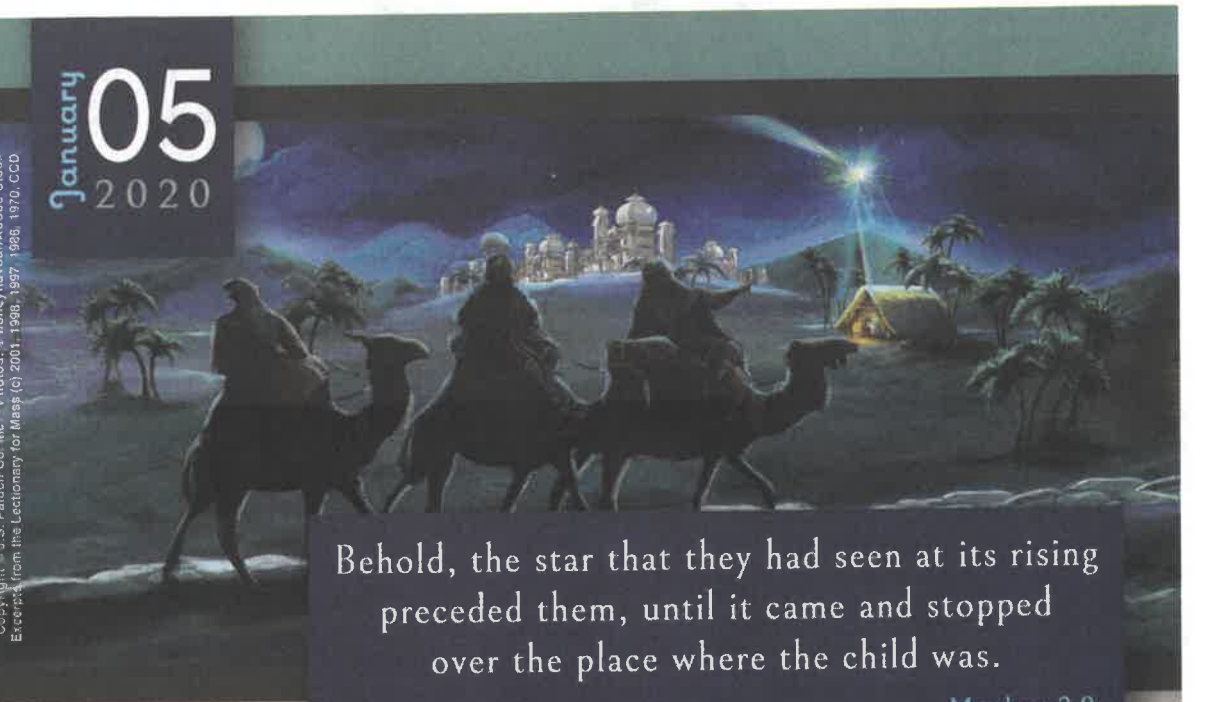


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Behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

The Epiphany of the Lord

Picture a nativity scene in your mind's eye. The scene likely includes figures arriving on camels, some elaborately dressed, with jeweled boxes containing precious gifts. These magi arrived from distant lands to pay homage to the Christ Child. We know little about the magi, but we do know that these visitors were not Jews. They

represent people of all nations who will be drawn to the Lord. "Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance." The Good News of Jesus cannot be limited to one people; all share in the promise of God's mercy through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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THE EPIPHANY OF
THE LORD
JANUARY 5, 2020

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 4, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, January 5, 2020
9:00 am +Ed Crossin req. by the Family
Monday, January 6, 2020
9:00 am Special Intention of the Giver
Tuesday, January 7—NO MASS
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 —NO MASS
Thursday, January 9, 2020
9:00 am Tony Sevino - Special Intention
Friday, January 10, 2020
9:00 am Adoration until 11am
Saturday, January 11, 2020
5:45 pm Parish Family of St. Patrick
Sunday, January 12, 2020
9:00 am +Joe Donahue req. by Don Smith

Altar Servers:

Saturday, January 11 - 5:45 pm
Ella & Madi Phelps
Sunday, January 12 - 9:00 am
Annemarie & Kenney Smith

Cantor / Lector (Reader) :

Saturday, January 11 - 5:45 pm
Cameron Luehrs / Eva Luehrs
Sunday, January 12 - 9:00 am
Angie Kreske / Josh Kreske

Extraordinary Minister:

Saturday, January 11 - 5:45 pm
Sue Nugent
Sunday, January 12- 9:00 am
Cindy Smith

Usher:

Saturday, January 11 - 5:45 pm B
Brad Phelps / Howard Bieschke
Sunday, January 12 - 9:00 am
Steve Hoehn / Jim Ciesla

Music: Cathy Engler

Collection Counters for 1/12/2020: Boyle, Kotesa, Phelps

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is \$2,090.37

Sunday, December 29\$1,187.00

Christmas.....\$3,376.00

Thank you for your support of our Parish

Please Participate! Your Gift Makes a Difference!

