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Sunday,
Jan 3,
2021

St. Patrick Church

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+The Epiphany of the Lord+

Scripture Insights The anonymous disciple of Isaiah wrote just after the exile, when the prophet spoke to the shrinking hope of those who had returned to the desolate land. To them he proclaimed a lyrical vision of Jerusalem's future splendor. The opulence pictured is less striking than who it is that bears it: It is a long column of Gentiles lined up to do homage in Jerusalem. The image reflects God's glory and recalls Isaiah's prophecy that many nations will one day stream to Mount Zion to learn God's ways (Isaiah 2:1-4).

Casual readers of Matthew's Gospel might focus on the exotic visitors from the east, or on Herod's anger against them. But in Matthew's account of the Gospel the appearance of the Magi represents an almost liturgical introduction of the Gentiles into the court of the Messiah King. This is the message of today's three readings as well as the Responsorial Psalm.

It is difficult to overstate the complexity and importance of the question that faced the first generation of Christians, virtually all of whom were Jews. Must Gentiles become Jews in order to become Christians? A strong conservative group on one side said yes, this was the way of salvation revealed to Moses. A more liberal group said no, Jesus offered salvation freely to everyone who responded to him, even to Gentiles.

Matthew seems to represent a middle group that insists on the integrity of Torah and includes the Gentiles by the mercy of God. In his Gospel, on the one hand, Jesus insists that "not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place" (5:18). But on the other hand, "many will come from the east and the west, and will recline with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob at the banquet in the kingdom of heaven, but the children of the kingdom will be driven out into the outer darkness" (8:11-12).

Mass Schedule: Jan 4 - Jan 10, 2021



Mon. Jan 4	8:30 am (V) JoAnn Cole+
	9-10 am (V) one hour of adoration
Tues. Jan 5	5:00 pm (B) Deceased members of the Ryan and Heath Families
Wed. Jan 6	5:00 pm (V) Stephen Swayne+
Thurs. Jan 7	8:30 am (B) Bernadette Cline+
Sat. Jan 9	4:00 pm (V) Marge, Kenny and Dan McGrory+
Sun. Jan 10	8:00 am (B) Germaine Purdum+
Sun. Jan 10	10:00 am (V) The People of the Parish

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig
Bob Murtha
Diane Davidson
Vivian Kalamaheti
Rose Refer

Bev Wood
Marvin Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Wilfred Suchy
Dawson Klein
Jim McGrory

Joanna Green
Sharon Petersen
Marjorie VanHamme
Ray Gensley
John Doud

Janice Bringmann
Rev. Philip Ryan
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Mary Bernhart
Chuck Baetsle

St. Bridget Catholic Church

Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality

4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	9	None
10:00 AM	Sun	Jan	10	None

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

4:00 PM	Sat	Jan	9	None
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Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

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Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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Funeral Committee:

Jan

Dixie Wentland (525-3075) Diane DeGeeter (319-930-1966)

Money Counters:

Jan 10

Duke & Susan Wilgenbusch, Tom & Jean Thys

- **Poinsettia Memorials**- THANK YOU to everyone that donated a poinsettia in memory of a deceased loved one. These plants make the church look beautiful for the Christmas season. You may pick up your poinsettia after Jan 10th Mass. Thank You!
- **KC Meeting**- the next KC meeting will be Jan 12 at 7pm at the KC Hall.
- **End of Year**- Please note any donations you would like to be in 2020 please turn in before January 1, 2021. Just because you use a 2020 envelope does not mean it will be included in the year of 2020. Must be in the collection by Jan 1, 2020. Thank You!
 - **Altar & Rosary Dues**- Just a reminder that your A & R dues will be collected in January.
 - **Confessions** Will be heard on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45pm at the Parish where the Mass is held.

The brightness of God
illuminated the holy
city Jerusalem, and
the nations will walk
by its light.

Financial Overview : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes: \$25.00

Offertory: \$1,567.00

Total Online Giving for Dec: \$250.00

Christmas: \$1,221.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$10.00

Happy Birthday!

Jan 4- Marvin Lynn, Ann Sauter,
Joe VanQuekelberghe

Jan 6- Brylee Blood, Jean Gryp, Tanya Rajtora

Jan 7- Robert Hall

Jan 9- Lori Asberry

Jan 10- Erin Blomme, Janelle Brothersen

Happy Anniversary!

Jan 6- Jacob & Tiffany Schafbuch- 3 years

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Money Counters

Jan	10	Jim & Elsie Foels, Tony & Jane Kriegel
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We have seen his
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have come with gifts
to adore the Lord.

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- **Bible Study**- There will be bible study every Tuesday night in the church hall after the 5pm Mass. Everyone is welcome to attend.
- **Confessions** Will be heard on Saturdays from 3:15-3:45pm at the Parish where the Mass is held.

Financial Overview: Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

Envelopes: \$ 4,793.00

Offertory: \$87.00

Total Online Giving for Dec: \$1559.00

Retired Religious: \$70.00

Christmas: \$1,618.00

Improvement: \$300.00

Happy Birthday!

Jan 5- Mary Ann Heishman
Jan 7- Mitchell Bockenstedt
Jan 8- Marcena Kline
Jan 9- Anne McCulley
Jan 10- Jeff Hall

Happy Anniversary!

Jan 4 - Jan 10

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray you all had a joyous Christmas celebration and a very happy New Year's celebration as well. I also hope everyone enjoyed our new snow!

As for news, I will be starting a Holy Hour of adoration on most Mondays after the Mass (so from 9-10). I hope you will be able to join me. Being able to pray before the exposed Blessed Sacrament is a great privilege and a joy.

I hope everyone has a very blessed new year!

Fr. Corey

Domestic Violence- Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 www.dvpiowa.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend- is a catholic faith based marriage enrichment program. For information, dates and to register go to: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.

Child Sexual Abuse- Please contact Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the case involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002, PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004 or vac@diodav.org

Website: stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

Office Hours: The office will be open Monday through Thursday 2:30pm- 4:30pm. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. Thank You.

Confessions: There will be confessions heard every Saturday at the parish where Mass is held.
They will be 45 minutes prior to the Mass.

Marriages: Please arrange with Fr. Close at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.

Baptisms: There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Close for more information.

Newcomers: You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Close or the parish secretary, Linda Gensley. Church line is 319-647-2294 or Rectory is 319-647-2220.

Hall Rental: Anyone interested in renting out the hall please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100.00 must fill out our parish policy and check on the availability of dates.

Bulletin: Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: stbridget@netins.net

Online giving allows you to make donations, payments and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to our church. Please visit our website and get started at: www.stpatrick-stbridget.org Thank-You!