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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FROM OUR PASTOR...

Dear friends,

Hope you had a good celebration of Christmas and the New Year. The weather has been really wintery. But we keep going. I thought it would be appropriate to give you a little biography of the First Saint of the USA. Elizabeth Ann Bayley Seton is America's first beatified and canonized saint. The second child of a socially prominent New York City family, she was born on August 28, 1774, two years before the Declaration of Independence. By birth and marriage she was linked to the most illustrious families of New York.

She lost her mother and sister early in life, and her father, Dr. Richard Bayley remarried. From both her mother and step-mother, staunch Episcopalians, Elizabeth learned a love of Scripture and the value of prayer. From her father, a great humanitarian, she learned to serve others. On January 25, 1794 the nineteen-year-old belle of New York married a handsome, wealthy business man, William Magee Seton. The couple had five children before his finances faltered and international political upheaval and tragic business losses combined to lead to William Seton's bankruptcy. Plagued by tuberculosis for most of their married life, in the fall of 1803, William, accompanied by his wife and eldest daughter, sought some relief for his illness in the warmer climate of Italy, where he had business friends. Quarantined for a month by the Italian port authorities, who feared he had yellow fever, William Seton died of tuberculosis on December 27 leaving Elizabeth a penniless widow at the age of thirty.

While staying with her husband's business partner's family in Italy, Elizabeth was introduced to the Catholic Faith and closely observed the Filicchi family's religious practices within the intimacy of their family home. She was especially attracted to the Holy Eucharist, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the fact that the apostolic succession could be traced back to the apostles and to Christ. Imperceptibly drawn to all that she witnessed first-hand, she began a process of conversion that ultimately led to her being received into the Catholic Church by the pastor of St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church in New York City on March 14, 1805. At the invitation of the Bishop of Baltimore and to support her children, she opened a school that, from the very beginning, followed the lines of a religious establishment. Following some difficult years of trials and struggles, in 1809 Elizabeth moved to Emmitsburg, Maryland where she founded the first religious order for women in America, the Sisters of Charity. From this time on, she was to become known as "Mother Seton".

The many letters of Mother Seton reveal her progress in the spiritual life. She suffered great trials: sickness, the death of two daughters, misunderstandings, and the heartache of a wayward son, but persevered through it all advancing from ordinary virtue to heroic sanctity. Mother Seton died on January 4, 1821, by which day her congregation numbered twenty communities across America. Cardinal Gibbons, successor to her nephew Archbishop James R. Bayley of Baltimore, introduced her cause in 1907. She was canonized in 1975.

Courtesy: America Needs Fatima.

God bless.
Fr. A. Antony

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 5:00 PM
Sunday 7:30 AM & 11:00 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5:30 PM
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8:00 AM
First Saturdays 8:00 AM

DAILY ROSARY

Before 8 AM Mass at 7:25 AM

HOLY HOUR

Mondays at 3:00 PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 4:00 PM

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

First Fridays beginning at 9:00 AM
All other Fridays beginning at 3:00 PM
Benediction at 4:00 PM

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St. Mary Parish ~ Lyndon Station

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday 5:30 PM
Sunday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday 5:00—5:20 PM

Mass Intentions for the week of January 8, 2017

Sat. Jan. 7	5:00 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Karen Differt</i>
Sun. Jan. 8	7:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Rose Schaller</i>
	11:00 AM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Tues. Jan. 10	5:30 PM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Sally Kloser</i>
Wed. Jan. 11	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Bud Arens</i>
Thu. Jan. 12	8:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Don Strack</i>
Fri. Jan. 13	8:00 AM	For <i>All Souls in Purgatory</i>
Sat. Jan. 14	5:00 PM	For <i>our Parishioners</i>
Sun. Jan. 15	7:30 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Jack Koca</i>
	11:00 AM	For the repose of the soul of <i>Leo Steiner</i>

Pray for the health of Max Teumer, Ben Reynebeau, Jeri Delgado, Julie (Watry) Stoner, Rosemary Lehnen, Patrick Lewis, Vivian G., Russell Fairchild, William Roberts, Bonnie Norton, Deb Beyer, Diana Hunt, Jessie Norton, Tricia Demmin, Bernard Resch, Laverne, John Kueppers, Shirley Mills, Ruth Clark, Karen Caple, Lis, Joe Dolphin, Maxine Greffe, Mary Ann Witcraft, Denise Dean, Bill Chase, Kathy, Kevin L., Kiley Hackel, Shari Randall, Jon Waalk, Helen Eucolono, Rita Burdick, Ethel Passer, Bill Eisch, Sid Mead, Steve, Art Randall, Ruby Steiner, Marie Hersil, Becky Fredrickson, Mary W., Sally Haas, Bob W., Dale Dolata, Therese, Gale Ryczek, Sandy Sarazin, Mary Sauer, Pete Ruland, Margaret Gabay, Mary Allaby, Audrey Gillen, Rita Kueppers, Mary Jane Pfaff, Cindy Mueller, Lucille Ryczek, George Gabay, Jim Smith, Judy Schoettler, Sadie Ravenscroft, Anne Nancolas, Rosemary Wier, Connie Lechleiter and the Moore Family.

