

MASS INTENTIONS: Jan. 6th - Jan. 14th

Sat 5:00pm †Malissa Forbes (Paul Forbes)

Sun 7:30am †Margaret Mizer (Dr. Gary Yarbrough)  
9:00am For the People of St. Patrick Parish

Tue 5:30pm \*†Herbert A. Yarbrough (Dr. Yarbrough)  
\*While away Fr. Curtis will offer his daily Mass for this intention.

Wed 8:00am †Patrick Duffy (Marlene LaForge)

Thur 8:00am Fr. Michael Schemm (Dick & Margaret George)

Fri 8:00am †Barbara Rouse (Zach & Stephanie Reitemeier)

NEXT WEEKEND'S INTENTIONS

Sat 5:00pm Fr. Curtis Robertson (Elaine Clark)

Sun 7:30am For the People of St. Patrick Parish  
9:00am †Dennis Brungardt (Olive Brungardt Family)

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

<b>Tue Jan. 9th</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>5:30pm</b>
	K of C Meeting	7:00pm
<b>Wed Jan. 10th</b>	Mass	8:00am
	PSR	5:30pm
	EDGE	6:00pm
<b>Thur Jan. 11th</b>	Mass	8:00am
<b>Fri Jan. 12th</b>	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 Spirit's gifts of holiness and Strength upon the church.	
	Mass	8:00am
<b>Sat Jan. 13th</b>	Confessions	3:30pm
	Vigil Mass	5:00pm
<b>Sun Jan. 14th</b>	Mass	7:30am
	Mass	9:00am

**SPCS NEWS**

Monday Jan. 8th - Basketball @ Home starting @ 5pm

Thursday Jan. 11th - Basketball @ Altamont starting @ 4pm

**St. Vincent de Paul**

"We are called to love our neighbors and to be good stewards. That is the role of the St. Vincent de Paul Society. The proceeds from our local St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, a ministry of St. Patrick Catholic Church, go back to the Church and into the community working closely with other local charitable organizations.

For 2023, St. Vincent de Paul donated \$100,850, with over 50% going towards the basic needs of food, shelter & clothing, mainly through a partnership with the Labette County Emergency Assistance Center, as well as donations to the Care Cupboard, The Lord's Diner, Youth Crises Center and other local ministries. St. Vincent also donated \$37,500 to the Church Renovation Fund in 2023 and \$4,800 to St. Patrick Catholic School."

**Welcome to St. Patrick Catholic Church**  
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8am to 3:30pm

**YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND PARISH**

	<b>12-31-2023</b>	<b>NEEDED:</b>
<b>WEEKLY COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$11,180.00</b>	<b>\$17,500.00</b>

**NEXT WEEK MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

<b>Sat: Jan. 13th</b>	5:00pm Mass
<b>Servers:</b>	Drew Schibi /Blaise Schibi
<b>Lector:</b>	John Keene
<b>Greeters /Gifts</b>	Tom & Beth Westhoff / Wade Dillinger Family
<b>Sun: Jan. 14th</b>	7:30am Mass
<b>Servers:</b>	Sebastian Aita
<b>Lector:</b>	Emilio Aita
<b>Greeters/Gifts</b>	Tony & Connie Adams Family
<b>Sun: Jan. 14th</b>	9:00am Mass
<b>Servers:</b>	Atticus Wilhoft / Jackson Shultz
<b>Lector:</b>	Rick Goodyear
<b>Greeters /Gifts</b>	David & Karen Wheat

**January 2024 Prayer List:**

Tammy Goodyear, Carilyn Bernd, Mandy Venegas, Raef Stanford, Bristel & Reagan Bernd, April & Natalie Stanton, Janie Schibi, Caleb Fent, Lorie Nutter, Dave Turk, Matthew Carrillo, Rafael Munoz, Joaquin Castellanos, Tim & Chris Hurley, Lashall Snider, Terry Payne, Donna George, JoAnn George LaForge, Dr. Gary Yarbrough & Diane Yarbrough, Louise Lubbers, Linda Crabtree, Angel Reyes, Frank Reyes, Valerie Carnahan, Brian Merchant, MaryJo Howard, Rita Schauf, Jason Langston, Charlie Smith, Carter Stephens, Montell White, Steven Minor, Kris Vitt, Nicona Nordquist, Jim Vitt, Jerry & Sylvia McKinney, Glenn Linnebur, Jackie Hudson, Millie Drabenstot, Audrey Mihich, Lois Johnsen, Craig Forbes, Lee Ziegler, Mary Brooks, Tommie Forbes, Betty Duling, John & Nell Ball, Ron & Jeannie McDaniel, Ridger Robbins & family, Sherlina Brown, Lois Carlson, Harry & Diana Conway, Cole Kyle, Dan Bogner, Jean Keller Lowe & Gary Keller, Carl Yockey, Charles Brian (Chucky) Cervantes, Suzi Kuffler, Peggy Pryor, Owen Ragsdale, Rob Westhoff, Craig Finney,

