

Mass Intentions This Week**Saturday, January 5, 2019**

4:00 PM †Frank & Angie Dinovo-their Children

Sunday, January 6, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

12:00 noon Spanish Mass †Angie Dinovo-Shirley

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

8:00 AM †Joyce Martin-Dottie and Dick Poeppelmeier

Saturday, January 12, 2019

4:00 PM †Mary Margret Steggeman-K.C Steggeman

Sunday, January 13, 2019

10:00 AM Saint Patrick Parishioners' (pro populo)

Additio na l Masses a t St Ma ry o f Wo o d s: Saturday, 6:00 pm and Sunday, 8:00 am; Wed. 8:00 am, Thurs, 6:15 pm, second and fourth Thursday of the month, Fri., 8:00 am, beginning Sunday, 27 May 10:00 am Mass

Weekend Mass Attendance: Dec 24, 25, 2018-753**Parish Offering Weekends are as follows:****December 15, 16, 2018—\$8,513.27****December 22, 23, 2018—\$8,259.00****December 25, 2018—\$10,340.00**

Many contribute generously. We all need to share the burden of parish support. May God bless your sacrifice for Him!

January 2019 Lay Ministry**Sat., Jan 12, 4:00 p.m.****Mus/Cant: Judy Wells, Julie Quay****Serv: Spencer & Sloan Stolly, Oliver Dearwester****Lect: Tim Smith, Anne Reames****Min: Mary Smith, Shirley Fromm****Sun., Jan 13, 10:00 a.m.****Mus/Cant: Leanna /Adult Choir, Rob & Connie Rhoades****Serv: Jay Tuttle, Aaron & Alivia Campbell****Lect: Bill O'Connor, Mary Giannola****Min: Mary Giannola, Rose Lyons****PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR by Liam Lawton***Lord,**As I quench the lamp**And close the door on the past**year May I find the words of**gratitude To honour this passing**time**The gift of Your design**For all that's come and gone**For decisions right and wrong**For unsung songs**I offer words of thanks**Lord bless us and all we hold so dear**That You might guide the way**At the birthing of the year.***CHALKING THE DOOR: A BLESSING ON YOUR HOME AT EPIPHANY**

The Feast of the Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the oldest Christian feasts, though, throughout the centuries, it has celebrated a variety of things. Epiphany comes from a Greek verb meaning "to reveal," and all of the various events celebrated by the Feast of the Epiphany are revelations of Christ to man.

On Epiphany, January 8th, 2019 family and friends gather to ask God's blessing on their homes and those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 19. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Blessing the Chalk

V. Our help is the name of the Lord:

R. The maker of heaven and earth.

V. The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in:

R. From this time forth for evermore.

Let us pray.

Loving God, bless this chalk which you have created, that it may be helpful to your people; and grant that through the invocation of your most Holy Name that we who use it in faith to write upon the door of our home the names of your holy ones Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, may receive health of body and protection of soul for all who dwell in or visit our home; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 19 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human two thousand and nineteen years ago. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year. Amen.

Then offer the following prayer:

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen

"Chalking the door" is a way to celebrate and literally mark the occasion of the Epiphany and God's blessing of our lives and home. With time the chalk will fade. As it does we let the meaning of the symbols written sink into the depths of our heart and be manifest in our words and actions the Latin words, *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house."

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**
Intention: _____
Offered by: _____
Date requested: _____
Mass requested: _____
 We will make every attempt to get them on the date you Request, however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this.



SAVE THE DATE

Jan 6, PFF 8:45 AM BEGINS

Jan 7, Monday, 7-9 PM (RCIA RM) Bible Study Begins

**Jan 13, 2019: RCIA Rm, Men's Gp, Bishop Barron:
The Mass--The Real Presence Creates Communion**

Pa sto ra l Care o f the Sick : Distributors to the sick and home-bound ...your parish is in need of help to perform this minister. Please call the office 592-1656 to make arrangements to perform this ministry.

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

The bulletins and calendars can be read on line

St Patrick Church: www.catholicbellefontaine.org

St Mary of the Woods: www.saintmaryofthewoods.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (592.9455)

Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;

5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates:

Money Spent: Clients:

Things we need: tuna, laundry detergent

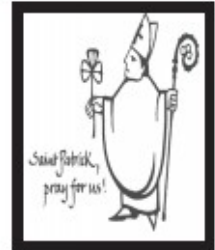
Thank you!

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side, to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen

—ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME AND PRAY THE ROSARY BEFORE MASSES: SUNDAYS AT 9:00 AM, SATURDAYS AT 3:30 PM, AND TUESDAYS AT 7:30 AM!!!

TIP OF SAINT PATRICK'S HAT

**A BIG SAINT PATRICK
"THANK YOU"**



**Morissa Sweeney,
Cecilia King, Tim Lyden,
John Vicario**

FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR PARISH THROUGH YOUR THREE YEARS SERVING ON THE ST PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL. THANK YOU!

God bless you,

FATHER SHAWN LANDENWITCH

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RETROUVAILLE: JANUARY 11-13 - The Retrouvaille Program helps couples restore and rebuild a loving relationship. It is for couples whose marriages are struggling, not communicating well, and those who are considering marriage separation or divorce. For more information contact: www.cincyretrovaille.org or HelpOurMarriage.com or call: 513.456.5413.

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED? - Our 12-week group begins Monday, January 7 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the St. Michael and Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Office Center, 33 Elm St., Fort Loramie, Ohio. Cost of \$25 includes materials for 12 weeks. Topics included in the series include shock, denial, fear, anger, depression, loneliness, financial issues, battles in court, custody and visitation, & annulment. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Rose Meyer at 937.295.2891 or rosem@nflregion.org for more information/registration.