

**MASS INTENTIONS: Jan 6th to Jan 14th**

Saturday 5pm †Agnes Templeton (Joe Dwyer)  
 Sunday 8am The People of St. Patricks Parish  
 10am Living & Deceased members of the John H. Gottschalk Family (Irene Ritz)  
 Mon 8am †Richard (Dick) Volmer (Tom & Beth Westhoff)  
 Tues 5:30pm †Lois Bevans (Charlotte Stottmann)

Wed. 8am †Thressa Volmer (Rose Brungardt)  
 Thur 8am †Patrick Flynn (Charlotte Stottmann)  
 Friday 8am †Ethel Moriarty (Joe Dwyer)  
**Next Weekend's Intentions:**  
 Saturday 5pm †Merlin Gottschalk (Ilene Ritz)  
 Sunday 8am People of St. Patricks Parish  
 Sunday 10am †Angela M. Santos (John & Gay Santos).

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST. PATRICK'S THIS WEEK:**

Sun. Jan 7 \*RCIA 8am  
 \*Church Christmas Decor. Removal 11am  
 Mon Jan 8 \*Rosary 7:30am  
 \*Mass 8am  
 Tue Jan 9 \*Rosary 5pm  
 \*Cursillo 5:30pm  
 \*Mass 5:30pm  
 \*K of C Meeting 7pm  
 \*NFP Intro. Class (Creighton Method) 7pm  
 Wed Jan 10 \*Rosary in the Church 7:30am  
 \*Mass 8am  
 \*PSR Family Night 5:30pm  
 \*CYM 7pm  
 \*Virtus Classes 7pm  
 Thur Jan 11 \*Rosary 7:30am  
 \*Mass 8am  
 Fri Jan 12 \*Day of Penance: abstinence from meat, prayer and works of mercy, reading of the Sacred Scripture for an outpouring of God's mercy and the Holy Spirit's gifts of Holiness and strength upon the Church.  
 \*Kapaun's 5:30am  
 \*Rosary 7:30am  
 \*Mass 8am  
 Sat Jan 13 \*Rosary 6:30am  
 \*Cursillo 7am  
 \*Church Cleaning 8am  
 \*Confessions 3:30pm  
 \*Mass 5pm  
 Sun Jan 14 \*RCIA 8am  
 \*Mass 8am  
 \*Mass 10am  
 \*K of C Free-Throw Shoot 1pm

**Next Week**

**Altar Servers:**  
 Jan 13 5pm K Waun, K Waun, E Wheat  
 Jan 14 8am L Forbes, R Barger, C Westhoff  
 10am I Mann, O Feess, A Farris  
**Extraordinary Ministers:**  
 Jan 13 5pm Teresa Bogner  
 Jan 14 8am Cindy Dhooghe  
 10am Doug Holzem  
**Lector:**  
 Jan 13 5pm Scotty Zollars  
 Jan 14 8am Jeff Perez  
 10am Allison Colson  
**Offertory Gifts:**  
 Jan 13 5pm Rod & Denise Fleming  
 Jan 14 8am Frank & Elaine Chandler  
 10am Mike & Florence Keal  
**Ushers:**  
 Jan 13 5pm Mike & Janelle Carson/ M McKinney / I Ritz  
 Jan 14 8am Aaron & Terri Saye / C & Sheryl Johnson  
 10am R & Mary Jo Fitzwater / J Heppler  
**Money Counters:**  
 Jan 14 Mike & Janice Duloherly / Ray & Mary Feess

**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH:**  
 DEC. 30TH - DEC. 31ST  
 NEEDED: \$17,081.46 RECEIVED: 13,207.76  
 PARISH CHRISTMAS CALL TO DATE: \$15,812.19  
 CHRISTMAS CALL TO SHARING TO DATE: \$7235.00  
 OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS \$2500.00

**REMINDERS**

\*If you would like a Printout of your 2017 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call the rectory.  
 \*Please pick up your 2018 Contribution envelopes in the parish hall. Make sure your name is on the box.  
 \*The monthly prayer list will begin anew Feb 1st - with a clean slate. If there is a prayer intention you'd like to see remain on the monthly list, please call the rectory so it can be added to the new list.

