

# St. Patrick's Church Hallock, MN & Holy Rosary Mission Lancaster, MN

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## PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

The word 'Epiphany' means 'showing forth' or 'revelation'. This Sunday we celebrate God revealing himself, in the person of the baby Jesus, to the pagan wise men from the East. So, at the beginning of Christ's life God reached out to the pagan world and offered it his salvation.

The magi gave the child Jesus 'gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.' Why did they bring him gifts? These would not have been useful for Mary's child. What would they have done with them?

The point of course is not that Jesus's family needed these presents, though presumably gold always comes in handy! These gifts were not in recognition of what he wanted but of who he was. The gold was the recognition of his kingship, the frankincense of his priesthood and the myrrh of the death that he would die.

These gifts show not that the child Jesus was needy but that we are, who long for this priestly king who gave his life for us. The magi go to seek him with their bags full of precious things, but more importantly they depart with their hands empty, and thus able to receive the gift of all that Jesus is.

Contrast this with how Herod sees the child, as a threat to what he possesses, to his kingship and riches. His hands are too full to receive the gift that he too is offered in Christ. If we are to receive the gifts of this Epiphany, then we must empty our hands too.

This Christmas most of us will have given and received gifts. We have probably looked for gifts that our friends do need. Even more profoundly our gifts are, like those of the magi, in recognition of who are the people whom we love.

We delight in their humanity. If we give them books or wine, it is not just because they need these things, but because we take pleasure in the pleasure that they will have in them. We celebrate their enjoyment.

But the heart of all these celebrations is the one who needs no gifts from us but is pure gift. His very being is given to him by the Father from all eternity, and he comes to give himself to us in turn.

To receive that gift, then we too need empty hands. We need to recognize that God's fullness of life is what we most deeply yearn for and create a space to receive it.

The Herods of this world cannot receive the gift, for it would mean letting go of their own fullness and self-satisfaction. They can only see the powerless child as a threat. It's our powerlessness which makes us so powerful.

Fr.Maschio.

## ST. PATRICK FINANCE COUNCIL AND PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The finance and pastoral councils will meet at separate times on Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at St. Patrick's church.

Finance Council will meet at 5:00 pm

Pastoral Council will meet at 6:00 pm

## TO BE CHILDLIKE PHOTOS

Jesus said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 18:3-4)

Thank you to all who brought in your pictures! Next week we'll have the names on the pictures, this week you get to guess who is who!

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** JANUARY 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Evie Karboviak

**SUNDAY** JANUARY 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

Holy Mass 11:00 AM Lancaster Leona Chalaturnyk

**MONDAY** January 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**TUESDAY** January 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**WEDNESDAY** January 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**THURSDAY** January 7<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**FRIDAY** JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**SATURDAY** January 9<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock

**SUNDAY** January 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock

Holy Mass 11:00 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

*Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.*

## ADORATION SIGN UP

There are signup sheets in the entry of the church for adoration this Wednesday beginning at noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider signing up to spend one hour with our Lord.

## PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Elmer Hungate	<b><u>Deceased Loved Ones</u></b>
Sophie Olsonawski	Eileen Tottleben
Eleanor Kraska	Catherine Klegstad
Cathy Cleem	MaryAnn Schmiedeberg
Iver Cleem	Leona Chalaturnyk
Janet Olsonawski	Helen Potrament
Dion Turgeon	Irene Kiesow
Jeanette Forfang	Rosemary Cooney
Kim Short	Don DeLorme
Wayne Stewart	Mark Rocznik
LeRoy Vonasek	Betty Lockman
Renee Stewart	Susan Weaver
Robb Brown	Andi Olsonawski
Bonita Hanson	Walt Crummy
Ruth Hennen	H Jeannie Howe
Dorothy Barber	Louise Docken
Dave Fertig	

*Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.*

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

**Saturday** January 9<sup>th</sup> 5:00 PM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Jeff Reese  
 Ministers: Volunteers

**Sunday** January 10<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Jerry Olsonawski  
 Servers: Morgan & Rylee Bergeron  
 Commentator: Chuck Dziengel  
 Lector: Rock Bakken  
 Usher: Mike Klegstad  
 Money Counters: Hugh Hunt & Jerry Olsonawski

**Sunday** January 10<sup>th</sup> 11:00 AM Holy Rosary  
 Ministers: Volunteers

## CALENDARS

The 2021 calendars are here and available in the entry for you pick up after Mass. We have plenty so take as many as you need.

## ENVELOPES

The 2021 giving envelopes are ready to be picked up in the entry of St. Patrick's church.

## FORMED.ORG

Don't forget about a great resource for us is our subscription to FORMED!

To access our account:

Go to: [www.Formed.org](http://www.Formed.org)

Our parish code is: WPKWQV.

## ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2020 Charitable Contributions:

	<u>November</u>	<u>October</u>
In-Church Contributions:	\$4063.00	\$4459.00
On-Line Contributions:	\$1141.67	\$1741.67