

LABELS ARE FOR JARS™

ABOUT ST. PATRICK PARISH

Founded in 1872 to serve the needs of a primarily Irish immigrant population, St. Patrick's has evolved into a multi-ethnic, multi-lingual, multi-generational family in the growing Lawrence community.

At St. Patrick's, more than 2000 people worship each week in three languages – English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. More than 1,000 parish volunteers coordinate approximately 75 ministries and organizations that involve people of all ages and needs. Every year, more and more parishioners sacrifice their time and talent in programs of spiritual development, youth ministry, adult education, pastoral care, and social service outreach.

St. Patrick's has an excellent elementary school, founded in 1906, which today educates approximately 400 children in pre-school through eighth grade. Students at the school represent the full ethnic, linguistic, religious, and economic diversity of the people of Lawrence.

St. Patrick's parishioners focus much attention on the social needs of the City of Lawrence. A wonderful city, Lawrence faces very significant challenges economically, socially, academically, and spiritually. Certain problems in Lawrence – including poverty, hunger, drug addiction, teenage pregnancy, the breakdown of families, and violence – can sometimes seem so enormous as to be insurmountable. It is this type of adversity that serves as the foundation for the people and supporters of St. Patrick's to have created the Cor Unum Meal Center and Labels Are For Jars projects.

In the midst of the darkness experienced by many in Lawrence, St. Patrick's is a bright light. At St. Patrick's, it is believed that deep challenges should be viewed with hope as opportunities for a better future.

To learn more about St. Patrick's, please go to the parish's extensive website, saintpatrickparish.com

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