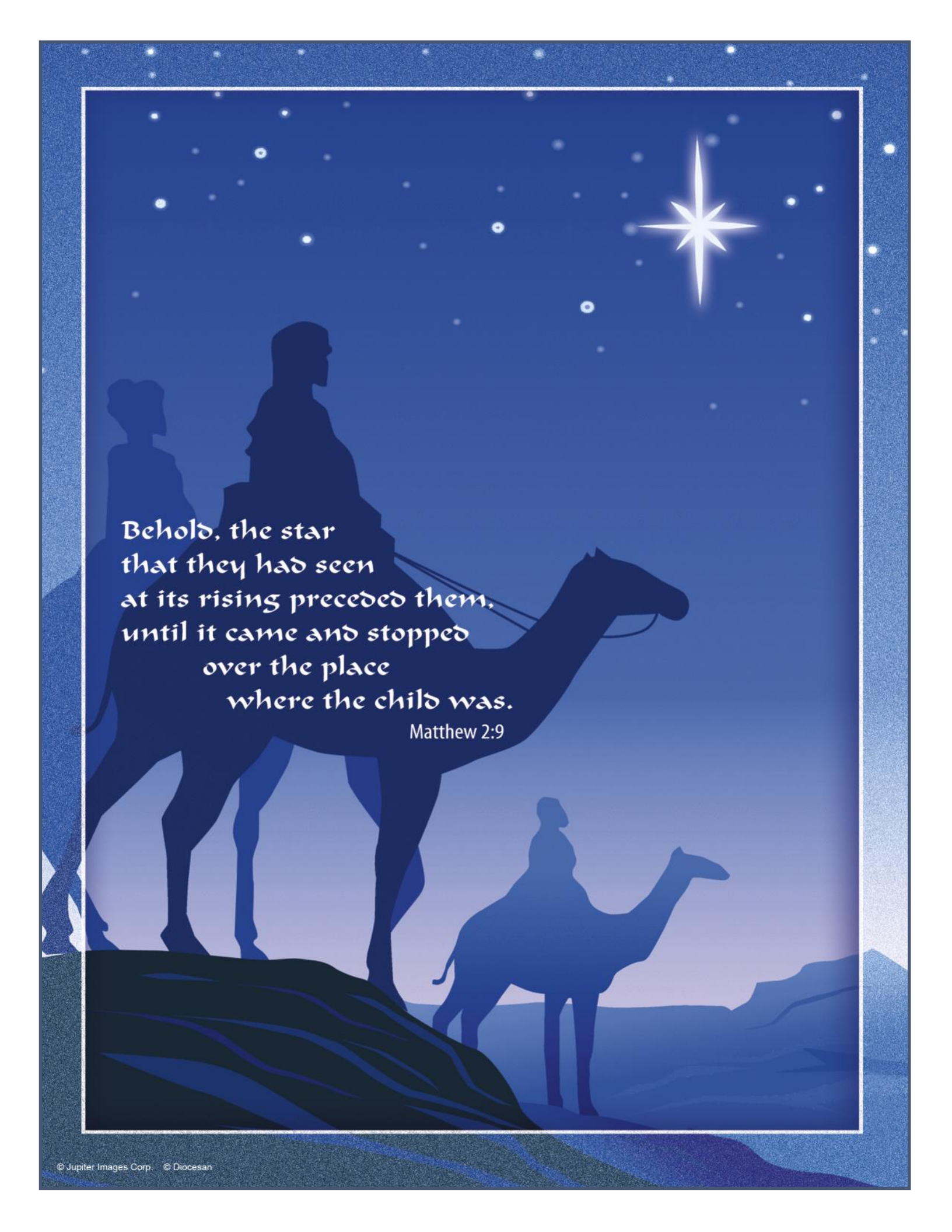


The illustration depicts the journey of the three wise men. They are shown as dark silhouettes against a deep blue night sky filled with stars. A single, exceptionally bright star with long, thin rays leads them from the upper right towards the horizon. The wise men are riding camels; the largest camel is in the foreground, with two smaller ones following behind it. The landscape below is a dark, undulating desert. The entire scene is framed by a thin white border.

Behold, the star  
that they had seen  
at its rising preceded them,  
until it came and stopped  
over the place  
where the child was.

Matthew 2:9

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**December 25 & 29, 2024 DONATIONS****General Funds**

Regular/Loose ..... \$8,385.00  
Flower Fund ..... \$5.00  
Retirement Fund ..... \$145.00  
Christmas ..... \$160.00

**Total..... \$8,695.00**

Cemetery Fund..... \$5.00  
Mass Stipend..... \$15.00  
Building Fund ..... \$1,520.00

***Mass Schedule*****Saturday, January 4th**

4:00 pm/Lois Easton

**Sunday, January 5th**

10:30 am/For the People of the Parishes

**Monday, January 6th**

NO MASS

**Tuesday, January 7th**

5:30 pm @ St. Joseph

**Wednesday, January 8th**

8:00 am/Michael Stohl

**Thursday, January 9th**

8:00 am @ St. Joseph

**Friday, January 10th**

8:00 am/Madonna Hettinger

**Saturday, January 11th**

4:00 pm/Loretta Taylor

**Sunday, January 12th**

10:30 am/David Hettinger

**Father Pat's Office Hours**

If you would like to speak or meet with Fr. Pat,  
please call the Rectory at 217-485-1224 or email  
[frpkoneal@yahoo.com](mailto:frpkoneal@yahoo.com)

