

The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.



St. Patrick

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REQUESTS
FOR
PRAYER

Prayer Requests Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Diaconate Class 11, Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Vida Freidlein, Mary Humer, Paula Ingram, Patty Kirby, Miss Barbara Kleiss, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Nancy Henry, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Ina Eckstein, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Freida Woodcock, Gerald Fiscus, Everett Krueger, Bryse Vanderwood, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird and requested prayer intentions.

Financial Corner from December 19th, 2020**General Fund**

Regular Envelopes	\$2231.00
Loose.....	\$67.00
Flower	\$105.00
Education	\$70.00
Good Samaritans	\$20.00
Retirement Fund.....	\$250.00

Total\$2743.00

Separate Funds

Cemetery	\$110.00
Mass.....	\$100.00
Building.....	\$200.00
Food Pantry	\$200.00

ADA Balance

2018 Shortfall	\$6,941.00
2019 Shortfall	\$8,378.00
Total Shortfall.....	\$15,319.00

2020 Goal.....	\$20,692.00
2020 Money Pledge.....	\$17,585.00
2020 Balance Due.....	\$3,107.00

Total ADA \$ Due.....\$18,426.00

2020/2021 Tuition

St. Thomas in Philo	\$0.00
High School of St. Thomas More	\$7,071.20
Total \$ Due	\$7,271.20

****Due to the early deadline for January 2nd bulletin, the financial corner for Christmas, Christmas Day, and December 26th will appear in the January 9th bulletin.**

**Mass Schedule****Saturday, January 2nd**

4:00pm/Lois Easton

Wednesday, January 6th

8:00am/Bernadine Hettinger

Friday, January 8th

8:00am/Richard Lykins

Saturday, January 9th

4:00pm/Madonna Hettinger



All Nations are invited to sing the Lord's praises for they have been called to hear the good news and worship the long awaited Messiah and King with the gift of their lives.

Confession Schedule

Saturdays 3:15-3:45 pm at Tolono

Wednesdays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono

Fridays 7:15-7:45 am at Tolono

Any other time by appointment

**Father Fredi Office Hours**

Wednesdays 9:00 am to 10:00am

Fridays 9:00 am to 10:00 am Or by Appointment

*Please take note: Father Fredi's schedule changes frequently. If you have something of importance to discuss with him, it is best to make an appointment. You may contact him at gomezstor@yahoo.com.



**Saturday, January 2nd
at 4:00pm**

Lector: Jon Baker

**Saturday, January 9th
at 4:00pm**

Lector: Brian Barnes



MASS INSIDE CHURCH

Mask are required upon entering the building and may only be removed when taking Communion. Social distancing will be required at all times. The COVID19 Team will be the only ushers and they will make sure social distance is followed. The team will be seating you in the pews. Families of the same household do not need to social distance. Entrance is ONLY on the East side non-handicapped door. If you are disabled and need to use the ramp to enter the Church, this will be permitted. Once you enter your pew, you may not exit during the Mass. Bathrooms will not be available. There will be no sign of peace. No collection will be taken during Mass. You may drop your envelopes/contributions in the basket on your way out. There will not be a Procession of the Gifts. Choir is not permitted at this time. There will be no Missals or songbooks in the pews. You may bring those with you as long as you take everything when you leave. If you prefer to sit in your vehicle to hear the Mass, please park on the North side of the building so your radio can pick up the transmission.

Communion will be as follows: Communion will not be taken during Mass. Communion will be offered once the Mass is over. Communion will only be offered in the hand. Please take all your belongings with you before exiting your pew. You will proceed to the front for Communion, then exit directly out the handicap accessible door that is on the East side of the Church near the Chapel. You must exit immediately. Visiting after the Mass is over inside the church is not permitted at this time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Father Fredi or one of the Trustees. Please do not contact the Office Staff concerning COVID-19 matters. Thank you!

Holy Sacrament in Exposition

Father Fredi has set up the Tabernacle, with Mary and Mary's Candle on the West Side (Rectory Side) of the church in the Vestibule. Please feel free to stop and pray anytime. Please remember the social distancing rules if others are present. May God's blessings be upon you always.

Food Pantry Open

St. Patrick Food Pantry is still open on Mondays from 5-6:30pm and Fridays from 9-10:30 am.

Reminder

Please remember that the Blood of Christ will not be offered until further notice. Also, the Body of Christ will only be allowed to be placed in the hand. Thank you!



Mass on Facebook

If you are not able to attend Saturday night Mass in person, you can now watch it live every Saturday at 4:00. Find us on Facebook at St. Patrick Catholic Church Tolono, Illinois.

2020/2021 School Tuition Assessment

The following is what St. Patrick in Tolono owes for tuition for the 2020/2021 school year.

St. Thomas More High School: \$10,471.20

St. Thomas in Philo: \$4,500.00

Total School Tuition Owed: \$14,971.20

The tuition was discounted 10% for the 2020/2021 school year due to COVID. We will be paying weekly for both schools until the balance is gone. If you wish to donate to the Education Fund, you may use the envelope designated for this. If you do not have envelopes and would still like to donate, you may mark an envelope "Tuition Assistance" and drop it in the collection basket. Please ask Father or one of the Trustees if you have any questions about this matter.



St. Patrick Sesquicentennial Certificate

The Illinois State Historical Society Sesquicentennial House of Worship Awards program sent a letter to St. Patrick Church wanting to know if we would be interested in submitting information about the history of our Church. Father Fredi asked if the Altar & Rosary would undertake this project. Altar & Rosary members Liz Huber and Marlene Breen decided to take on this task. They searched marriage and baptismal records along with pictures, news articles and histories of St. Patrick Church. The application along with all of the information that was required was sent. The organization indicated they could refuse St. Patrick's application. However, the application was approved and the certificate was received. Altar & Rosary thought it would be nice to have the certificate framed along with pictures and other information. Liz and Marlene thoroughly enjoyed completing this project. The framed collage is currently on display in the back of church until a permanent location can be determined. Father and the Trustees are grateful to Liz and Marlene for allowing St. Patrick Catholic Church in Tolono to be forever etched in history.

Statement from the Diocese

As you have most likely been made aware, the United States Bishops have approved the use of the Moderna and Pfizer Covid-19 Vaccines for Catholics (see the Catholic Post, Sunday, December 20, 2020, page 5) as an "act of charity" in light of the public health risks of the pandemic. In response to the vaccines, the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life and Doctrine stated this, "People may in good consciences use the vaccines produced by Pfizer and Moderna, which made only limited use of those unethical cell lines (for lab testing of the vaccine)." Moral theologians refer to this as "remote material cooperation." The Vatican has agreed with this position as outlined in the US Bishops' statement.

We must encourage the continued development of non-morality compromised cell lines for future vaccines from all drug-manufacturing companies. At this time the Church allows the use of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines to combat Covid-19 if you choose to be vaccinated. If you would like to read the complete statement of the US Bishops on the "Moral Considerations Regarding the New COVID-19 Vaccines" go to the USCCB website at <https://www.usccb.org/moral-considerations-covid-vaccines>.

The Statement issued by the Vatican's Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith can be found at their website: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_20201221_nota-vaccini-anticovid_en.html.



"We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

