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## St. Patrick - Stephenville

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ST. PATRICK  
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# December 26, 2021



## THE HOLY FAMILY



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

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### Sunday Masses

8 AM St. Patrick  
10 AM St. Denis

### Weekday Sacraments & Prayer

#### Monday at St. Denis

7 AM Adoration  
5:30 PM Confession  
6 PM Mass\*

**Mon. Dec. 27**  
No Adoration  
No Confession  
6 PM Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday at St. Denis

7 AM Adoration  
5:30 PM Confession  
6 PM Mass

#### Wednesday at St. Denis

7:30 AM Confession  
8 AM Mass  
4-8 PM Adoration

#### Thursday at St. Patrick

6:30 AM Mass  
7 AM-Noon Adoration  
7 AM Confessions

#### Saturday at St. Patrick

9 AM Mass\*  
9:30-10:30 AM  
Confession & Adoration

**Sat. Jan 1**  
**Mary Mother of God**  
10 AM MASS  
No Confession  
No Adoration

\*1st Monday and 3rd Saturday,  
Masses are celebrated Ad Orientem

### Confession:

Father Michael is also regularly  
available after masses or by appointment

## Reflections on the Church and America's New Religions - Part 1

### **Address delivered to Congress of Catholics and Public Life in Madrid Spain on November 4, 2021 by Most Reverend José H. Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles & President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

My friends, I am honored by your invitation to address this distinguished Congress. You have asked me to address a serious, sensitive, and complicated topic — the rise of new secular ideologies and movements for social change in the United States and the implications for the Church. Of course, I think we all understand that what the Church is facing in the United States is also happening in your country and in the countries throughout Europe, in different degrees and in different ways.

With that understanding, I want to offer my reflections today in three parts:

- First, I want to talk about the wider context of the global movement of secularization and de-Christianization and the impact of the pandemic.

- Second, I want to offer a “spiritual interpretation” of the new social justice and political identity movements in America.

- Finally, I want to suggest some evangelical priorities for the Church as we confront the realities of the present moment.

So, let's begin.

#### 1. Secularization and De-Christianization

I think we all know that while there are unique conditions in the United States, similar broad patterns of aggressive secularization have long been at work in Spain and elsewhere in Europe. An elite leadership class has risen in our countries that has little interest in religion and no real attachments to the nations they live in or to local traditions or cultures. This group, which is in charge in corporations, governments, universities, the media, and in the cultural and professional establishments, wants to establish what we might call a global civilization, built on a consumer economy and guided by science, technology, humanitarian values, and technocratic ideas about organizing society.

In this elite worldview, there is no need for old-fashioned belief systems and religions. In fact, as they see it, religion, especially Christianity, only gets in the way of the society they hope to build. That is important to remember. In practice, as our Popes have pointed out, secularization means “de-Christianization.” For years now, there has been a deliberate effort in Europe and America to erase the Christian roots of society and to suppress any remaining Christian influences.

In your program for this Congress, you allude to “cancel culture” and “political correctness.” And we recognize that often what is being canceled and corrected are perspectives rooted in Christian beliefs — about human life and the human person, about marriage, the family, and more.

In your society and mine, the “space” that the Church and believing Christians are permitted to occupy is shrinking. Church institutions and Christian-owned businesses are increasingly challenged and harassed. The same is true for Christians working in education, health care, government, and other sectors. Holding certain Christian beliefs is said to be a threat to the freedoms, and even to the safety, of other groups in our societies.

One more point of context. We all noticed the dramatic social changes in our societies with the coming of the coronavirus and the way our government authorities responded to the pandemic. I think history will look back and see that this pandemic did not change our societies as much as it accelerated trends and directions that were already at work. Social changes that might have taken decades to play out, are now moving more rapidly in the wake of this disease and our societies' responses. That is certainly true in the United States.

The new social movements and ideologies that we are talking about today, were being seeded and prepared for many years in our universities and cultural institutions. But with the tension and fear caused by the pandemic and social isolation, and with the killing of an unarmed black man by a white policeman and the protests that followed in our cities, these movements were fully unleashed in our society.

This context is important in understanding our situation in the United States. The name George Floyd is now known worldwide. But that is because for many people in my country, myself included, his tragedy became a stark reminder that racial and economic inequality are still deeply embedded in our society.

We need to keep this reality of inequality in mind. Because these movements that we are talking about are part of a wider discussion — a discussion that is absolutely essential — about how to build an American society that expands opportunities for everyone, no matter what color their skin is or where they came from, or their economic status.

