

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

JANUARY 1, 2006

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 2	8:30 AM (SP)	+Lois Beuch, +Gloria Reigert
Tuesday	Jan. 3	8:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques
Wednesday	Jan. 4		NO MASS
Thursday	Jan. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	Ruth Jorgenson
Friday	Jan. 6	8:30 AM (SP)	Brittany Burdine & family
Saturday	Jan. 7	5:00 PM (SP)	+Andy Morgan
Sunday	Jan. 8	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Robert Belkengren

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 4		NO Religious Education
Wed. Jan. 4	6:30 PM	Staff Retreat/Potluck
Sun. Jan. 8	10:30 AM	Sunday School, pre & K.
Wed. Jan. 11	6:45 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Jan. 15	10:30 AM	Sunday School, pre & K.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF RETREAT/POTLUCK: Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. You'll be assigned a type of dish to bring. We'll be going over the new Religious Education Standards, and we're hoping to arrange a speaker. Watch for your invitation!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 7 & 8

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/7	Dan Cross, Barbara Lewis, Jim DeGross
	1/8	Ted Jirik, Kristi Schulte, Jan St. Aubin
	1/7	Jim DeGross
	1/8	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	1/7	Jed Kreuser, Jeff Paul, Travis Sticha
	1/8	Gabby Ryan, Amy Ryan, Megan Ryan
Ushers	1/7	Steve Kreuser, Leonard Sticha
	1/8	Don Pesta, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	1/8	Dan & Deb Cervenka

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/8	Deloris Friske, Kevin Mahowald, Rosemary Hatcher, Pat Schroeder
Lector	1/8	Deb Norman
Acolytes	1/8	Stacy & Jason Erickson, Samantha Muraski
Ushers	1/8	Jeff Schroeder, Vic Mushitz
Greeters	1/8	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting ladies time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!

READINGS FOR JANUARY 8, 2006 EPIPHANY



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: *David & Julie Roach, Catherine Rockenbach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Mike & Caryn Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip Ryan, Ronald & Rosie Ryan, Chad & Emily Sandey. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS: The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. OFFICER: The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons if you can help!

GROUP I FISH FRY: We need volunteers from Group I to chair & co-chair the Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, February 24th. Please contact the parish office to help. Thank you.

DONATIONS FOR SYMBOLS: We are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of the bronze symbols for the sanctuary of the church. These four symbols will be made just for our church and not a warehouse item. Similar to the bell up in the bell tower which was made just for our church in 1873. You may not know but the bell has "St. Patrick" and the year "1873" cast into the side of it along with the name of the foundry who made it. I wouldn't doubt that back then they took up a special collection for that bell also. It's too bad no one can see it, unlike these symbols which will carry the same integrity but will be visible for all of us to see and be inspired by. Please consider helping with this request. You can call the office or talk to me, Dan Cervenka, @ 758-3428. (amount needed: \$7,795.00). Thank you.

FESTIVAL & MISSION QUILTING: Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM starting January 7th at Della Schmitt's. If you would like to quilt at any other time, please call Della @ 492-2250.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Ken & Becky Jilk, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf, David & Bonnie Buresh, Terrance & Sook DeRoche.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL: If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

ST. CATHERINE HOLY HOUR: Saturday, Jan. 7 at 9:00AM.

LECTORS NEEDED: The Church of St. Catherine is in need of additional lectors for Sunday masses. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please call Mary Kay Mahowald @ 447-3970.



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen (sister of George Buresh), MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Benoit Stepka, Jack Keenan, Randy Odette.

PARISH DIRECTORY: We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a new parish directory. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.



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LISTEN TO THE “WORD”

Did you ever wonder why you ever started listening to the word “stewardship?” And you may be tired of hearing about it, but you know, you’ve been living it all your life. It’s true! Read on.

What would you call over twenty people volunteering their time to help paint a church building? It is “stewardship.” Or, what would you call twelve people who were at church on a Sunday afternoon to put together a dinner for two church members who were moving to Florida to show they cared? That’s stewardship! That is sharing their Sunday afternoon.

Or, how about the organist who is always willing to share her talents, or ushers who continue through the year faithful to their duties; this is all stewardship. This is what it means to share one’s self with others—to reach out to others, to help others to pray—to let others know we care! All of this is constantly happening among good Christians. It is stewardship.

You see, what we want to make clear is that stewardship is an attitude. It’s not so much what we do, as it is why we are doing something.

To connect the term “stewardship” strictly with a fund drive or a census, then, is not really doing it justice. Because census work and fund drives are projects we do, complete, and then they are over with. It can’t be the same for stewardship.

Stewardship is an ongoing happening or process. It is a continuous revelation that God has given us special “gifts;” special talents. By these gifts or talents, we can reveal God to the world. The touch of God can be felt in another’s life, and sensitivity to the needs of others is the healing, helping hand of God. Does this sound like a definition of Christian charity? If so, it is because that’s stewardship. *Beautiful is a phenomenon that is never apparent itself, but is reflected in a thousand different works of the Creator. (Goethe)*

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bingo, every Tuesday at 7:15 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague.

Admissions Reception, Sun. Jan. 8, 1:00 PM at St. Thomas Academy in Mendota Heights. For info, 651-683-1515.

Women’s Retreat, Jan. 13-15 & 17-19 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Serenity Retreat for People in AA & Al-Anon, Jan. 20-22 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, 447-2182.

Growing Through Loss, “*Supporting Grieving Youth*” Thur. Jan. 26, 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church in Savage. \$2.00/session. For more information, call 952-892-2111.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 10-12 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more info, call 651-426-4710.

STEWARDSHIP—

Stewardship defined

Christian Stewardship is the practice of systematic and proportionate giving of time, abilities, and material possessions based on the conviction that these are a trust from God, to be used in his service for the benefit of all humankind in grateful acknowledgement of Christ’s redeeming love.