

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 14		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 15	8:30 AM (SP)	Corrine Bahn
Wednesday	Jan. 16	6:00 PM (SP)	Steve Kreuser
Thursday	Jan. 17	8:30 AM (SC)	+Art Schumann
Friday	Jan. 18		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 19	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Jan. 20	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 19 & 20, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/19	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	1/20	Heidi Michaelson, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka
Lector	1/19	Jim DeGross
	1/20	Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	1/19	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Joe Weiers
	1/20	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	1/19	Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory
	1/20	Pat Puncoschar, Norm Sticha

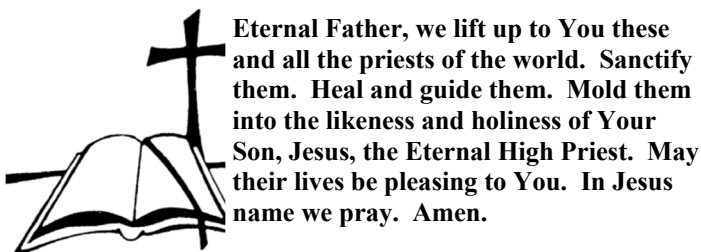
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/20	Joan Bruzek, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	1/20	Kevin Mahowald
Altar Servers	1/20	Karley Vochoska, Monica Muelken
Ushers	1/20	Shawn O'Hern, Joel Vochoska
Greeters	1/20	Frank & Cathy Simons

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. 14: Fr. Lawrence Ober, Jan. 15: Fr. William O'Brien, Jan. 16: Fr. Thomas O'Brien, Jan. 17: Fr. Stephen O'Gara, Jan. 18: Fr. Kenneth O'Hotto, Jan. 19: Fr. Jules Omba Omalanga, Jan. 20: Fr. Anthony O'Neill.



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FROM THE PASTOR

Miles to go before I Sleep

The American poet Robert Frost wrote a short and famous poem entitled "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening." It is a fitting analogy to the Christmas season that ends today with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.

The poem depicts a man traveling on a winter night who stops briefly to contemplate the beauty that surrounds him. "Whose woods these are I think I know/ His house is in the village though/ he will not see me stopping here/ to watch his woods fill up with snow." It is easy for us to miss these opportunities in life to drink in the beauty that surrounds us. We are busy with so many things; in our race against the clock we may pass by so many things that may have brought joy to our hearts or inspired us with their simple beauty. One of the good ways that we celebrate Christmas in our culture is that private and public places are decorated with a delightful array of color and light. And though these decorations may have various connections to the true meaning of Christmas, they are still beautiful. It is good to stop and appreciate this beauty even if it may seem strange to do so. "My little horse must think it queer/ to stop without a farmhouse near/ between the woods and frozen lake/ the darkest evening of the year. He gives his harness bells a shake/ to ask if there is some mistake/ the only other sound's the sweep/ of easy wind and downy flake."

Once we do this we notice a certain peace and joy that we do not want to end. It is a little taste of heaven where we shall look upon God face to face and see the fullness of His beauty that is only dimly reflected in creation. We are made to know the truth to which beauty is very deeply connected. "Truth carries with it the joy and splendor of spiritual beauty. Truth is beautiful in itself." This is made known to us in words, but also in other ways, "above all when it is a matter of evoking what is beyond words: the depths of the human heart, the exaltations of the soul, the mystery of God" (Catechism, 2500). When we stop and gaze upon the Nativity scene we can experience a little of the peace and joy of the first Christmas when, through the eyes of Mary and Joseph, man looked upon Emmanuel, God-with-us, for the first time. We can see the simple beauty of the truth that "God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life" (John 3:16). The contemplation of this beautiful truth brings a contentment that is a foreshadowing of the heavenly rest, where, as it were, we shall sleep in heavenly peace.

And still, we realize that we are not in heaven yet. We have much to do in this life. "The woods are lovely, dark and deep/ but I have promises to keep/ and miles to go before I sleep/ and miles to go before I sleep." The Feast



of the Baptism of the Lord shakes us from the dreamy peace of that silent night and reminds us that He had much to do in His life; and so do we. We have promises to keep. We made them at our baptism. We promised to reject Satan and all his works. We said that we believe in God and we promised to love Him and our neighbor. This is not a one-time action. It is done through the miles and miles of life. We should stop often to contemplate the beauty around us that we may be refreshed and inspired to continue traveling well those miles to go before we sleep.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Cyril & Natalie Simon, Anthony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Joe & Maria Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Troy & Barb Skluzacek, Tim & Barbara Sonnek. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

CHRISTMAS TAKE-DOWN: Sunday, January 13th after the 10:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to stay and take-down Christmas decorations. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students please bring your sheet to be signed.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 6, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,879.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
 LED Lighting Project collected.....\$ 9,110.00
 LED Lighting Project goal.....\$ 15,700.00
 December 30 Collection.....\$ 1,920.00
 New Year's Collection.....\$ 673.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 10th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/adults, \$4.00/child, age 5-12. Kids 4 and under are free. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you wish to help out.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The Cemetery Committee is looking for additional committee members. If interested, contact Bill Dillingham @ 952-212-2529.

C.C.W. NEWS: St. Catherine C.C.W. new officers for 2019 are President: Linda Torgeson, Secretary: Deloris Friske, Treasurer: Joan Bruzek. We are still in need of a Vice President. Please consider this position. Thank you to outgoing president Margaret Sharkey and Vice President Kathy Ceola who served the past two years. With the combined efforts of all the women, it was a productive and rewarding time.

THANK YOU: St. Catherine choir and parish thank Jeff & Jane Lorsung for the generous gift of their baby grand piano. You and your piano added a new and beautiful sound for our Christmas and New Year's Masses. We look forward to all of the glorious music that it will provide in the future.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection January 6, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 717.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
 December 30 Collection.....\$2,335.00
 New Year's Collection.....\$ 285.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Elaine Suilmann (aunt of Vickie Cross), Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Pint (mother of Cathy Beuch, Albert Braith (father of Tish Scheffler), Laurie Theis (former St. Patrick parishioner), Bob Swanell (father of Lynne Hoffman).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 16 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-9.
 Wed. Jan. 23 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-9.
 Wed. Jan. 30 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-8.

Confirmation Class at St. Michael's.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 10	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Mar. 1	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Spring Luncheon
Sat. Apr. 13	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

M.C.C.L. Walk for Life, Please join us for the M.C.C.L. Walk for Life and the Archdiocese's Prayer for Life at the Cathedral on Tue. Jan. 22nd. Jan. 22, 2019 marks the 46th year since the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade making abortion legal in the United States. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 61 million babies have been aborted in the United States. On Tue, Jan. 22 at 9:30 AM parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael parking lot to the Cathedral and State Capital for a prayer vigil and rally to show our support to end abortion. The bus will return at 2:00 PM. For additional information or to sign up to take the bus contact Joe Meurer @ 952-402-0689 or Meurer55378@msn.com

