

MyParish App

1. Open the App Store (Apple users) or the Google Play Store (Android users).
2. Search for “myParish app”. You should see it listed near the top of the search results - look for the logo of blue background with the white cross with a circle around it.
3. Download the app. If asked to allow notifications, say “yes”.
4. Upon opening the app, there will be some “intro slides” that you can read through or skip at the bottom.
5. On the next screen, you will be prompted to “Find My Parish”. Type in the zip code 61705 and St. Pat’s of Merna will be the only parish that shows up.
6. Select St. Pat’s, then click “get started”. You will then be taken to the main page of the app and can explore from there.
7. Be sure notifications are turned on to receive any messages we send out! You can check this on your phone via the “Settings” app.



Texting

1. Text spm-join (no spaces) to the number 55321. You should receive a response that will contain a link for you to complete your profile.
2. Upon completing your profile, you should begin receiving our text announcements! We try hard to limit the amount of texts sent out so that we aren’t bombarding you, so you may not receive your first text for several days.

Facebook and Instagram

1. When you open Facebook or Instagram either on a computer or via the app on your device, click “search” and enter “St. Patrick Church of Merna.”
2. Our page should show up as the first search result (look for our shamrock logo as the profile image).
3. We post a lot of information on our social media pages - upcoming events, reminders about things like Adoration and Confession times, our weekly Mass livestream (Facebook only)... as well as informative posts with stories about Saints, Holy Days, Novenas, and more!
4. Be sure to check out our newest feature - Homily Highlights! Usually posted on Wednesday afternoons, the Homily Highlight is a short (90 second) video highlighting an important take-away of the homily given at Mass the prior weekend.

YouTube

1. Our weekly Mass livestream is also available on YouTube. Simply search for “St. Patrick Church of Merna”, and when we are live-streaming, the video will show up. You can visit our channel to view past livestreams, as well as other content we’ve created and shared.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Cook, Communications Director, at jenny@stpatrickmerna.org.