Pray for those in the military serving our country: Jason Witkowiak, John Miller, Tera Walsh, Casey Chamberlain, Chris Dvorak, Paul Knudtson, Jon Taylor, Jessica Burch, Mandy Gardner, Aaron Hoogland and Jessica Treman.

There will be an hour of Eucharistic adoration conducted by our Deacon on 22nd January from 7-8 in the church in view of the March for life. All are requested to come and participate in that adoration and pray that people may understand the value of life and preserve it.

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL
Our goal for this year is \$42,209.
Our Pledges to Date—\$26,433.00 (98 Families)

You may return your pledge cards by dropping them in the weekend collection or by mailing them to: St. Patrick Parish, 401 Mansion Street, Mauston WI 53948. Thank you to all who have already returned their pledge cards!

Stewardship Corner ~ Dec. 31, 2016 & Jan. 1, 2017 (526 Registered Families)		
	BUDGETED	ACTUAL
Adult Envelopes	\$ 8,134.61	\$ 6,524.00
Christmas		105.00
Solemnity of Mary		409.00
On-Line Giving		588.00
Children's Envelopes	28.84	0.00
Loose Offering	615.39	594.50
Total Weekly Offering:	\$ 8,778.84	\$ 8,220.50
Budget Contingency Fund		0.00
Year-to-date* budget requirement		\$237,028.68
Year-to-date amount contributed		\$203,221.78

*Fiscal Year July 1, 2016 to current date

We ask you to join us in praying sincerely for guidance and success in helping to meet the temporal needs of our Church so that we can carry on our spiritual mission.

INTERESTED IN ON LINE GIVING? There are post cards in the pews with instructions on setting up your On-Line Giving Account. Need more help? Just call the rectory. Or you can visit our website, www.stpatrickismauston.com and click our Online Giving link. When you participate, your gift will be securely transferred directly into the parish bank account. This is a convenient and safe way to make a one-time or recurring donation.

Weekly Calendar			
Monday	Jan 9	3:00 PM	Holy Hour
Wednesday	Jan 11		CCD CLASSES
Thursday	Jan 12	8:30 AM	PCCW Meeting—RH
		11—1	Rosary Makers
Friday	Jan 13	8:45 AM	Friday Folders

Ladies—please note—the January PCCW meeting will be Thursday, January 12th at 8:30 AM. Please mark your calendars.

Happy Birthday to Deacon Juan! Deacon is celebrating his birthday today (January 8th). Please take a minute to wish Deacon a "Happy Birthday"!!

Attention Cob, Boy & Venture Scouts—Would you like to earn your Religious Emblem but don't know how? For information, contact Cindy Sjolander, Diocesan Religious Emblems Chairman, at 608-783-4911 or email: scouting@diolc.org to find out how.

Additional Christmas Flower Memorials:

Antonio & Concetta Triolo
 Deceased Members of the Dagmar, Brady & Marks Families
 Carol Barreau

Diaconate Discernment Retreat February 3-4, 2017: NEW Class for Deacon Formation begins in Fall of 2017. A Discernment Retreat for men who feel they may be called to the permanent diaconate will be held Friday-Saturday, February 3-4 at St. Anthony's Spirituality Center. For information and a registration form, visit www.diolc.org/deacon-discernment. See general information about the Permanent Diaconate on the diocesan website. For more information, contact Christopher Ruff, Office for Ministries and Social Concerns, atcruff@diolc.org or (608) 791-2664. The Discernment Retreat is mandatory for those considering applying for the class beginning fall 2017.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 7th & 8th
Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: David Hoffmann
Extraordinary Ministers: Corinne Kaiser
Servers: Gabe, Lucy and Elliot Hines
Greeters: Monica Niles, Ernie & Audrey Schmocker
Musicians: Joyful Praise
Gift Bearers: The Heath Thayer Family
Scrip Seller: Melissa Fry
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner, Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Lectors: Shirley Buttner, Mary Ann Strack
Servers: Lucas & Emma Eilers, Christopher Fry
Greeters: Dee Powers, Kathleen Quinn
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Paul & Nancy Schaller
Scrip Seller: Tammy Heath
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 11:00 AM

