



# SAINT PATRICK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## Parish Profile





# Welcome

Thank you for your interest in our parish. From the entire Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church congregation, we are delighted to welcome you. As we embark on this important journey to find a rector to lead and guide our community, we feel blessed and excited to introduce ourselves and share more about our church family with you.

## Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church

Our church, located in the heart of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, is a vibrant and loving congregation dedicated to living out our response to the love of Jesus Christ. We are an established parish with active engagement from the laity.

We seek a compassionate and dynamic priest who feels called to join us in our commitment to creating a welcoming and inclusive environment for all, and who embodies the values of kindness, empathy, and openness.

Thank you for considering this call to ministry at Saint Patrick's. We invite you to learn more about us by visiting our website at [www.saint-patricks.com](http://www.saint-patricks.com) and exploring the various aspects of our church life in this profile. We pray that God guides and blesses you in your discernment process and look forward to the possibility of welcoming you into our church family.

In Christ's love,  
Saint Patrick's Community



*"The ideal candidate will be passionate about building relationships, devoted to serving God through pastoral care, and enthusiastic about fostering a welcoming church environment."*



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# Our Mission Statement

**Saint Patrick's  
Episcopal Church  
will carry out the  
mission of the  
church by building  
a welcoming  
community where  
all people can find  
Christ in  
themselves and  
others by  
practicing the  
Gospel in the  
world.**





# Hospitality - How We Live Our Mission at Saint Patrick's

At Saint Patrick's, Christian Hospitality is a guiding principle that infuses every facet of our community.

We believe each person is created in the image of God and each is a unique part of the whole body of Christ.



We strive to welcome each person to Saint Patrick's, to engage them, to learn about their unique interests and gifts, and to include them in the life of the Church.

We maintain our connections through worship, pastoral care, Christian formation, shared meals, celebrations, activities, outreach, support and prayer.

*"Saint Patrick's is family where you feel God's presence, and all are welcomed and loved."*



# Worship

Traditional Rite II services are held Sunday at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. The 10:30 service includes Children's Chapel.

We have active participation from the Altar Guild, Greeters, Acolytes, Lay Readers, Oblationers, Chalicifers, and the Choir.

Our nursery is available for children 0-3 years old during both services and during the Christian Formation time period of 9:40-10:20 am.

The 10:30 am service is also live-streamed via Facebook and YouTube.

## Wednesdays

- Informal Rite II services are held at 6:30 pm and typically include a homily from Church laity. Childcare is also provided.



passing the Peace

is an active event  
at

Saint  
Patrick's



*"I experience God in so many ways: through the worship services, the people of Saint Patrick's, and the various activities. Just being a part of Saint Patrick's, I feel God's presence."*



# Music

Music plays a central role in our worship services, enhancing the spiritual experience and fostering a sense of unity among our congregation. Led by the music director, our volunteer choir brings a rich tapestry of voices to our gatherings, offering heartfelt musical expressions that uplift and inspire.

Whether accompanied by the organ's majestic tones or the piano's gentle melodies, the choir enriches our worship with hymns and anthems that resonate with the themes of each service.

Generally, we sing from the hymnal, weaving together tradition and devotion in every song.

*Make a joyful  
noise unto the  
LORD*



We acquired a set of hand bells, adding a new dimension to our worship experience. These hand bells, meticulously crafted and tuned, are integrated into select worship services, enhancing the beauty and solemnity of our musical offerings. Their clear, resonant tones fill the sanctuary with a unique blend of harmony, creating moments of reflection and spiritual connection for our congregation. The addition of hand bells has expanded our musical repertoire and deepened our collective worship experience, allowing us to express our faith and reverence through the universal language of music.



*Come into his  
presence with  
singing!*

*"I love the music - the organ music and singing are excellent. Hand bells are great."*





# 'Tis the Season

Each season brings its own opportunity to celebrate and reflect on God's graces. In the Episcopal tradition, the liturgical calendar is rich with distinct periods of observance, each offering unique ways to connect with our faith and community.



During Lent, we hold daily morning prayer led by laity and weekly Stations of the Cross. On Sunday night, Soup and Study invites our parishioners to embark on a journey of introspection and transformation based on an in-depth study of a particular topic. For the Triduum, we hold a daily service the three days preceding Easter Sunday: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. The Maundy Thursday service is followed by an all night prayer watch at the church. Good Friday observes the crucifixion and death of Jesus. Holy Saturday is a day of waiting and reflection before the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Saint Patrick's services at Easter are a profound celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The festivities typically begin with the Great Vigil at sunrise. This service includes the lighting of the Paschal candle, readings from Scripture, and the first Eucharist of Easter.

