

**MASS INTENTIONS: Dec. 26th - Jan. 3rd**

Sat. 5pm	For conversion of sinners. (George Family)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9am	Joe Heppler (Diane Salyers)
Mon.	* George VanBecelaere (Margaret Patterson)
Tue.	* †Ilene George (George Family)
*While away Fr. Curtis will offer his daily Mass for these intentions.	
Wed. 8am	Margaret George (Dick George)
Thur. Solemnity Vigil 5:30pm	†Norman Ritz & †John Gottschalk families living and deceased. (Ilene Ritz)
Fri. Solemnity Mass 9am	The People of St. Patrick Parish

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5 pm	Mary Paula Feess (Bill Feess)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9am	†Colt Smith (Vicki Templeton)

**WELCOME TO ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
**Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am to 3:30pm**  
**Closed Holy Days and Holidays.**

<b>YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH</b>		
	12/20/20	07/01/20 - 12/20/20
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$9696.00</b>	<b>\$316,417.00</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$2549.52</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$9756.00</b>	<b>\$335,466.52</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>437,500.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>(\$7744.00)</b>	<b>(\$102,033.48)</b>

St. Patrick Parishioners,  
 You may still mail, or please use the mail slot as well, at the rectory, for your church contributions. Thank you.

*Solemnity of Mary Mass Schedule*  
**Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass: Dec. 31st @ 5:30pm**  
**Lector: Leslie Keller**  
**Solemnity of Mary Mass: January 1st @ 9:00am**  
**Lector: Tony Munoz**

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is a feast day of the Blessed Virgin Mary under the aspect of her motherhood of Jesus Christ, whom Christians see as the Lord, Son of God. It is celebrated by the Roman Rite of the Catholic Church on 1 January, the Octave day of Christmastide. Wikipedia

*May God send you good fortune contentment and peace*  
*And may all your blessings forever increase"*  
*Happy New Year...*

**NATIVITY SCENE**  
 Also known as a creche, this tradition dates back to Saint Francis of Assisi, who is credited with creating the first live nativity scene in 1223 as a way to make public worship of Jesus part of the Christmas season. The recreation of the birth of Christ, featuring people dressed as Mary, Joseph and the shepherds, was meant to bring the Bible to life for a population of believers who were not literate. The use of small figures and elaborate displays was perfected during the 1700s in Naples, Italy. These recreations are featured in churches and homes around the world to this day. Typically the manger is kept empty and only filled with the baby Jesus on Christmas Day.

There is an Old Irish Tradition that you open your door on New Years Eve at midnight to let the old year out and the New Year in.. Sooo with that being said... I think this year of 2020 deserves that we open, not only our front door, to let out 2020, but open all your doors, windows and even your garage door. It sure wouldn't hurt... Just sayin..

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

Mon Dec 28	No Mass	
Tue Dec 29	No Mass	
Wed Dec 30	Mass	8:00am
Thur Dec 31	<b>Solemnity Vigil Mass</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
Fri, Jan. 1	<b>Solemnity Mass</b>	<b>9:00am</b>
Sat Jan 2	First Saturday Confession	7:30am
	First Saturday Mass	8:00am
	Confession	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Jan 3	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

The Parish Office will be closed Friday on Jan. 1st, 2021

**Please pick up your 2021 Contribution envelopes**  
 Contributions envelopes are in the Concession Stand.  
 Make sure its YOUR name on the box. If you would like to pick them up at the rectory, please call in advance and Carilyn or Elaine will have them, here for you. If you can't find your envelopes, please call the office. The gym is locked except for masses.  
 Thank you.

Please Remember St. Patrick Church and School in your will.  
 Forgot to pick up a Bulletin...., no worries....it is online @stpatricksparsons.org or I will have extra at the Rectory.

**Stewardship Bulletin Reflection**  
**January 3, 2021 — The Epiphany of our Lord**  
 Today, we celebrate the Epiphany of our Lord. The Gospel account of the three magi traveling to meet Baby Jesus is one that we know well. Yet, when we pause to reflect on this moment when these men met Christ for the first time, we recognize that there is much to be said for us still today.  
 When the magi entered the house, it says, "they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage." Clearly these men knew that they were in the presence of their King. They also came bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, which symbolize Christ's kingship, divinity and humanity.  
 Christ is still manifesting Himself to us today. We enter God's house weekly, and we are in His presence. When we meet Him, do we offer Him our gifts — our time, talent and treasure? As Christian stewards, we are called to respond with love, reverence and gratitude.  
 Let us prepare our hearts to receive Christ's many manifestations in our lives. We just need a grateful disposition to receive them.