Back porch conversations of Fr. Labenz & Fr. Chris

"Porch Time with the Padres" was inspired by the almost nightly leisurely back porch conversations of the Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church priests. You'll hear what you would hear on our back porch - conversations about the faith and the experiences of the priesthood, the voice of an occasional visitor, laughter, and a good story or two! New episodes release on Fridays around 3pm. Find online at OLLsmc.org/porch-time or search "Porch Time with the Padres" on Spotify or Apple Podcasts.

Advance Stewardship Reflection  
January 7, 2024

**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.

The Feast of the Epiphany is **one of the oldest feast days in the Christian Church**. The feast commemorates the arrival of the Magi to the infant Jesus. In some churches, it also celebrates the baptism of Jesus and his first public miracle at the wedding feast at Cana. -study.com

**Pope Francis: Entrust 2024 to the Mother of God**

Pope Francis began the new year by urging his fellow Catholics to entrust 2024 to the Mother of God, who "knows our needs" and always intercedes to "make grace overflow in our lives."

The pope made his appeal during Mass at St. Peter's Basilica on Jan. 1 for the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. He called upon Catholics to consecrate their lives to Mary, noting that "she will lead us to Jesus, who himself is 'the fullness of time.'" "All of us have our shortcomings, our times of loneliness, our inner emptiness that cries out to be filled," Francis said in his homily. "Who can do that, if not Mary, the mother of fullness?" Throughout his homily, the pope reflected on Mary's significance as the Mother of God, a title first attributed to the Blessed Mother at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D. in order to underscore the divinity of Christ. -ewfn

**The Adoration Chapel is needing someone to cover**  
**Thursday: 4am to 5am**  
Please call the Parish office @ 620-421-6762.

**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. Thank you..**

**Help Needed**  
**St. Vincent de'Paul**  
**is needing someone to help on Mondays and Fridays for the morning and afternoon shifts. If you are interested, please call Larry @ 717-2215 or Tina @ 421-6022**

Please pray for: Rob Westhoff

**Looking Ahead**

Although we are still in the midst of the Christmas Season, Lent will be here before we know it and I want to share with you that we will be kicking off our Lenten Season this year with a Parish Mission presented by the Fathers of Mercy, February 17-21, 2024. So please mark your calendars and look for more information to come soon.

**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.

**Want to be a missionary to Mexico?**

The Office of Marriage and Family Life is inviting the faithful to take part in a week-long mission trip April 27-May 4 to General Cepeda, a small town west of Monterrey, Mexico. Individuals and families are invited. There is a limit of 30 participants. Ten of those must be adults. The cost is \$1,500 per adult and \$900 per child, 17 years old and younger. The fee covers airfare, transportation to the mission house, lodging, and meals. All participants must have a valid U.S. passport. The office is sponsoring the trip through the Family Missions Company. Those interested are invited to fill out the Google form at [tinyurl.com/omflmissiontrip](https://tinyurl.com/omflmissiontrip). For a blog that includes photos about the mission area, visit [FamilyMissionsCompany.com/to-the-ranchos](https://FamilyMissionsCompany.com/to-the-ranchos).

**Sidewalk Advocates for Life**  
Cost: Free

Sidewalk Advocates for Life is a Peaceful, Prayerful sidewalk advocacy program that trains people how to most effectively offer loving, life-affirming alternative to women and men entering the abortion facility.

Lunch and materials provided free of charge.  
To register contact Christy Padgett (316)269-3900 Ext. 171 or padgett@catholicdioceseofwichita.org.