A second service of Easter is observed at 10:30 am and is marked by joyful hymns, the proclamation of the Resurrection Gospel, and the Eucharist. The liturgy often features elaborate decorations, including flowers and banners, symbolizing new life and the triumph of Christ over death. These services emphasize the themes of renewal, hope, and the promise of eternal life.



Similarly, during Advent, we prepare for Christ's coming with anticipation and joy. One of the highlights of this season is our Lessons and Carols service. This cherished tradition involves reading scripture passages that speak of the promise of the Messiah, and the birth of Jesus, interspersed with the singing of carols and hymns.

*"Saint Patrick's provides me spiritual nourishment through Holy days, especially during Lent and Advent."*



# Joyous Celebrations

Saint Patrick's Day is a cherished celebration in our church, honoring our patron saint with vibrant and meaningful events. We begin with a special liturgy dedicated to Saint Patrick, featuring readings and hymns that reflect his profound influence on our faith and heritage. The day continues with a shared meal. These activities celebrate Saint Patrick's legacy and strengthen our shared bonds through joyous and spirited participation.



In the fall, our church hosts a unique event to honor Saint Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals and the environment. We invite parishioners to bring their pets into the church for a special pet blessing ceremony. During this event, clergy offer prayers and blessings for the health and well-being of our beloved animal companions. This tradition underscores the importance of all God's creatures and highlights the joy and companionship they bring into our lives. The pet blessings are a heartfelt way to celebrate Saint Francis's legacy and our commitment to caring for all of God's creations.

At Saint Patrick's the cremains of beloved pets can be interred in our memorial garden and their names added to a plaque in our sacristy.

Through these observances, we experience the fullness of God's love and the hope of renewal in our lives and our collective faith community.

*"After 20 years, Saint Patrick's is not only our church family, but also our friends."*



# Pastoral Care

At Saint Patrick's, pastoral care is a fundamental practice that embodies our commitment to compassion, support, and spiritual guidance. We are committed to journeying with our community members through all of life's seasons. Our Priest, Deacon, Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEV) and volunteer parishioners provide a comforting presence, a listening ear, and practical assistance.

## Visitation

Hospital visits, lay Eucharistic visits, and visits to shut-ins are vital to our parish. These visits provide spiritual comfort, companionship, and a sense of community to those who are ill, homebound, or otherwise unable to attend church services. Lay Eucharistic Ministers play a crucial role in bringing the sacrament of Holy Communion to those unable to participate in the service.



## Funerals / Funeral Meals

Funerals in our community are deeply respectful ceremonies that honor the life and memory of the departed, providing a space for family and friends to gather, grieve, and find comfort together. Following the service, we often host potluck meals provided by parishioners, where loved ones can share stories, offer support, and begin the healing process in a nurturing, communal setting. These gatherings not only provide nourishment but also foster a sense of connection and solidarity during a difficult time.



In addition, we have periodic classes on funeral planning for the parish. Everyone is encouraged to give prayerful consideration to this important service.

## Grief Support

We are fortunate to have a retired deacon who has trained a highly dedicated grief support team. This team brings a wealth of experience and compassion, providing both spiritual and emotional support. They lead support groups, make home visits, and offer prayers, spiritual readings, and comforting conversations tailored to the unique needs of grieving individuals and families.

As they uphold and support the grieving, they also learn from, and are sustained by each other, and those they help. These team members become beacons of hope and reassurance, guiding those in mourning toward peace and hope through their faith.



*"Our funeral ministry and grief workshops have attracted folks to our parish."*





# Pastoral Care

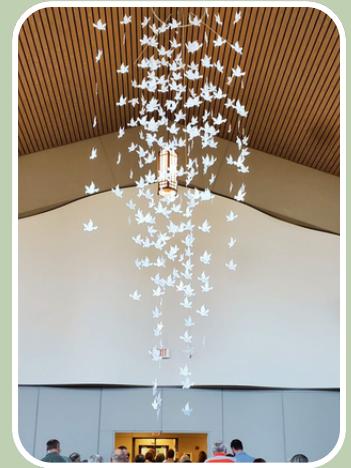


## Christian Burial

At the heart of our church grounds lies a serene sanctuary for remembrance and reflection: the Memorial Garden and Columbarium. This sacred space offers a haven for those seeking solace and connection with cherished memories. Within the tranquil garden, cremains are interred in the soil, and the names of parishioners and their loved ones are beautifully memorialized on a commemorative plaque.