Parish Goal:	\$ 10,400.00
Amount Pledged:	\$ 11,845.00
Amount Paid:	\$ 11,025.00
2019 Rebate	438.00

Thank you for your generous response.

2020 COLLECTION ENVELOPES – Are available in the vestibule, please pick up your boxed set. If you are new to the area and would like envelopes, please contact the office. Also, if there is a change in address or phone number please let us know. Thank you.

There will be a second collection this weekend for our Maintenance fund. Thank you for your continued support



RECONCILIATION
ST.ROSE, Every Thursday
6:00 pm– 7:00 pm

If you are unable to come to church because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. A priest or home bound minister can come to your home. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian can be reached at :
1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102.

Mass intentions can be requested through the office, or dropped in any weekend collection, please mark in a separate envelope. Think about having a Mass for a loved one. Weekday and weekend Masses are available. We are also accepting requests for our 2-week Sacred Heart Candle.

2020 calendars are available in the vestibule.

Thanks to Forsythe Funeral Home for providing these lovely calendars



Our Two Week Candle is burning for a Special Intention req.by the Giver



Saint Patrick's Church volunteered Saturday, Dec 28th at the Northern Illinois Food Bank's South Suburban Center. Along with others, we labeled and bagged rice for distribution to those in need. Please consider joining us next time on Saturday, January 25th from 9:00 - 11:30. Signup sheet is in the vestibule. The consent form only needs to be filled out once.



WOMEN OF THE WAY PRESENTS
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NIGHT

**#Gifted:
WISDOM**

Living Our Femininity
Through the Gifts
of the Holy Spirit

*An evening of
prayer, reflection,
refreshment, and
sisterhood*

Sunday, January 26th
4:00 to 6:30 PM
St. Ann Catholic Church
24500 S Navajo Dr.
Channahon, IL 60410



Keynote Speaker Mary-Beth Desmond is a Registered Nurse and Assistant Professor at Lewis University. She is a spiritual director at Mayslake Ministries, and her specialty areas include caring science, spirituality, spiritual care, and scripture. Mary-Beth is married to Mike and they have three adult children. She loves spending time at their Michigan lake house with family and friends, and for 24 years continues to be active in the Joliet Cursillo movement.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations – Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews – Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.



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SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!" – Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

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MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

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This program emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls.

YOU WILL LEARN TO:

- view falls as controllable
- set goals for increasing activity
- make changes to reduce fall risks at home
- exercise to increase strength and balance

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

**Classes are held on:
Tuesday mornings
10:00am to 12:00pm**

**Class dates:
January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4,
11, 18, 25, 2020**

**Classes held at:
The Bourbonnais Township Park District,
Recreation Station, 770 Franklin St.,
Bradley, IL 60915**

**Program is FREE
If you are age 60 or older,
for more information and to
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815-933-9905**



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PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Jessica Lagan; EJ Lagan; Nicole Flint

WITH THE NEW YEAR WE ARE
UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST.
PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF
YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON
THE PRAYER LIST.

Intention of the Holy Father MONTH OF JANUARY

- We pray that Christians, followers of others religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world

Our parish offers Online Giving, a web based electronic contribution application. We are providing this service so that you have the option to manage our contributions online or with your offering envelopes. This service is safe and secure. It is convenient for you and for our parish staff. Sign up for Online Giving by visiting our parish website at: www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org and selecting one Online Giving link.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 5, 2020



- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

- Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord; National Migration Week
- Monday: St. André Bessette
- Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort

Out of respect for those in Prayer Please be considerate and move your conversation to the Vestibule before & after Mass.

Thank You



STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

Saint Paul speaks of the “stewardship of God’s grace” to which he was called. Like Saint Paul, each of us is to be a steward of God’s grace. A steward is one who is entrusted with something that belongs to another. The steward bears responsibility for what is entrusted to him or her. Saint Paul understands that his encounter with the Lord and his faith in Jesus Christ carry with them a sacred responsibility, to bring the news of salvation to all. We too have been blessed with much, including the gift of faith, and are called to be good stewards of all with which we have been entrusted. We do this by nurturing a faithful and faith-filled heart, responding to God’s grace through the attitudes and actions that make up our daily lives. We do this as well by sharing our faith and the impact of faith with others, so that they may be drawn to our Lord. This is a sacred responsibility, a blessing, a privilege.

BEARING GIFTS

The magi brought gifts to the baby Jesus. What gifts do you bring to the Lord? You might have the gift of patience or understanding and bring this gift in your interactions with others. You might have a talent for bringing new ideas and creative insights into situations at home, work, parish, or your city. You might have a gift for helping people to work together for a great cause or purpose. All of these gifts have been given to you by God, to be used for God’s purposes, for God’s greater glory. All of these are glimpses of God’s grace, and like Saint Paul, you are called to be a good steward of them, as a sign of Christ’s life within you. You bring your gifts to the Lord by using them well, sharing them generously and responsibly in caring for others and for all of creation.

Today’s Readings: Is 60:1–6; Ps 72:1–2, 7–8, 10–11, 12–13; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

1/5/2020