Lectors: Jaime Pouillie, Bill Curran
Extraordinary Ministers: Joelle Curran
Servers: Christian & Alexis Brow, Grace Peil
Greeters: Corwin & Marlene Tralmer
Musicians: Peg Schmitz, Choir
Gift Bearers: Chris & Candi Brow
Scrip Seller: Michelle Komiskey
Ushers: Jon Field, Kurt Salverson, Greg Cowan

10:00 AM Nursing Home Rosary:

Harry & Shirley Buttner

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE—Weekend of January 14th & 15th
Saturday, 5:00 PM**

Lectors: Gracie Footit
Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Bollig
Servers: Lydia Chapman, Haley Marini, Aedyn Lubinski
Greeters: Donna Bollig, Joan Potter, Marge Tremain
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: The Bill Powers Family
Scrip Seller: Kris Footit
Ushers: Bernie Lubinski, Gerald Gardner, Fran Lunenschloss

Sunday, 7:30 AM

Lectors: Millie Hovde, Veronica Sustar
Servers: Marshal Skiles, Matthew Gunther, Dylan Demaske
Greeters: Jerry & Marie Boehm
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Marion Koca
Scrip Seller: Therese Gunther
Ushers: Dave Bosgraaf, Mike Lubinski, George Tremel,
Arnie Penzkover

Sunday, 11:00 AM

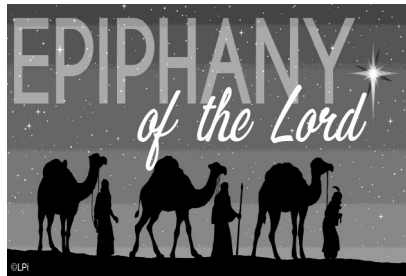
Lectors: Paul Curran
Extraordinary Ministers: Donna Elosh
Servers: Anna & Eli Boppert, Allie Roose
Greeters: Barb & Shannon Cowan, Jeanne Walsh
Musicians:
Gift Bearers: Howard & Gina Boppert
Scrip Seller: Gina Boppert
Ushers: Jon Field, Kurt Salverson, Greg Cowan

10:00 AM Nursing Home Prayer Service:

Deacon Delgado

**WISE MEN
STILL SEEK
HIM**

Would you like to see if the diocesan Lay Formation Institute (LFI) is right for you? What better way than to sit in on part of this exciting formation experience and "catch the spirit"? This opportunity is being offered for a limited number of inquirers the weekends of Feb. 3-4, March 3-4, or March 31-April 1, 2017 at beautiful St. Anthony Spirituality Center in Marathon. If you are interested in sitting in on part of a weekend, or even just one class, contact us at ministries@diolc.org or call the Office for Ministries and Social Concerns at 608-791-0161 to discuss your options. There is no fee unless you choose overnight lodging or meals. For more information on the LFI, visit www.diolc.org/lay-formation.



**JANUARY 8, 2017 ~
THE EPIPHANY OF
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"And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was." In our day and age, the star of Christmas has become a

kind of decorative symbol that adorns manger scenes and Christmas trees. It suggests something good and bright and holy, a visual indicator that the "Light of the world" has appeared. But today, on the feast of the Epiphany, we recall that originally, this star was not just a pretty symbolic ornament. This star was a sign from God that intervened in the operations of the physical universe. The Magi understood that this star was sent from God to indicate where his Son would be born.

Of course it should not surprise us in this season of all seasons that God should choose to order the universe according to his purposes. Jesus has just been born of a virgin! God has just taken on human flesh. These events in themselves are extraordinary divine interventions--miracles that defy the standard operation of things. Why shouldn't God choose to send a luminous star where he wants it, when he wants it? Why shouldn't he reveal his plan through the things that he created in the first place?

The beauty of today's feast is found, in part, in the fact that the Magi were able to recognize this sign from God. They waited for it, they saw it, and they rejoiced in it: "They were overjoyed at seeing the star." We too should be overjoyed in this season of God's special revelation to us. We may need the eyes to recognize it, but truly we have waited for a Savior, we have seen his appearance at Christmas, and now it is time to celebrate! God is at work in our physical world. He has come here, now to save us. This is cause for rejoicing!



**ST. PATRICK
SCHOOL NEWS**

St. Patrick School 5th graders have the opportunity to participate in the D.A.R.E. program. Despite the fact that there has not been funding for this program for over a decade, Undersheriff Craig Stuchlik chooses to carry on this program by teaching lessons of responsible decision-making, communication skills and managing responsibilities and challenges. It is fantastic to have community members in our school setting a great example by volunteering their time and teaching skills of citizenship.