

From The Desk of Father Seth...

"YOU ARE GREAT THOUGH SMALL AND LITTLE"

Every great thing starts and develops with small beginnings, even God himself began to build this world with a humble beginning. Yes you may not have a name or big family and even the level of great scholars yet I challenge you to begin to reflect on greatness. Start thinking and dreaming, let others laugh at you but I say you are great. Set up your own greatness goals and learn to stay in it. Don't attempt to achieve greatness to impress others, otherwise you will doom your own aspirations. Here are five steps to get started:

Celebrate your success; before you begin working towards your goals and more greatness in life, be sure to acknowledge all you've accomplished already

Create your True Vision

Take Action

Stay Persistent

Have the Right Support

Greatness is a concept of a state of mind of superiority affecting a Person or object in a particular place or area. Greatness can be attributed to an individual or individuals who possess a natural ability to be better than all others. Here are ten Qualities of Greatness inspired by His words

Purposefulness, * Self-confidence, * Boldness, * Optimism, * Forgiveness, * Courage, * Determination and * HUMILITY

Christ himself began his greatness from the womb of a humble woman with no name, born and covered with a swaddling cloth, he chose the manger as his guest room. Between the Star, Moon, and the Sun, he preferred the Star for his sign of brightness towards his greatness.

Throughout Scripture we have several Great People like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Amos, Moses, Paul, the Apostles, Zechariah, and John the Baptist just to mention a few. None of these people, including Elizabeth and Mary, ever considered or thought themselves great yet so they are. From humble beginnings they achieved their greatness through strong faith in God as their support.

Once again I challenge you personally to start thinking and working towards the greatness God has planned for you. YES YOU CAN - DON'T GIVE UP.

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January 6, 2019 The Epiphany of The Lord

Today's Scripture

Sat. 1/5 -5:30 St. Mary; Sun: 1/6 - 8:00 a.m. St. Mary, Avoca, 10:30 a.m. St. Patrick, Walnut

Isaiah 60:1-6: Rise up in splendor Jerusalem the glory of the Lord shines upon you.

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6: For St. Paul Jew and gentile now share in the same glory of the Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12: The Magi from the east arrive to worship the new born King.

Sunday, January 13: Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7; Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.

Mass Schedule for January 7 - January 14, 2019

<i>Tues.</i>	01/08	8:30 a.m.	Peace Haven, Walnut	†Janet Freeman
<i>Wed.</i>	01/09	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†George Leslie
<i>Thurs.</i>	01/10	5:45 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Frank Russell Family
<i>Fri.</i>	01/11	8:30 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Robert O'Neill
<i>Sat.</i>	01/12	5:30 p.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	†Charles Kock
<i>Sun.</i>	01/13	8:00 a.m.	St. Patrick's, Walnut	†Barbara Roane
		10:30 a.m.	St. Mary's, Avoca	All Parishioners

Normal Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday: 5:30 p.m. St. Mary's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's(1-3-5)

St. Patrick's (2-4)

Sunday: 10:30 a.m. St. Mary's (2-4)

St. Patrick's (1-3-5)

THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE

January 6 - January 13, 2019

Sunday, January 6 - The Epiphany of The Lord

- * **Please Join Us for Coffee and Rolls** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's.
- * **K-7th Religious Education Class #11** is 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- * **Holy Land Olive Art** will be on display and for sale following all Masses this weekend.

Wednesday, January 9

- * **8 - 12 High School Religious Education #12** begins with Mass at 6:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Class from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Mary's.

Friday, January 11

- * **Adult Faith Committee** meeting is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. this morning on St. Mary's patio.