Thank you

**Stewardship Reflection:  
 January 7th, 2108**

Today is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. For centuries we as Catholics celebrated this Feast on Jan. 6, but the decision was made a number of years ago (at least in the United States) to celebrate the Epiphany on the Sunday which falls between Jan. 2 and Jan. 8. "Epiphany" means "manifestation." It is on this day that Jesus Christ, the Messiah, is revealed as the light of all nations.

Officially Christmas is not over. In fact, the recommendation of the Church is that on this day those who display a crèche, a nativity or manger scene, should replace the shepherd and sheep with the Magi and their likely animals on which they traveled as well as their gifts. However, that is all secondary to the real meaning of this day.

At Christmas the Messiah Jesus was revealed to the shepherds, who were Jewish. But on this day the Lord is revealed to all nations and to the Gentiles (represented by the Magi). We are all familiar with the star the Magi followed, but we need to understand all that is happening and what it means.

This all represents the Light of Christ, a Light which today we honor and commemorate. We are called to be the Light of Christ right now to those around us and those with whom we come in contact. That way we can be the disciples Christ wants us to be.

The poet William Cullen Bryant captures the significance of the star the Magi followed very well when he wrote, "O Father, may that Holy Star, Grow every year more bright, And send its glorious beams afar, To fill the world with light."

**SPCS - PTO**

**Chili Feed / Basket Auction**

All you can eat - Homemade Chili  
 JANUARY 27, 11AM - 7PM SERVING IN THE PARISH HALL.  
 TICKETS ARE \$4.00. PURCHASE FROM ANY SPCS STUDENT, OR AT THE DOOR. CARRY - OUTS AVAILABLE

**SUNDAY JANUARY 28TH**

**ST PATRICKS'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE  
 9:00 - NOON, ALL GRADES AND DAYCARE  
 START ENROLLMENT FOR 2018-2019.**

K. of C. Free Throw Championship  
 January 14th, 2018  
 Boys and Girls ages 9- 14  
 St. Patricks School Gym.  
 Contest sponsored by Knights of Columbus; gym will be open at 12:15 pm. For ages 9 - 14 by Jan.1st, 2018. Official Blue, K of C entry form (no copies) will be available at contest. Birth cert. with form & have parent or guardian sign.  
 Questions, call Tom O'Hara @ 778-6640

*Eternal Rest Grant unto him Oh Lord, Joe Carson father of Mike & Chris, Patty Carson & Leslie Keller. And let Perpetual Light shine upon him and may he rest in Peace. Amen.*



*Please Pray for... Kamron Blair*



**Strange Gifts for a Child**

Gold, frankincense, and myrrh are the gifts which the Magi brought for the child Jesus. However, these seem like strange gifts to bring to a young child. Perhaps we would be inclined to bring something which seems a bit more appropriate for a child of his age such as a toy.

But when examined closer we gain a deeper theological and spiritual understanding of the presentation of these gifts by the Magi.

In an allegorical sense, which unveils the spiritual and prophetic meaning, the gifts of the Magi signify the mystery of Christ incarnate. Gold, a symbol of royalty, represents the kingship of Jesus. Frankincense, used in the worship of God, points to His divinity. Myrrh, a burial ointment, signifies the humanity of Christ, especially pointing forward to His Passion and Death.

In addition, in the moral sense, which reveals how this scene should prompt us to form virtuous habits in our own lives, the gifts signify the gifts we present to Christ in our daily lives. Gold is Christ's wisdom which shines in us, frankincense is the prayer and adoration we give Him, and myrrh is our daily self-sacrifices.

So, considering who Jesus is, perhaps these gifts aren't so strange after all. May we like the Magi, be able to correctly identify who Jesus is and affirm that belief in the way that we live our own lives.

**Sign of Peace During Mass**

As many have already experienced or are experiencing, the cold and flu season is upon us. Therefore, I ask that if you are feeling sick or recovering from the flu/cold, as an act of charity, please refrain from offering the customary handshake during the sign of peace. Instead, simply offer a kind nod of the head or some other form of acknowledgement of peace to your neighbor.  
 --- Fr. Curtis

The CYM, Fr. Curtis and adult sponsors will be on a pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington, D.C. January 17-21. Please pray for this group to have safe travels, good health, and the end to abortion.

