

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/3	NO MASS		
Tuesday	1/4	8:30 AM	SP	+Gary Erickson
Wednesday	1/5	6:00 PM	SP	Ruth Jorgeson
Thursday	1/6	8:30 AM	SC	+Dale Bukovsky
Friday	1/7	8:30 AM	SP	Jeff Moulton
Saturday	1/8	5:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Sunday	1/9	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 8 & 9, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/8	Rita Ryan
	1/9	Gloria Jacques
Lector	1/8	Shelley Shepherd
	1/9	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	1/8	Weston Feist
	1/9	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	1/8	Brian Feist
	1/9	Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/9	Rosie Nelson
Lector	1/9	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	1/9	Volunteer
Ushers	1/9	Shawn O'Hern, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	1/9	Margaret Sharkey, Joan Bruzek

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Jan. 3: Fr. Neil Bakker, Jan. 4: Fr. Thomas Balluf, Jan. 5: Fr. Joseph Bambenek, Jan. 6: Fr. Richard Banker, Jan. 7: Fr. Austin Barnes, Jan. 8: Fr. Patrick Barnes.

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.



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FROM THE PASTOR

God Knows

With the horrors of World War I still painfully fresh, King George VI addressed the British Empire on Christmas Eve, 1939. Three months had passed since his empire had been drawn into another war with Germany that would be, as Our Blessed Mother had foretold at Fatima in 1917, much worse than the first. He found inspiration in the preamble of a poem written in 1908 by Minnie Louise Haskins entitled "God Knows" though it is more popularly known as "The Gate of the Year." It was given to him by his 13-year-old daughter, Princess Elizabeth and he quoted the first part of the poem with the hope that it would bring hope to his people as they faced the beginning of another year haunted by the Spector of war:

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:
"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown."

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand in the Hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way."

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night. And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

As we face a new year we look back upon the old and remember its blessings and trials. There are years that we cannot wait to leave behind, and there are those that we savor with gratitude and longing; but for the most part there is a little bit of both in each year. That is why it is very important to have the disposition of Mary, who, "kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart" (Luke, 2:19). By doing so we can perceive more clearly God's providence in our lives. We can recognize Him as the source of all good things and our strength as we endure evil. This will give us greater confidence as we face the uncertainty of the future. There are good things that we expect and hope for as well as possibilities that we dread and fear. We must remember that we do not walk into the darkness of the new year alone. We cross that threshold in the company of family, friends, and other members of the Church, both here and in heaven, each of whom may trod gladly into the night because they are holding the hand of God.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Kevin & Lisa DeGross, Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Jon & Angela Deutsch, Thomas & Jody Deutsch, *Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta.

Altar Linens: Gail Cassady

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN: We will be taking down the Christmas decorations on Sunday, January 9 after 10:30AM Mass. All are welcome to help and Confirmation students are invited to help for their service hours.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
12/19/21 Collection:	\$ 3,509.81
12/19/21 Flower Collection:	\$ 85.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Tim & Connie Sadusky.

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
12/19/21 Collection:	\$ 1,721.00
12/19/21 Flower Collection:	\$ 60.00
12/19/21 Holy Day Collection:	\$ 105.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Brandon Witt, Mary Lou Delaney, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Marilyn Skluzacek (sister of Jeanette Sticha).

HOLIDAY GIVING TREE 2021:

Now that's a CARTFULL! The volunteers at the New Prague Peace Center were so grateful for all of our donations.

THANK YOU!



2022 ENVELOPES: Your offering envelopes are available in the back of church to be picked up.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to; contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	1/5/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class- St. Michael's 6:30-8:30PM
Sunday	1/9/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM
Wednesday	1/12/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	1/16/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRANCISCAN RETREAT & SPIRITUALITY

CENTER: The Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake is offering a women's retreat January 14-16, 2022 and January 21-23, 2022 with a retreat theme of, "Hope Rising: Revisioning Our Dream." To register or for more information, call 952-447-2182 or franciscanretreats.net.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb. 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo. For more information, call Brent and Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at twincitieswwme.org.