**Confession Schedule**

Saturday: 3:15-3:45pm Anytime by appointment.  
Please call the Rectory 217-485-1224

**LITURGICAL MINISTRIES****Saturday, January 4th @4:00 pm Mass**

**Lector:** Beth Erwin

**Ushers:** Rick Bates, Dennis Winslow

**EMHC:** Sharon Morgan, Brian Barnes

**Gifts:** Volunteers

**Sunday, January 5th @10:30 am Mass**

**Lector:** Diane Ducey

**Ushers:** Alan Schwenk, Mike Miller

**EMHC:** Larry Hewing, Carol Miller

**Gifts:** Volunteers

**Money Counters:** Carol Miller, Brian Barnes

**Hospital Rules**

Please note that if you or a loved one are in the hospital and would like the priest to visit, you will have to notify Father directly. Due to the HIPPA laws, the hospital will not notify the priest directly. This also applies to nursing homes and assisted living places. Please call Father Pat at 217-485-1224 if you need to have him come for a visit.

**Prayer Requests**

Please remember the following people in your prayers this week: Reese Baird, Nancy Brown-Smith, Mary Humer, Patty Kirby, Frank Norton, Cathryn Pfeffer, Zoey Smith, Jay Warfel, Jeff Holt, Helen Birtcher, Katelyn Humer, Theresa O'Brien, Tammy Mayer, Jo Church, Becky Benson, Debra Bialeschki, Joann Hesselmann-Smith, Ron Adams, Robert Smith, Maggie Grimm, Sharon Oakes, Randy Wojan, Madison Riley Houser, Ernie Goode, Ferrell Strack, Joseph William Baird, John Henry Baird, Don Eckstein, Gary Divan, Patti Birtcher Castor, Derick Park, Rick Davis, Anthony, Sharon, & Sam Novak, Pat & Jim Like, and requested prayer intentions.

**CURSILLO IS LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEN!**

Men, feel like you would like to increase your faith life, find a way to become a better Christian and grow as a man of God. There will be a Men's Cursillo coming to St. Patrick's in Urbana, IL on the weekend of Feb. 14-16, 2024. Register now for 3 days of talks, laughter, fun, music, mass, and discussion and a great time with other guys seeking the same thing. For more information. Contact Dick Baxley @ 217-377-0318 or go to [champaigncursillo.com](http://champaigncursillo.com)

**ECUMENICAL MEMORIAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL**

January 22, 2025, 7 pm featuring speaker, Hope Miller, Director of Youth Outreach, Pro-Life Action League.

At Three Hierarchs Greek Orthodox Church, 2010 3 Hierarchs Ct, Champaign, IL 61820

We honor and pray for all those lives lost and affected by abortion.

Join us for scripture readings, song, rose and candle processions, testimony and fellowship with Catholic, Protestant and Greek Orthodox Churches and individuals.

**ST. THOMAS PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST**

Join us for our 58th Annual St. Thomas Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, January 19th, serving from 7 am to 1 pm at the St. Thomas School in Philo.

All you can eat pancakes, our own whole-hog home-made sausage, and coffee/juice/milk. Suggested donation \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors, \$5 for children, children kindergarten and under free.

Exciting raffles and lots of family fun. Mark your calendars now!

*"The humble, simple souls, who are little enough to see the bigness of God in the littleness of a Babe, are therefore the only ones who will ever understand the reason of His visitation. He came to this poor earth of ours to carry on an exchange; to say to us, as only the Good God could say: 'you give me your humanity, and I will give you my Divinity; you give me your time, and I will give you My eternity; you give me your broken heart, and I will give you Love; you give me your nothingness, and I will give you My all.'"*

**Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen**

**FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING**

Topic: Elder Abuse & Neglect Awareness

1 in 6 people aged 60 and older experience some form of abuse or neglect each year. The types of abuse include Physical, Sexual, Emotional, Confinement, Passive Neglect, Willful Deprivation, Financial Exploitation, Abandonment and Self Neglect. Some of the signs and symptoms includes unexplained injuries, depression, anxiety, changes in behavior, verbal abuse, humiliation in front of others, not seeing family or friends, and unusual debt or loss of assets. If you suspect Elder Abuse is occurring in Illinois, a report can be made by contacting the statewide, 24-hour Adult Protective Services Hotline: 1-866-800-1409. For more information regarding Elder Abuse or making a report, additional information can be found on the Illinois Department of Aging Website provided:

<https://www.illinois.gov/services/service.report-elder-abuse.html>

CRIS Healthy Aging focuses on maintaining an optimal quality of life for seniors well into their

advanced years. To learn more about Elder Abuse & Neglect or services available, call (217)

443-2999 or email [info@CRISHealthyAging.org](mailto:info@CRISHealthyAging.org).

Faith Community Health at Carle connects you and your faith community to needed healthcare and wellness support, taking a whole-person approach to health.

To learn more about bringing healthcare and wellness resources to your faith community, call (217) 902-3160 or email [FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com](mailto:FaithCommunityHealth@carle.com).

**HELP TAKING DOWN DECORATIONS**

After the 10:30 am mass today, January 5th, please assist in taking down the Christmas decorations in the church.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON**

Wednesday, January 8th, at 11:30 am, join us for lunch, fun, and fellowship. Anyone age 55 and over is invited to bring a dish to share.

**ST. NICHOLAS CHARITY ON WHEELS**

The schedule of the van has been changed to Thursdays. It will be in front of the hall on Thursday, January 9th at noon. Among the items offered are toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning supplies, and gift cards.