

**MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 2nd - Jan. 10th**

Sat. 5pm	Mary Paula Feess (Bill Feess)
Sun. 7:30am	The People of St. Patrick Parish
9am	†Colt Smith (Vicki Templeton)
Mon. 8am	†Elaine Jefferson (Gary & Judy Harris)
Tue. 5:30pm	†Fr. Andy Kuykendall
Wed. 8am	Mila Sharp
Thur. 8am	†Maxine Cooper (Carl & Donna Treiber)
Fri. 8am	†Paul Workman (Matt Gudde)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat. 5 pm	†Joy Wolgamott (John & Sonja)
Sun. 7:30am	†Janell Carson (Bob Vitt)
9am	The People of St. Patrick Parish

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

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

	<b>12/27/20</b>	<b>07/01/20 - 12/27/20</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$29,023.80</b>	<b>\$345,440.30</b>
<b>LOOSE CURRENCY /COINS:</b>	<b>\$45.00</b>	<b>\$2549.52</b>
<b>OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS:</b>	<b>\$ .00</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>
<b>TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:</b>	<b>\$29,068.00</b>	<b>\$364,534.82</b>
<b>BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>	<b>455,500.00</b>
<b>OVERAGE/SHORTAGE:</b>	<b>\$11,568.30</b>	<b>(\$90,465.18)</b>

**THERE ARE CATHOLIC CALENDARS ON THE LEDGE IN FRONT OF THE CONCESSION STAND.**

<p><b>Ministry Volunteers:</b></p> <p>We are in need of a few volunteers for Greeters / Ushers. Greeters is just that, Greeting our Parishioners at the door to and from.. Call the rectory to be put in rotation.. Thank you..</p>	<p><b>Please Note:</b></p> <p>The monthly Prayer List will begin anew February 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</p>
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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK'S:**

Mon Jan 4	Mass	8:00am
Tue Jan 5	Mass	5:30pm
Wed Jan 6	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	CYM	7:00pm
Thur Jan 7	Mass	8:00am
Fri Jan 8	Day of Penance: abstinence from Meat. Prayer and works of mercy Reading of Sacred Scripture for an Outpouring of God's mercy and The Holy Sprits gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	Mass	8:00am
Sat Jan 9	Confession	3:30pm
	Mass	5:00pm
Sun Jan 10	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

**Sunday December 3rd - FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**  
 Also known as Three King's Day, it marks the official end of the Christmas season for Catholics. It is a day where children throughout much of South America receive gifts. The holiday marks the adoration of the baby Jesus by the magi. In the Gospel of Matthew, the men found the child by following a star for 12 days that led them to Bethlehem. The men — Melchior, Caspar and Balthazar — presented Jesus with three symbolic gifts. Those gifts — gold, frankincense and myrrh — are steeped in symbolism. The gold represents Jesus' standing as "King of the Jews," while frankincense manifests the divine nature of His existence. Myrrh, often used to embalm corpses in ancient times, is a symbol of Jesus' mortality, a prelude to his death on Good Friday.

**St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton - Feast Day January 4th**  
 Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.

New to our parish? Welcome!

Please contact (or come on by) the parish office or call 421-6762 for a registration form or you may complete the online registration on the parish website @ [stpatriksparsons.org](http://stpatriksparsons.org)

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**  
**MAY YOU LIVE AS LONG AS YOU WANT AND NEVER WANT AS LONG AS YOU LIVE!**

**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.

**Attention:**

If you are not set up with Flocknotes (it's free) please call the office and I will get you signed up.

With possible winter weather, this will enable you to get the closings/ openings, updates and what's happening at St. Patrick Church and Chapel from Fr. Curtis.

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- Holy Habits for 2021..**
1. End your purchase with a surprise. "Thank you, and have a good day" is so ordinary that cashiers barely hear it. Try saying, "Thank you, and God bless you" with heartfelt expression. They will hear you, usually smile and sometimes respond: "God bless you, too!"
  2. Use sirens and flashing lights as prayer signals. Pray for the person needing the ambulance speeding by and also for whomever is at the end of a police call. For whatever reasons, they could use some extra prayers.
  3. Forget about yourself. Humility leads to holiness. Avoid correcting others if it doesn't matter. Be last in line. Thank God for failure, and ask him to lead you to what he wants for you.
  4. Talk to people no one can see. Get to know the saint of the day, and ask him or her to pray for you

I couldn't fit them all in so here are my favorite 4 of the 20 -New Year's Resolutions from NCR..Thanks Sonia..

Please Pray for: The End of abortion and all sins against life  
 Eternal Rest Grant Unto Him Oh Lord, Charles Fowler, brother to Betty (John) Schettler. Let Perpetual Light Shine Upon Him, May He Rest in Peace.

**Cut the Rope**

A rock climber was in the mountains, climbing alone. And it was getting late. The sun had just gone down, and the temperature was dropping fast. He was descending a section of rock that was inclined beyond the vertical, like the inside of a steep roof. He was deep in the shadows of cliffs. Suddenly, he slipped, lost his grip, and did a free fall of about forty feet before his rope caught on the last stay he had driven into the rock. He was hanging like a spider on a strand of web. He tried to climb up the rope, but at the end of the long day, he just didn't have the strength. He was hanging there in the void. It was dark. It was cold. He had nowhere to turn. So even though he wasn't a church-going man, he said a prayer: "God, if you're up there, please help me." Much to his surprise, he heard an answer. It said, "Cut your rope." He was surprised but overjoyed to get an answer, but he didn't like the answer he got. He looked below him. Only darkness. It was getting colder. He prayed again, "God, if that's really you, please help me." Again he heard an answer, "It really is me. Cut your rope. Trust me." He looked down again. It was getting colder. He couldn't understand why God wanted him to cut his only support. He took out his knife. But he just couldn't get himself to cut the rope. The next morning in the bright sunlight, a group of rock climbers found him hanging from his rope, frozen to death, ten feet above the ground. So many times we are at the end of our rope and we need the help of someone we can trust - someone who is faithful, like God. He won't always explain everything to us, because we simply can't understand it all - our eyesight is limited. But when we hear his voice in our conscience, we know that the one who is all-good and all-powerful is faithfully guiding us, as he guided the Wise Men, and he won't leave us hanging - if we believe in him.

**January - 2021 Prayer List**

Kyle Templeton, Mary Paula Feess, Doris Sweeney, Tommie Forbes, Stacie Forbes Groff, Darlene Johnsen, Jim Gordon, Bill Fuentez, 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, Nicon Nordquist, Dave Larsen, John R. Holland, Mike & Sandy Womelderhoff, Charlie Joslin, Mary Brooks, Juanita Wilkerson, Aubree Brunner, Sherry Perkins & Melissa Thomeson, Ed Nance, Bronwyn Strom, Kris Vitt, Salvador Benavidez-Quirarte, Terri Fehr, Connie Rhoades

**Just a reminder:**  
 If you would like a Printout of your 2020 Charitable Contributions for tax purposes, please call or come by the Parish Office.

St. Patrick Parishioners,  
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"Thank God ahead of time."  
 - Bl. Solanus Casey

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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