## Remembering

On All Saints Day, the congregation gathers for a solemn ceremony where paper doves, each bearing the name of a deceased church member are hung over the baptismal font. This poignant act symbolizes peace and remembrance, honoring those who have passed away while reaffirming their enduring presence within the community of faith.



## Prayer Blankets

Prayer blankets, lovingly crafted by members of our community are blessed and prayed over by worshipers as they tie knots in the fringe. Recipients often find great comfort in knowing that they are wrapped in their community's collective prayers and support. The prayer blankets provide a tangible reminder that they are not alone in their journey.

*"I feel God's presence in being part of a community of people who care about me, in being able to help others in practical ways, and in working side by side with others to wash dishes and other practical tasks."*



# Pastoral Care

## The Power of Prayer

In our community, we are committed to harnessing the power of prayer by regularly praying for those in need. Our collective prayers aim to provide support, hope, and healing, ensuring that no one faces their challenges alone.

### Prayer Group

At Saint Patrick's, a group of parishioners volunteer to pray daily for those in need who have some connection to our parish. The needs are communicated regularly via email from our Parish Administrator with permission of the people involved.



### Service Award

Given at our annual meeting, the Outstanding Service Award is a heartfelt recognition of dedication and selfless contribution to our community. This award honors individuals who have consistently demonstrated a spirit of generosity, compassion, and unwavering commitment to our mission and values. Their exceptional service strengthens our congregation and inspires others to follow their example of faith in action. Through their tireless efforts, these honorees exemplify the true essence of servant leadership, and we are profoundly grateful for their impact on our church family and beyond.



*"I see God's love in the services I attend, in the pastoral care I receive, and in the programs we support via outreach. I love seeing groups in our community use our building for their needs as well."*



# A Saint for All Seasons



"Flat Pat" is the perfect companion for any vacation or activity. Whether it's posing by famous landmarks, lounging on the beach, or savoring local cuisine, "Flat Pat" adds a touch of fun and uniqueness to these special photos. This beloved figure helps create unforgettable moments while reminding us of the blessings Saint Patrick brings to our community.

*"When I go to service, listen to the readings, break bread with other members, and then hug and kiss those extended family members, I feel fulfilled and then want to go on with my week and love others."*





# Christian Formation

At Saint Patrick's, we deeply engage in our faith through sacred rites that enrich our spiritual life. These include baptism, which initiates believers into the Christian community; Journey in Faith, where members deepen their understanding of the liturgical structure and theological teachings; and confirmation, which strengthens this commitment to the faith.



Baptism initiates members into our faith community and provides an opportunity to renew our vows, symbolizing new beginnings and a commitment to Christ.



Journey in Faith provides a foundation of Christian teachings, guiding individuals in understanding and living out the principles of our faith.



Confirmation strengthens our commitment, affirming one's faith and deepening the connection to the faith.

Together, these practices enrich our spiritual lives, fortify our community, and strengthen our dedication to living as disciples of Christ.

*"I have really learned a lot at Bible Study and Christian Formation. I think it is important to continually learn more about Jesus."*



# Christian Formation

At Saint Patrick's, we strongly emphasize education as a cornerstone of our faith journey. We offer enriching opportunities through Bible study, book study, Journey in Faith, Education for Ministry and children's programs. Classes are inquiry style - encouraging participation and engagement.



## Sunday School

Two adult classes, one led by the Priest, and the other by lay leadership. Various topics are covered each week.

## Creation Station

Each week, our children participate in lay-led lessons that follow the lectionary. To enhance these lessons, we incorporate craft projects that offer a hands-on approach to exploring and reflecting on the spiritual messages.



## Bible Study

Lively sessions invite individuals to delve deeply into Scripture, fostering a better understanding of God's word and its application to daily life. This group has been meeting for over 25 years and now averages over 20 participants each week.

## Lectionary Study

This Monday morning meeting offers a platform to explore the upcoming Sunday readings, fostering thoughtful discussion and personal reflection.



## Journey in Faith

This program guides catechumens and people renewing their faith through the core tenets of Christianity, supporting their spiritual growth and strengthening their relationship with God.

## Education for Ministry

A four year small group formation program based on study and practice in theological reflection. Participants nurture their call to Christian service, bringing it into conversation with their experiences of the world.



