepherds, angels, kings and of course Mary.

Advent Prayer

Father,

As we wait together in hope during Advent season

We remember all that you have done for us.

We thank you for the gift of you Son,
Jesus Christ,

who is the true light of the world.

May we live in love during Advent and always
because of the coming of Jesus Christ.

Help us to share with others, and
treat all people with justice in your name.

All honor and praise be yours forever and ever.

Amen



*Have a blessed
Christmas.*



Christmas Fair - December 12 and 13!

Bring the family and head to the St. Patrick's Christmas Fair after Masses on December 12 and 13.

There will be crafts for the kids, cookies to decorate and over 25 tables brimming with gifts (many hand-made.)

The Fair will take place in the Celtic Center on Saturday after the 5:15 Mass but will be moved to the St. Martin's Hall on Sunday to handle the larger crowd.



NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Dinners are a Hit!

Come Join Friends and Family!

Church of St. Patrick

Family Dinner

6:00 p.m.

In the Mahon Center

Parents and children filled the Mahon Center on October 21 and November 18 to enjoy a delicious sit down meal with friends. The new "family style" approach was well received by everyone since no one had to stand in line to be served.

With the first two Family Dinners under their belts the Family Events Group is busy working on the next dinner, taco night, on January 20. The remaining dinners are planned for February 17, March 17 and April 28, but we need your help!

Volunteers are needed, and it is our hope that families attending will help in some way with at least one dinner. At each dinner we need volunteers for the following areas.

Morning set-up: 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Afternoon set-up: 4:30—6:00 p.m. Clean-up: 6:30—7:30 p.m.

One father suggested that clean up, which usually takes less than an hour, be handled by dads. If you are available on 20th, or for any of the other remaining dinners, let Brenda know. (bmclennan@stpatrick-edina.org)

Tickets, which are \$10 per family will be for sale in the lobby before classes the week before and night of each dinner. They will be sold on a first come, first serve basis until we are at capacity.

Mark your calendar

Parents Meeting for First Eucharist and important dates...

Parents who have a child receiving First Eucharist in May are invited to attend a meeting on **January 13 at 5:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the club room, on the lower level, at St. Patrick's.

This meeting is especially helpful if this is your first child to receive the sacrament.

First Communion will be celebrated at the Masses on **May 8 and 9th**.

All of the Second Graders and their parents will gather on **May 5, at 6:00 PM** for a special dinner and evening of final preparation.

Summer Camps for Kids at St. Pat's

Registration forms will be available in April.



VBS 2010

High Seas Expedition

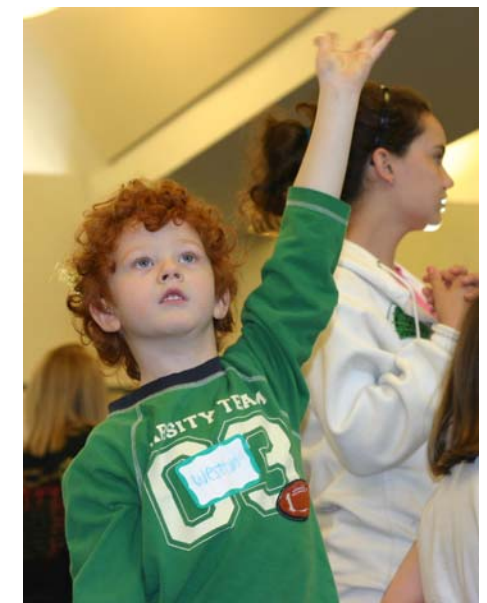
will take place **June 14-18** from 9:30-Noon

Children ages 4-11 are welcome to attend.

For more information go to <http://highseas.group.com/> and click on Bible Points.



SportsLife Camp



Is available for campers in Grades 1-5.

This year a new all day format will have campers enjoying the fun from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information will be sent home this spring.