

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/4	NO MASS		
Tuesday	1/5	8:30AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler Family
Wednesday	1/6	6:00 PM	SP	+Carlton Miller
Thursday	1/7	8:30 AM	SC	+Ken Maciej
Friday	1/8	NO MASS		
Saturday	1/9	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	1/10	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR January 9 & 10, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/9	None-COVID restrictions
	1/10	Kristi Schulte(choir)
Lector	1/9	Brianne Jirik
	1/10	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	1/9	None
	1/10	None
Ushers	1/9	Volunteer
	1/10	Volunteer

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/10	Joan Bruzek, Volunteer
Lector	1/10	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	1/10	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/10	Rick Sirek, George Dohney
Greeters	1/10	Kathy Conway & Bonnie Theis

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 3: Fr. Jerome Fehn, Jan. 4: Fr. Ettore Ferrario, Jan. 5: Fr. Richard Fichtinger, Jan. 6: Fr. Rian James, Jan. 7: Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Jan. 8: Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Jan. 9: Fr. John Fitzpatric.

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

Discovering the Mystery

Each year I notice a little more the difference between the way the Church and our culture celebrate Christmas. Our culture begins early, Thanksgiving at the latest, and other than a few after-Christmas sales, it is over on the 26th of December. Decorations are packed up, trees are thrown out, and it is impossible to find a Christmas song on the radio. The Church, on the other hand, just begins to celebrate Christmas on the 25th. It continues through the Feast of the Baptism of Jesus 2 weeks later. The difference is significant. Many of the things about our culture's way of celebrating Christmas are good and are somehow rooted in its real meaning, but the abrupt end on the 26th gives the false impression that we understand what Christmas means and so are done for another year. The Church, however, approaches Christmas as a mystery that cannot be fully understood except by God Himself.

The Church recalls how God revealed this mystery, and by meditating on these epiphanies or manifestations, invites and leads her members to discover the mystery throughout the ages. Very few discovered this mystery the first time: Mary and Joseph, John the Baptist, some shepherds, the Magi, Simeon and Anna; the rest of the world went on as usual, unaware that anything was different, perhaps passing right by the Holy Family without noticing a thing. But something was different. God had become a member of humanity to make it possible for us to share in His divinity. "The Lord is the goal of human history, the focal point of the longings of history and of civilization, the center of the human race, the joy of every heart and the answer to all its yearnings" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 45). This is the mystery that began to be revealed in the events of the first Christmas and need to be discovered anew by each person. As we discover this mystery we will find that there is always more: "We must then dig deeply in Christ. He is like a rich mine with many pockets containing treasures: however deep we dig we will never find their end or their limit. Indeed, in every pocket new seams of fresh riches are discovered on all sides" (St. John of the Cross, A Spiritual Canticle, office of readings, Liturgy of the Hours, Dec. 14).

Understanding and living this approach to the mystery of Christmas shows us the way to approach all of the mysteries of our faith. Especially important is to bring this humble attitude of discovery to the mystery of infinite love that is the Eucharist. As so many passed by the mystery of Christmas then and now without understanding, so many pass by Him in the Eucharist today without realizing that here is present the same Jesus born in Bethlehem. As many barely scratch the surface as to the meaning of Christmas, the same is true of the Eucharist. "We are constantly tempted to reduce the Eucharist to our own dimensions, while in reality it is we who must open ourselves up to the dimensions of the Mystery. The Eucharist is too great a gift to tolerate ambiguity and depreciation... Faith demands that we approach the Eucharist fully aware that we are approaching Christ Himself. The Eucharist is a mystery of presence, the perfect fulfillment of Jesus' promise to remain with us until the



end of the world” (John Paul II, Mane Nobiscum Domine, 14,6). Let us all make a resolution this New Year to discover more deeply the mystery of the Eucharist: God is with us.

-Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: *Jeff & Katie Kneip, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Mitchell & Megan Kreuger, Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Lucas & Erica Landry, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped with the Christmas decoration set up. Thanks to the Confirmation students that helped. Also, thank you for the plants, wreaths and tree that were donated. -SP Liturgy Committee

TAKE DOWN DECORATIONS: Christmas decorations will be taken down Sunday, January 10 after mass. Everyone is welcome to help.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection December 13, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,902.85
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00
Christmas Flower Collection.....\$ 386.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Tom & Mark Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm

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 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection December 13, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 927.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00
Christmas Flower Collection.....\$ 285.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Doug Cross, James Hesse, Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn 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, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.

PRAYER LINE: If you have someone to add to the prayer line or want to help by praying on the prayer line, please call Heidi Michaelson at 612-735-1709.

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.

“LIFE NIGHT”: Our next “Life Night” will be Thursday, January 14 after the 6:30 PM at St. Catherine. This will provide opportunity for Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship, and Benediction through personal prayer. Please join us and reach out to DRE Erin with any questions at religionsdpatrick@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan 6th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Jan 10th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Jan 13th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Jan. 17th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

INSTAGRAM: You can find St. Patrick and St. Catherine Religious Education on Instagram for updates and activities. Follow along at [stspatandcatmn](https://www.instagram.com/stspatandcatmn).

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities’ retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is October 30-November 1, 2020 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.