*"There is a smorgasbord of Bible study classes available to help with my spiritual journey."*



# Outreach

One mission at Saint Patrick's is to embody and spread God's love by addressing the critical issue of food insecurity in Oklahoma. We are dedicated to providing emergency hunger relief by distributing non-perishable food items through our Saint Patrick's Blessing Box.

Stocked by volunteers from the church, our food pantry provides essential groceries to families in need. This process is entirely anonymous and barrier free, to ensure we preserve the dignity of all participants.. Through compassionate service and unwavering commitment, we strive to make a tangible difference in our neighbors' lives, reflecting God's love and grace in all that we do.



Through outreach, we aim to nurture a supportive and caring community that reaches beyond the walls of our church.



*"We found the outreach activities to be significant and love the hearts of the people involved."*





# Outreach

Service is at the heart of our faith. We are engaged in many activities and invite our community to participate at all levels.

## Outreach Projects



Blood drive every three months

Collected donations for various organizations including Day Center for Homeless, Public Schools, Blue Star Mothers, Angel Tree, and Family and Children’s Services



Parish volunteers worked to bring a refugee to reunite with family members



Butterfly Garden - to care for our earth

Meeting space for AA, Al-Anon, Girl Scouts and the Broken Arrow Bridge Group



Our Christmas offering in 2023 was used to reduce a sizable amount of lunch debt for local public school students

## *Our Community Speaks of Service*

*Service oriented outreach*

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*Lots of ways to connect*

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*History of community involvement*

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*Community that “shows up”*

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*Grants from Saint Patrick’s Gratitude Trust*

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*Motivated to serve*

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*Quiet outreach – never overbearing*

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*Opportunities for local, national and international involvement*

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*Vibrant and active community*

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*People always respond to needs*



# Fellowship

Through fellowship groups, members build meaningful relationships, grow in their understanding of scripture, and encourage each other in their walk with Christ. They provide a safe space for individuals to express their struggles, celebrate their victories, and experience God's love through the care and companionship of fellow believers.

## Women's Group

The Women's Group is open to all women of the parish eighteen years and older. The mission of this group is for the women of Saint Patrick's to get to know each other better, in the spirit of Christ, through friendship, laughter, service and knowledge. Currently, the group meets for a variety of activities which are announced through church publications and emails. This group also sponsors an annual retreat which provides a time for rest, relaxation, and reflection.



## Men's Group

The Men's Group meets regularly for fellowship. All men eighteen and older are welcome to participate in the various activities of this group throughout the year. Activities are publicized in the weekly newsletter and Sunday bulletin. The Men's Group sponsors the Annual Chili Cook-off and Silent Auction in January and the Shrove Tuesday dinner to provide money for summer camp scholarships for all Saint Patrick's camp participants.

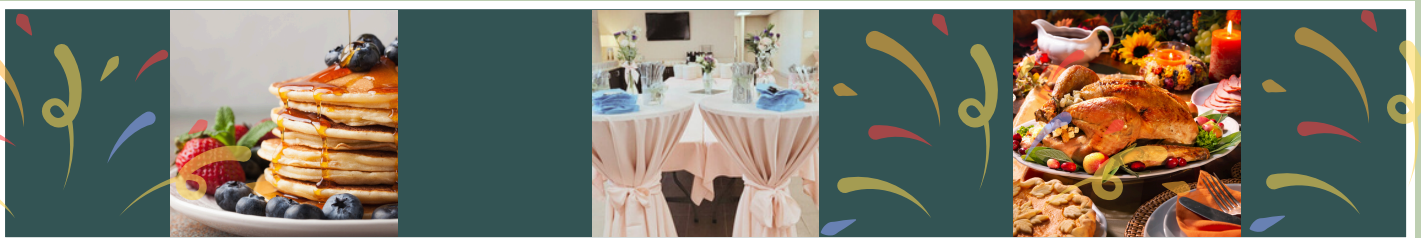


## Silver Saints

The Silver Saints group offers social and spiritual activities specifically for older members of the parish and the community at large. The "membership" requirement for the group is eligibility for retirement benefits or anyone 60+ years of age. The group enjoys an activity once a month on the third Thursday of the month.



Other activities throughout the year include Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Easter Brunch and Thanksgiving Dinner.