**You are invited** to come and recite the Holy Rosary to defend the unborn on the 1st Saturday January 2nd, 2021, at Trust Women Abortion Facility, 5107 E. Kellogg, Wichita, KS., at 9:00 a.m. Let us pray the rosary to change hearts.  
 If you cannot come and pray with us due to distance you can participate by saying the Holy Rosary at 9am on Saturday, January 2, 2021, as a family, group of friends or at your church. Questions contact the Respect Life Social Justice Office at 316 269-3935.

**December - 2020 Prayer List**  
 Kyle Templeton, Mary Paula Feess, Doris Sweeney, Tommie Forbes, Stacie Forbes Groff, Darlene Johnsen, Jim Gordon, Bill Fuentes, Vickie Rike, Matt Rogers, Charlotte Friess, Carl Yockey, Carl Johnson, April Stanton, Caleb Thaddeus Fent, Lorie Nutter, Howard and Barbara Westhoff, Judy Cupp, Gage Cupp, Kerri Heiskell, Jack Finnerty, Esther Ponce, Martha Davenport, Tim & Chris Hurley, Jim & Janie Schibi, JoAnn George LaForge, Donna George, Liz Turner, Dave Turk, Joe Heppler, Jack Watson, Micah Martin, Heather LaRue, Jean Lowe, Caron Sue Kuffler, Nicona Nordquist, Dave Larsen, John R. Holland, Mike & Sandy Womeldorff, Charlie Joslin, Mary Brooks, Juanita Wilkerson, Aubree Brunner, Sherry Perkins & Melissa Thomeson, Ed Nance, Bronwyn Strom, Kris Vitt, Charles Fowler, Salvador Benavidez-Quirarte, Terri Fehr

**THE CANDLE IN THE WINDOW**  
 An Irish tradition that is very widespread somewhat in urban areas is the 'candle in the window'. Symbolically the candle represented a welcome to Joseph and Mary as they wandered in search of lodgings. The candle was (traditionally lit by a child named Mary in the household) an indication to strangers and especially to the poor that there may be an offering of food in the house within.

Please Pray for: Kyle Templeton  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord, Danielle Mercado, mother to Aiden, daughter to Phil and Cathy, sister to Tyler & Ben, grand-daughter to Rita Horton. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest in Peace.  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Her Oh Lord, Julie O'Bryan Grace, sister to Joan Pearson. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her, May She Rest In Peace.  
**Mary, Mother of God**  
 Mary's divine maternity is the dogma from which all of the Marian dogmas and devotions flow; as a human being, she is exactly like us, but as the chosen mother of the Word Incarnate, she is utterly unique. The Motherhood of Mary was formally taught by the Council of Ephesus (431), at which the heretic Nestorius was condemned and Mary was proclaimed Theotokos, the "God Bearer." In the Latin Church, she is invoked universally under the name "Mother of God" from which all her other honors flow. "Mother of God" is a phrase often misunderstood. It does not mean that Mary is before God, that she somehow created God, or that she gave birth to the Trinity, nor is she the source of God's power. The phrase means that she was the mother of Jesus, who was a Divine Person. Inasmuch as, by the union of Christ's divine and human natures, she gave birth to Christ it can truly be said that she gave birth to God because Christ is God and she is truly His mother.

*Thank you*  
*I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who treated me far better than I deserve, with a wide variety of Christmas gifts. Please know that I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers of thanksgiving and in my prayers of petition that we may all continue to grow in love of God and neighbor and receive His many blessings. Merry Christmas...~Fr. Curtis*

**Keeping the Luster**  
 Pearls are the most ancient of all valuable and marketable jewels. They were discovered by fisherman before rubies, diamonds, and sapphires. They vary in color, are delicate, and require special care so that they don't lose their hypnotic gleam and glow. In 1881 one of the most famous pieces of jewelry in the world, the Thiers Necklace, was bequeathed to the Louvre Museum in Paris. It had belonged to Madame Thiers, the widow of the first president of the French Republic. It consisted of 145 large, almost perfectly round, graduated natural pearls. After this necklace was put on display in the museum, the pearls were never worn. The cold, dry air of their container gradually caused the pearls to lose their luster and color. The same thing happens to pearls if they are kept in a safe deposit box at the bank. Alarmed, the museum officials hired a woman to wear the pearls periodically (under heavy guard). Exposed to the air and the natural oils of the skin, their beauty soon returned. Our faith is like that. It is our most valuable possession, because it gives meaning and direction to our live. But when we don't put our faith into practice, when we don't use it, when we don't develop it, when we just keep it on the shelf or in a safe deposit box, it loses its vitality, and we become dull Christians.

**2020 Church Contributions**  
 Please remember that contributions can only be credited to 2020 if they are received here at the church no later than Dec. 31st.. Questions: call Carilyn at the Rectory 421-6762.. Thank you..

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**LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri: 8:00am  
Tuesday: 5:30pm

**CONFESSION SCHEDULE:** Saturdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm  
Weekdays 30 minutes before Holy Mass