Sunday, January 13th - The Baptism of the Lord

- * **Please Join Us for Coffee and Rolls** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Patrick's, Walnut.
- * **K-7th Religious Education Class #12** is 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's, Avoca.
- * **The Rosary** will be lead by Allen Cordes at 10:15 a.m. at St. Mary's.
- * **St. Mary's Parish Council** meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. on the patio.
- * **St. Mary's January Group of the Month** will take down the Christmas decorations following Mass. Everyone is welcome to help!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- √ **Mary's Finance Meeting** is scheduled for Monday, January 14th at 6:00 p.m. on the patio.
- √ **8 - 12 High School Religious Education #13** is Wednesday, January 16th from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.
- √ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is Thursday, January 17th from 7 - 8 p.m. at St. Patrick's, Walnut.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK - God Made Man *Rediscover the True Meaning of Christmas*
Fr. Shannon Collins sheds new light on the biblical narratives of the birth of Jesus Christ, as well as the beautiful traditions of the Church during Christmas. Listen before the Christmas season ends!

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FATHER SETH'S INSTALLATION MASS WITH BISHOP PATES is Saturday and Sunday, January 19th & 20th. Saturday, January 19th Mass is at 5:30 p.m. at St. Mary's followed by Knights of Columbus Social & BBQ Rib Dinner at the Avoca Legion Hall. Sunday, January 20th Mass is at 8:00 a.m. at St. Mary's followed by coffee and rolls and at 10:30 a.m. at St. Patrick's followed by lunch.

"ST. MARY'S - BOOK EXCHANGE" Feel free to share and/or borrow any Good Catholic Reading materials in back of church.

REMINDER: 2019 TITHE BOXES AND CALENDARS are in the entry-way of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's. Please be sure to pick yours up soon!

ST. PATRICK'S NEOLA ANNUAL PARISH AUCTION is Saturday, January 26th. Mass is at 4:00 p.m., Staley's Chicken Dinner (\$10) and Raffle at 4:30 p.m. and Live Auction at 6:00 p.m.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS & MASSES: Robert Stuart, Kenny Blum, Judy Poore, Donnie Bauerkemper, Helen Juelsgaard, Helen Dea, Eileen Denning, Paul Koster, Marie Manuel, Patricia Koster, Kenneth Suhr, Doris (Jeannie) Mertz, LaVern Mertz, Carol Porter, Doyle Gilland, Mike D'Angelo, Sharon Sorrells, Marie Suhr, John O'Keefe, Janet Doyle Antony, Lori Reinig, Judy Willoughby, Tim Tuel, Roland McLaughlin, Monica McLaughlin Merryman, James Hoffmann, Mary VanCamp, Cole Geraghty, Eleanor Brown, Marcus Upton, Shelly Mattox, Ted Aikman, Dan Noonan, Angela Brisbois, Darla Snyder, Ethel Thomas, Gordon Gladdin, Leona Bladt, Lillie Sue Mace, Nathan Hall, Nancy Blum, Sherman Snyder, Carol Gubbels.

TITHES St. Mary: 12/2530 Tithes \$5315 Plate - \$199.75. **St. Patrick:** 12/25 Tithes -\$1085; Plate \$274. 12/30 Tithes \$350; Plate \$265.

St. Patrick's Breakfast: Jan. 13 Laura & Lou Totilas, Judd Gross. **Jan. 27** Gaylean & Donnie Bauerkemper, Denny Book.

Ministry 01/12 SM 5:30 p.m.	01/13 SM 10:30 a.m.	01/13 SP 8:00 a.m
Lector Nancy Holtz	Lector Bernitta Goettsch	Lector Jane Hayes Johnk
Comm Doug Spitznagle Nancy Gress Barb Butcher	Comm Robert Prokupek* Melody Cordes* Stephanie Geraghty	Comm Cindy Gross George Gross Jane Hayes-Johnk
Servers Nick Denning Claire Denning Grace Fichter	Servers Caden Geraghty Noah Bartunek Jordan Bartunek	Servers Lane Muell Wyatt Long
U/G Keith Holtz Clint Fichter	U/G Jon Bartunek Bob Goettsch	U/G Marvin Naegele Nathan Renz
Gifts Paul Wise Family	Gifts Jon/Jeanette Bartunek	Gifts Teri Naegele Jennifer Renz