# Celebrating Youth

Celebrating youth at Saint Patrick's is essential to nurturing our younger members' spiritual growth and development. By honoring their unique contributions and perspectives, we create a vibrant and inclusive community that reflects the dynamic nature of God's love. Youth groups provide a supportive environment where young people can explore their faith, build lasting friendships, and engage in meaningful service projects. These groups foster a sense of belonging and empower our youth to participate actively in the church's life. Through special events and recognition ceremonies, we acknowledge the energy, creativity, and passion that our young members bring to our congregation. Celebrating our youth strengthens their connection to the church and inspires the congregation to grow together in faith and service.



Before Youth Group (BYG) offers programs and activities for younger children to begin their spiritual journey in a nurturing and engaging environment. These early childhood programs introduce foundational biblical stories, simple prayers, and songs that teach the love and teachings of Jesus Christ. Through social activities, fellowship, and play, young children learn about God's love and the values of kindness, compassion, and community. Each summer Vacation Bible School extends these experiences. BYG prepares children to transition to Saint Patrick's Youth (SPY), ensuring a seamless continuation of their faith formation as they grow older.

Saint Patrick's Youth (SPY) provides a safe and supportive space where teenagers can explore their faith more deeply, ask challenging questions, and develop a personal relationship with God and with each other. Through regular meetings and discussions, youth are encouraged to reflect on their beliefs and how they can live out their faith in everyday life. The youth group also engages in service projects, mission trips, and community outreach, fostering a sense of social responsibility and compassion. Additionally, these groups offer opportunities for leadership development, allowing youth to take on roles that build their confidence and skills. By participating in these activities, middle and high school students form strong, faith-based friendships and are equipped with the spiritual and moral foundation to navigate the complexities of adolescence and beyond.



Near Seminole, Oklahoma, Saint Crispin's Camp is a welcoming and inclusive retreat dedicated to nurturing the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of all its campers. At Saint Crispin's, children experience life-changing beauty, joy, and friendships in a truly special environment. Every year, Saint Patrick's proudly sends a group of children to participate in this enriching experience. The Men's Group supports this initiative by organizing various activities throughout the year to raise funds, ensuring our children have the opportunity to attend.



In recognition of the dedication and contributions of our youth group members, Saint Patrick's proudly offers a yearly scholarship for graduating high school seniors who are heading to college. This scholarship aims to support our youth in their academic and spiritual journeys, easing the financial burden of higher education.





# Our History

Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church began in 1995 as the union of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church of Broken Arrow and Saint Columba of Iona Episcopal Mission in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



1961 - Saint Andrew's holds the first service on Palm Sunday

1963 - Saint Andrew's becomes a Diocesan Mission

1982 - Saint Andrews awarded parish status

1991 - Saint Columba of Iona Mission begins

1994 - Saint Andrews and Saint Columba of Iona unite in November

1995 - The new congregation of Saint Patrick's installed its first vestry

2000 - Saint Patrick's begins operating in its new building on 81st Street in March

Saint Andrew's, named after the patron saint of Scotland, originated when a group of Episcopalians held the first service on Palm Sunday at Kennard's Funeral Home sponsored by the clergy of Saint Luke's of Tulsa, Oklahoma in 1961.

As the membership of Saint Andrew's grew, they met in various locations in Broken Arrow before breaking ground for their own Chapel in 1962 and becoming a Diocesan Mission in 1963. Saint Andrew's was awarded parish status in 1982.

Saint Columba of Iona, named after an Irish saint who evangelized in Scotland, was started in 1991 to take advantage of the growth in southeast Tulsa and met at Union Intermediate High School.

The two churches had considered merging, and when the priest at Saint Andrew's was called to serve in a parish out of state, the plan to unite these churches became a reality in November of 1994.

In 1995, the new congregation of Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church installed its first vestry serving 288 members at the Saint Andrew's facility at 500 North Ninth Street in Broken Arrow.

*"From little acorns grow mighty oaks"*

*Let's build a parish that excels among other things in hospitality, vital worship, loving outreach, and care for those in need.*



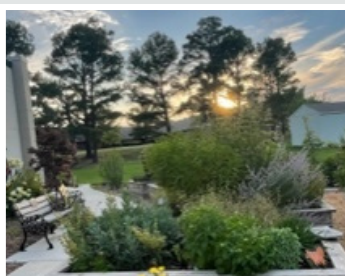
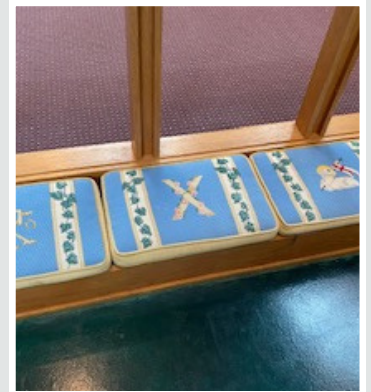
# Facilities

In 2000, the foundation for a new church facility was laid with a vision of creating a welcoming space for worship and community gathering. The initiative was spearheaded by a dedicated group of congregants who recognized the need for a larger and more versatile venue to accommodate their growing membership. Fundraising efforts, volunteer labor, and donations from the local community played a crucial role in bringing the project to life. By the end of the year, the initial phases of construction were completed, marking the beginning of a new chapter for the church and its mission to serve and unite the community.



