

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 13		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 14	8:30 AM (SP)	+Ann & Myron Eischens
Wednesday	Jan. 15	6:00 PM (SP)	Steve Kreuzer
Thursday	Jan. 16	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
Friday	Jan. 17		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 18	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Jan. 19	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques For our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 18 & 19, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/18	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers, Tony Jirik
	1/19	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross
Lector	1/18	Jim DeGross
	1/19	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	1/18	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	1/19	Cole, Ella, & Ethan Fliccek
Ushers	1/18	Mel Gregory, Matt Sirek
	1/19	Pat Puncochar, Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/19	Kevin Mahowald, Frank Simons, Kathy Prochaska, Pat Schroeder
Lector	1/19	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	1/19	Monica Muelken
Ushers	1/19	Dave Koller, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	1/19	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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 people 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!*

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 13: Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, Jan. 14: Fr. David Kohner, Jan. 15: Fr. Thomas Kommers, Jan. 16: Fr. Lawrence Konold, Jan. 17: Fr. Evan Koop, Jan. 18: Fr. Dale Korogi, Jan. 19: Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk.



**Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## FROM THE PASTOR

I thank everyone for your Christmas cards and gifts and best wishes. May God bless you all.

### The First Mystery of Light

At the beginning of the 25<sup>th</sup> year of his amazing pontificate, St. John Paul II gave a beautiful, and highly significant, gift to the Church: five new mysteries of the Rosary. He calls them the “Mysteria Lucis”: the Mysteries of Light. Introducing them he writes, “Moving on from the infancy and the hidden life in Nazareth to the public life of Jesus, our contemplation brings us to those mysteries which may be called in a special way “mysteries of light”. Certainly the whole mystery of Christ is a mystery of light. He is the “light of the world” (John 8:12). Yet this truth emerges in a special way during the years of His public life, when He proclaims the Gospel of the Kingdom. In proposing to the Christian community five significant moments – “luminous” mysteries – during this phase of Christ’s life, I think that the following can be fittingly singled out: (1) His Baptism in the Jordan, (2) His self-manifestation at the wedding of Cana, (3) His proclamation of the Kingdom of God, with His call to conversion, (4) His Transfiguration, and finally, (5) His institution of the Eucharist, as the sacramental expression of the Paschal Mystery.

The first mystery of light, the Baptism in the Jordan, is the feast that brings the Christmas Season to a close. We move from the peaceful setting of the Nativity scene to encountering Jesus fully- grown and ready to begin His public life. “Here, as Christ descends into the waters, the innocent one who became ‘sin’ for our sake (cf. 2 Cor 5:21), the heavens open wide and the voice of the Father declares Him the beloved Son (cf. Matt. 3:17), while the Spirit descends on Him to invest Him with the mission which He is to carry out” (Rosary of the Virgin Mary, n.21). It was a manifestation of the truth that Jesus, true God, the Second Person of the Trinity, was naturally, and always His Son. And as true Man, though without sin, sent as Savior of the world, “Our Lord voluntarily submitted Himself to the baptism of St. John, intended for sinners, in order to ‘fulfill all righteousness.’ Jesus’ gesture is a manifestation of His self-emptying” (Catechism, 1224).

So begins His public life, which will culminate in His death and Resurrection. It is this that will make it possible for us to become adopted children of God, a privilege and gift received through the Sacrament of Baptism. “See where you are baptized, see where Baptism comes from, if not from the cross of Christ, from His death. There is the whole mystery: He died for you. In Him you are redeemed, in Him you are Saved” (Catechism, 1225).

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*



## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY: PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

\*Patrick & Kayla Puncocar, Jack & Amy Puncocar, Rob & Jodie Puncocar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Nicholas & Bobbie Reak, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi.  
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady/Rosie Ryan.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking lectors and servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. Please call the parish office or Shelley Shepherd @ 952-492-3571 to volunteer.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection January 5, 2020

Received this week.....	\$ 2,202.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,223.00
Christmas.....	\$ 3,530.00
December 29, 2019.....	\$ 3,618.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm, Jeffrey & Jane Lorsung.

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, January 27th at 7:00 PM.

#### DEAR LADIES AT ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$100.00 to Our Lady of Peace. We truly appreciate your support and acknowledgment of our wonderful mission.

Our Lady of Peace was founded in 1941. Since that day we have been providing free end-of-life care to individuals with limited financial resources who have been diagnosed with incurable cancer and now we have extended our care to individuals that are diagnosed with any terminal illness.

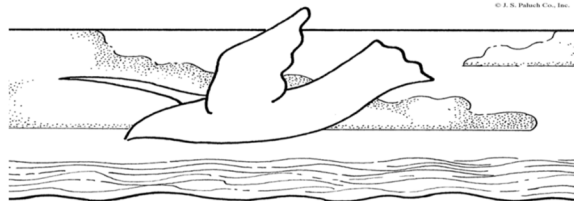
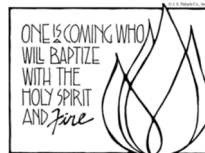
That mission continues today, thanks to the generous community of donors whose donations make our work possible. Without your support we could not continue to provide this care free of charge to our patients and their families. Thank you. Warmest regards, *Lisa Sweeney*, Director of Development

#### Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection January 5, 2020

Received this week.....	\$ 861.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$1,040.00
Christmas.....	\$2,341.00
December 29, 2019.....	\$2,395.53



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PARISHES:** Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.  
+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Denise Despenas, sister of Bonnie Theis.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 15	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9 First Reconciliation, 2nd grade
Sun. Jan. 19	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Jan. 22	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Jan. 26	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**2020 Pro-Life Breakfast**, Sun. Jan 12, 8:00 AM until noon at the KC. Hall in New Prague. It is all you can eat pancakes & sausage. Cost is a free-will offering.

Please join us for the **M.C.C.L. Walk for Life** and the Archdiocese's Prayer for Life at the Cathedral on Wed. Jan. 22. Jan. 22 marks the 47th year since the landmark decision of Roe vs. Wade making abortion legal in the U.S. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 61 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. On Wed. 22nd at 9:30 AM parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael parking lot in Prior Lake to the Cathedral and State Capitol for a prayer vigil and rally to show our support to end abortion. The bus will return at 2:30 PM. For additional information or to sign-up to take the bus contact Joe Meurer @ 952-402-0689 or [meurer55378@msn.com](mailto:meurer55378@msn.com)

Are you in a hurting marriage? Do you have trouble communicating, frequent arguments, distance between you and your spouse, or each going your own way? You are not alone. **Retrouvaille**, a peer couples marriage ministry provides help for troubled marriages. For more information on **Twin Cities Retrouvaille** and its program to help hurting couples, please call 651-464-5855 or visit [www.tcr-mn.org](http://www.tcr-mn.org)

**Women's Weekend Retreats**, Jan. 17-19 & Feb. 21-23 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. Call 952-447-2182 or online [www.FranciscanRetreats.net/register](http://www.FranciscanRetreats.net/register)