**Ushers & Lectors**

We are in need of **Lectors and Ushers**. If you would like to help, please call the Parish Office. The rotation would be every 5th week or so. Thank you.

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**Parish Office Hours**  
Tuesday-Friday: 8am - 3:30pm  
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**LORDS DAY MASS SCHEDULE**  
Vigil Mass: 5:00pm  
Sunday: 7:30am & 9:00am

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

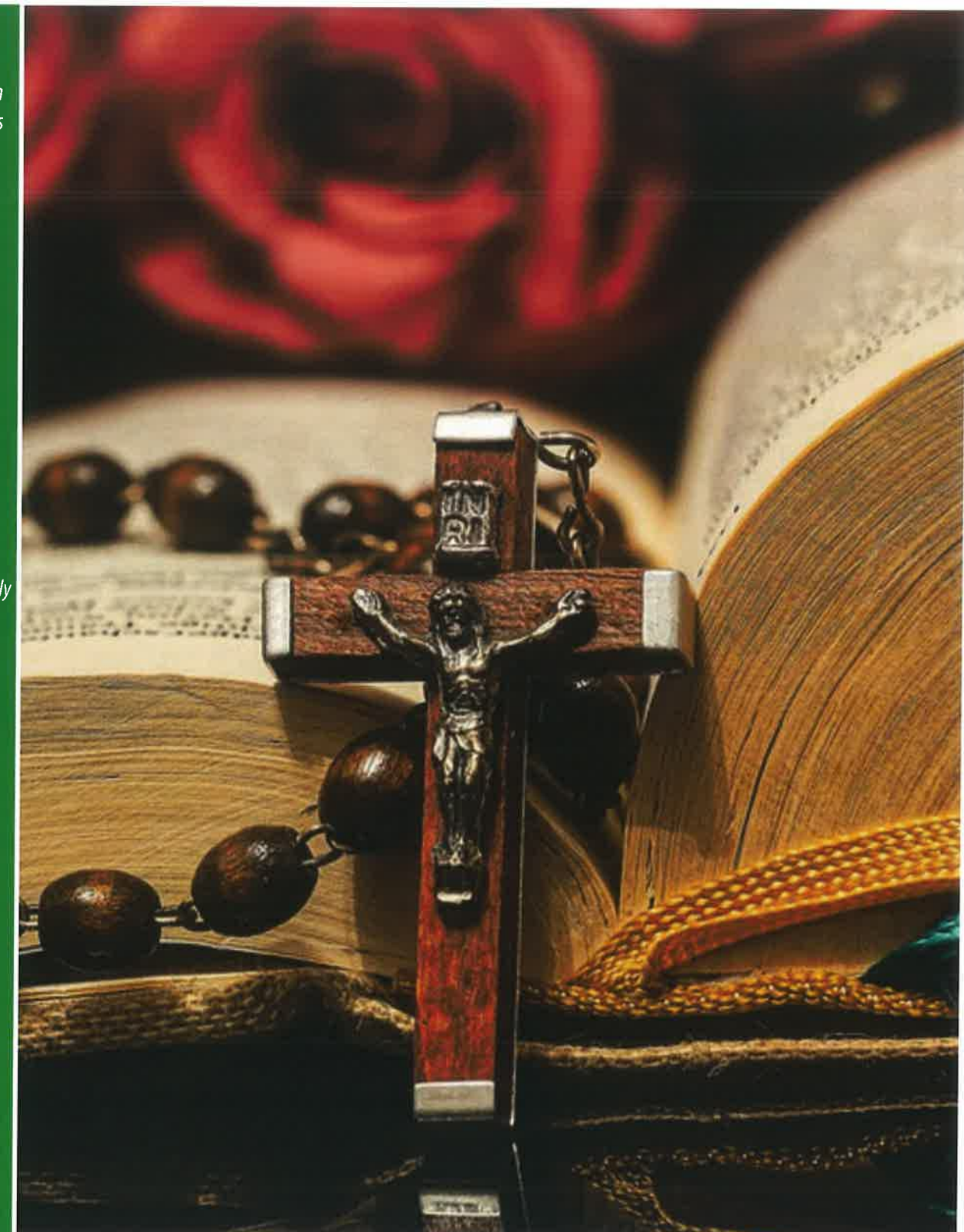
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