At the entrance, greeters warmly welcome everyone. We pass through our parish hall to enter the Nave, offering ample opportunities to engage with one another.

Imagine walking into a space with high ceilings that bathe the area in light. Upon entering the Nave, the first thing that catches your eye is the baptismal font, the beginning of our Christian faith. Our font includes water from the River Jordan. The chairs in the Nave are moveable, allowing for flexible seating arrangements, including cathedral seating where we can face each other during Lent and Advent.



Outside, you can enjoy the serene butterfly garden, a peaceful memorial garden, and a vibrant children's play area. These outdoor spaces provide additional places for reflection, remembrance, and joy, enhancing the community experience.

In March of 2007 an educational wing was added to provide space for education, meetings and outreach. Another expansion occurred in 2016 to create office space and remodel our parish hall, kitchen, restroom facilities and lobby. The facility now encompasses 16,300 square feet.





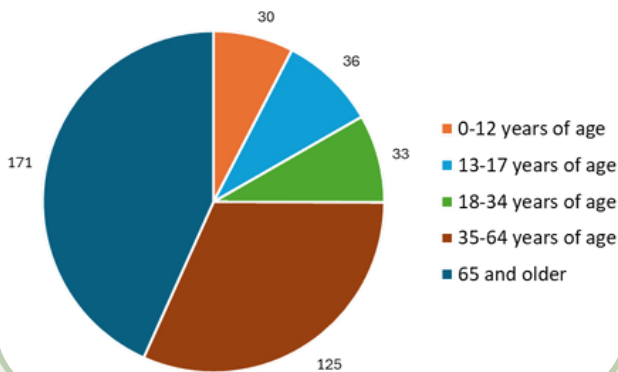
# Demographics

Over the last 28 years, we have seen growth year after year in all areas of our parish. Below are statistics based on our 2023 Parochial Report.

**395**

Baptized members as of 12/31/23

Demographics by Age



**183**

Average weekly attendance

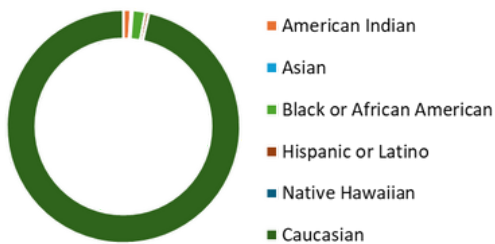
Worship Service Attendance  
In Person and Online



- 55 - Private Eucharists (delivered by LEV)
- 332 - Easter attendance
- 213 - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day attendance

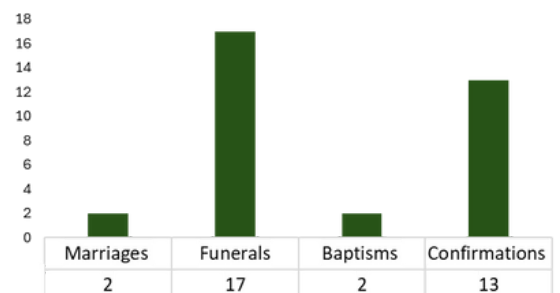
We are eager to increase the diversity of our community

Demographics by Ethnicity



We are blessed to share the sacraments with our community.

Sacraments



>50 volunteers

>200 recipients

Are engaged in our community outreach programs.

Together, they transform our outreach programs into lifelines of hope, dignity, and human connection.

>100 adults

50 children

Attend religious education / formation on a weekly basis.





# Financials

Saint Patrick’s parish is a fiscally conservative, financially solvent congregation, with a significant cash position that can be utilized in the event of unforeseen monetary shortfalls. We have presented very conservative income budgets every year, consistently proposing budget deficits over the past ten years that have, without exception, ended up being balanced (or in surplus status) by the end of each year.