Part 2 to be published on January 2

Part 3 to be published on January 9

Also available at [archbishopgomez.org/blog](http://archbishopgomez.org/blog)

## Solemnity Mass Times

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,  
Saturday, Jan. 1**

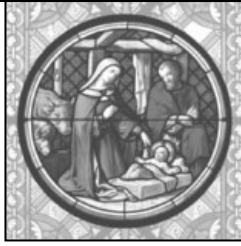
**10 AM Mass\*** at St. Patrick

**The Epiphany, Sunday, Jan. 2**

**8 AM Mass\*** at St. Patrick

**10 AM Mass\*** at St. Denis

\*Incense will be used at these Masses.



## Notes from the Parish Office

**The Parish Office will be closed -**  
December 29-January 2

**Join Us in Praying the Holy Rosary -**

Sundays, 7:39 AM St. Patrick Parish, before the 8 AM Mass.

**Prayer Line -**

To add your prayer intention to the Prayer Line -  
Call 920-986-3421 or Email: [cjvstraten51@gmail.com](mailto:cjvstraten51@gmail.com)

**Would you like to help pray for our parish family?**

Contact: [cjvstraten51@gmail.com](mailto:cjvstraten51@gmail.com), for prayer intention emails

**Parish Connections -**

If you know someone in a nursing home or is home bound that would like to receive a card or visit, contact 920-757-5063.

**Bulletins -**

If you would like the parish bulletin mailed to you, please contact the parish office at 920-757-5090.

**Home Visit -**

If you or a family member who would like a visit from Fr. Michael, please contact the parish office at 920-757-5090.

## Adoration

We are in need of regular adorers for Adoration on **Wednesdays, 4-8 PM at St. Denis and Thursdays, 7 AM-Noon at St. Patrick.** Please contact the Parish Office (920) 757-5090 if you can help for an hour or half an hour. Thank you.

## St. Denis Council Meeting

The St. Denis Pastoral Council will meet **Tuesday, January 4**, at 6:45 PM at the Parish Hall. If you have a point of discussion, please contact **Jeff Otto** | [jeff@toysfortrucks.com](mailto:jeff@toysfortrucks.com)



You are Welcome to Join Us for  
**Traditional Latin Mass** on  
**Friday, January 7**

**5:30 PM** | Confessions & Rosary  
**6 PM** | Holy Sacrifice of the Mass  
Light dinner to follow.

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*Approved and Encouraged by Bishop Ricken*

## Weekly Mass Intentions

**Sunday, December 26**

**8 AM (SP)** Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Denis Parishes

**10 AM (SD)** Faith-filled Families in our Parishes

**Monday, December 27**

**6 PM (SD)** Evening Prayer

**Tuesday, December 28**

**6 PM (SD)** Victor Wawiorka †

**Wednesday, December 29**

**8 AM (SD)** For Vocations to the Priesthood from our Parishes

**Thursday, December 30**

**6:30 AM (SP)** Clark Hribal †

**Saturday, January 1**

**10 AM (SP)** Parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Denis Parishes

**Sunday, January 2**

**8 AM (SP)** Leon Parker †

**10 AM (SD)** Parishioners of St. Patrick & St. Denis Parishes

## The Bible in a Year



Start off 2022 by listening along to "The Bible in a Year Podcast" with Fr. Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins. This is available on Audible and other podcast apps.

## Beer, Bible & Bourbon

**Who Said Faith Wasn't Fun?**

Join Fr. Michael Thiel as we ponder the most important things in the most casual way.

**Monday, January 10, 7 PM**

River Rail Bar & Banquet Hall, Shiocton

## Thank You for Donations

We would like to thank all of you for the collection of food and hygiene items that were contributed to both Parishes. Many families in our local communities will benefit from your generosity. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

## Women's Conference

**8th Annual Women's Conference**

Receive Mercy and Find Grace Creating a Culture of Justice, Love, and Charity through Prayer, Communion and Discipleship

**Saturday, March 12, 2022**

Good Shepherd Catholic Church Chilton



**Featuring:** Dr. Edward Sri, Mother Mary Catherine Rose Sullivan, St. Marie Veritas SV

**Register at:** [inmarysfootsteps2022.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/inmarysfootsteps2022)

## Liturgical Volunteers for Sunday, January 2 and Monday, January 3

DATE / TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	MUSICIANS	LECTORS	USHERS/GREETERS	SACRISTANS	COUNTERS
<b>Sunday, 1/2 8 AM St. Patrick</b>	Susan Koleske Michael Lefeber Lilly Brandt	Karla Boushley Jean Julius	Jerry Julius	Dave & Barb Plamann	Jeff & Laura Darnick	<b>Monday, 1/3 9 AM</b> Sandy Conradt Jean Lutz Bill Komp Pat Learman
<b>Sunday, 1/2 10 AM St. Denis</b>	Ann, Randy, Kinze Zitzelsberger	Karla Boushley Jean Julius	Mary Jo Kleiber	Eric & Crystal Zitzelsberger	Mark Schultz	



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