Guided by financially competent leadership, we have created liquid financial “shock absorbers” in the event of any financial shortfalls. Over the past ten years, Saint Patrick’s has never had to dip into these reserves, and has operated out of its cash flow month-to-month and year-to-year.

Saint Patrick’s currently has reserves well in excess of \$400,000 maintained in its brokerage account. In addition, the Gratitude Trust, which was established in 2009, has a current balance of \$212,000. It is authorized to award grants totaling 4% of the principal each year for programs that meet the criteria in four specific areas: Youth, Education, Outreach, and Evangelism.

Two memorial scholarship funds were established, the Amy Judin Best Scholarship and the Judge Fred H. DeMier Scholarship. There is also a small scholarship fund for EFM tuition assistance.

	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net
<b>2020</b>	\$599,648	\$505,314	\$94,334
<b>2021</b>	\$465,595	\$455,562	\$10,033
<b>2022</b>	\$614,393	\$561,666	\$52,727
<b>2023</b>	\$659,546	\$640,431	\$19,115
<b>As of June 30, 2024</b>	\$291,257	\$318,458	(\$27,201)



# Looking Forward

Our parish conducted a survey with responses from 145 members. The previous pages in this profile describe what we identified as successful and nurturing to us in our quest to live our mission. But we also identified many challenges and goals for the future. We hope a new rector will help us navigate our challenges, encourage us to achieve our goals, and inspire us to look beyond our present aspirations.

We value pastoral care and clergy involvement in the activities of our parish. In the past, we have supported a successful curacy program. Other options for increasing clergy support would be hiring a youth/young adult minister, a second deacon, or an additional priest. We recognize this will require increased financial support from the parish, and a goal of presenting that information to the parish in a transparent way has been suggested.

We hope to expand our membership among young adults and youth by offering a variety of programs that cater to their needs. This includes an evening Bible study, an expanded children's Sunday School, enhanced youth programs, and fellowship and educational opportunities specifically designed for young adults and young families.

Many parishioners are interested in creating an expanded pastoral care ministry. We could expand on our current LEV team and include training and clergy support for volunteers willing to make hospital visits, nursing home visits, and home visits to shut-ins. The goal would be to support our priest and fellow parishioners with these efforts.

We have identified a need to increase our administrative staff and improve our technology to continue to serve the parish we hope to grow to be in the future.

Along with youth and young adult membership growth, we would like to see more diversity in our parish. We hope to continue to foster our relationship with the Raindrop Turkish House. Cultural competency training, outreach programs and promoting diverse leadership could help us meet these goals. Celebrating different cultural traditions and fostering open dialogue about diversity will help create a more vibrant church community.

Maintaining our infrastructure is essential. Exploring modern solutions like electric car plug-ins and solar panels have been proposed. We are currently looking at improvements to our playground and back patio. Suggestions for the future include building multipurpose rooms, a chapel, a prayer room, a bookstore and a thrift shop.



# About the Area

Tulsa, Oklahoma, situated in the northeastern region of the state, is celebrated for its rich history, vibrant culture, and strong sense of community. As the second-largest city in Oklahoma, Tulsa is home to over one million residents in its metropolitan area and serves as a central hub for the arts, education, and industry. Its next door neighbor is the suburb of Broken Arrow.



Home to Saint Patrick's, the City of Broken Arrow offers both small-town charm and big-city amenities. Some of Oklahoma's most scenic natural areas surround the community, making it a top spot for outdoor activities, while its cultural attractions draw people seeking arts and entertainment, especially in the downtown Rose District. There you will find restaurants, shopping, and a seasonal Farmer's Market. Broken Arrow also includes three hospitals, lovely neighborhoods, and excellent public and private schools. Holland Hall, an Episcopal school serving preschool through high school students, is four miles west of the Church.



One of Tulsa's crown jewels is the Gathering Place, a 66-acre riverfront park that offers a wide array of activities and attractions for people of all ages. The Gathering Place features beautifully landscaped gardens, adventurous playgrounds, sports courts, and scenic trails. The Gathering Place has been voted USA TODAY's Best City Park for 2024 and hosts numerous cultural events, concerts, and festivals throughout the year.



In addition to its architectural heritage, Tulsa is home to two world-class museums that house extensive collections of Native American and Western art. The Tulsa Route 66 Commission, an official commission of the City of Tulsa, recently secured a copyright on the term "Capital of Route 66."



Tulsa's community is diverse and welcoming, with numerous opportunities for engagement and service. The city's neighborhoods are known for their individual character and charm, offering a range of activities and amenities for families, young professionals, and retirees alike. The city's vibrant faith community is an integral part of its identity, with many churches, including our own, playing a crucial role in supporting and enriching the lives of residents through various ministries, outreach programs, and community events.







# Our Team



The Reverend  
William "Bill" Martin  
Interim Rector



Betsy Brown  
Concierge/Fellowship  
Coordinator



The Reverend  
Jim Welch  
Deacon



Reagan Shull  
Youth Leader



Suzanne Shepherd  
Parish Administrator



Abby Kimbrough  
Youth Leader



Lisa Strickland  
Financial Assistant



Savannah  
Thompson  
Nursery



Annelise Farmen  
Interim Choir Director



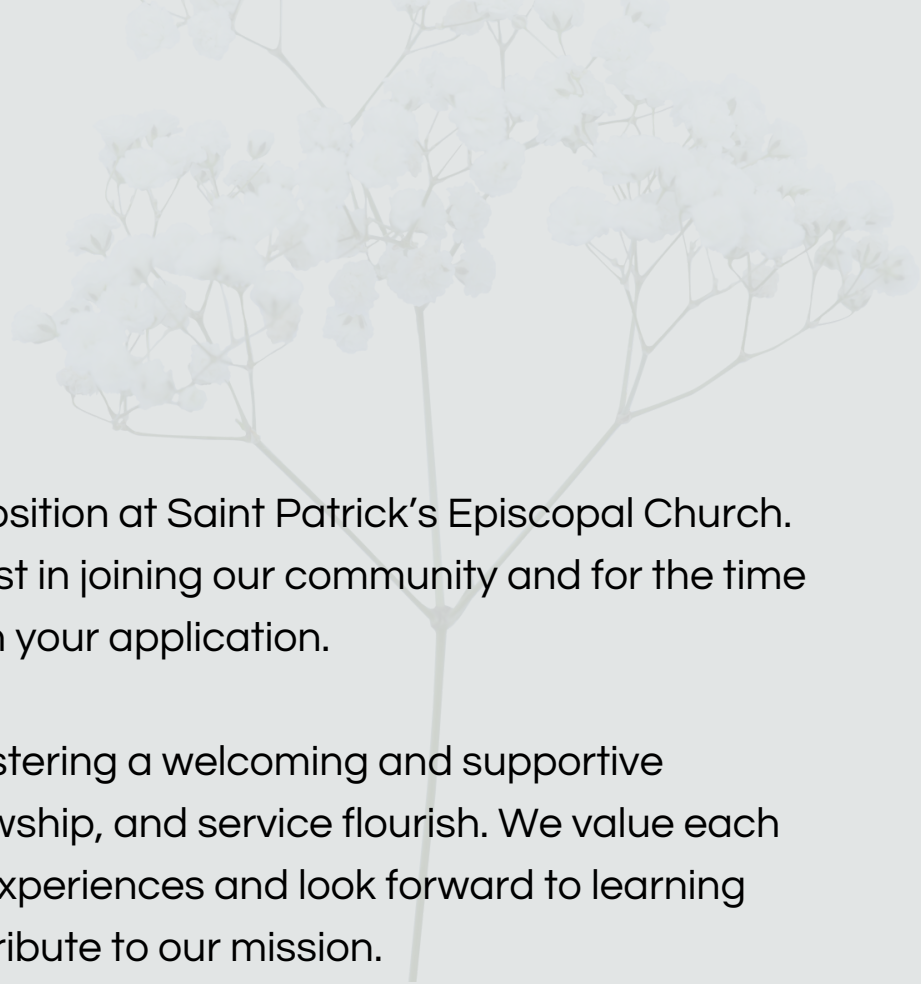
Cindy Ritter  
Deacon (Retired)



Colette Meyer  
Interim Organist



Brad Fritz  
Digital Media  
Coordinator



# Thank You

Thank you for considering a position at Saint Patrick's Episcopal Church. We are grateful for your interest in joining our community and for the time and effort you have invested in your application.

Our church is committed to fostering a welcoming and supportive environment where faith, fellowship, and service flourish. We value each candidate's unique gifts and experiences and look forward to learning more about how you can contribute to our mission.

Your dedication to pursuing this opportunity with us is deeply appreciated, and we pray for God's guidance and wisdom during this process.

If you have any questions or would like clarification on any of our services or programs, please call or email. We would enjoy hearing from you!

Faithfully,

Saint Patrick's Parish Family



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