

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 30, 2005

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 31	4:00 PM (SP)	+Dick Theis
Tuesday	Feb. 1	9:00 AM (SP)	+Jorge Tatel
Wednesday	Feb. 2	9:00 AM (SP)	+Ron DeGross
Thursday	Feb. 3	9:00 AM (SC)	+Joseph Nelson
Friday	Feb. 4		NO MASS
Saturday	Feb. 5	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Feb. 6	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Ted & Mary Jirik
		50th Wedding Anniversary—Congratulations!	

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEB. 5 & 6

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/5	Kelley DeGross, Jan St. Aubin
	2/6	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Volunteer
Lectors	2/5	Lynne Hoffman
	2/6	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	2/5	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Jed Kreuser
	2/6	Ellen Puncochar, Patrick Puncochar
Ushers	2/5	Leonard Sticha, Steve Kreuser
	2/6	Dean Bisek, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	2/6	Joe & Evelyn Scheffler

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Steve & Jude Boeser, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	2/6	Deb Norman
Acolytes	2/6	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
Ushers	2/6	Bruce Brumm, Dave Buresh
Greeters	2/6	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 FEBRUARY 6, 2005
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 2	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10
Sun. Feb. 6	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Feb. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Ash Wed. Service, grades 1-10.
Sun. Feb. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Ted & Lorraine Simon, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Tim & Barb Sonnek, Doug & Jan St. Aubin, Scott & Julie Stebbins, Barb Stepka. **Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done.* Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at our Spring Craft & Bake Sale and this summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of the social hall. 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!

FESTIVAL QUILTING: Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house Saturdays in January, February, and March, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We need lots of help as we prepare quilts for the 2005 Festival Quilt Auction in July. You need not be an experienced quilter! Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

C.C.W. FEBRUARY MEETING will be held one week early on Monday, February 7th at 7:00 PM because of Valentine's Day. All women of the parish are invited! Topics on the agenda are the Spring Craft & Bake Sale and the open deanery meeting we will be hosting in April. Nellie Carson & Ceil Becker will bring refreshments.

GROUP I FISH FRY: Friday, February 4th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. Sign-up sheets are in the social hall. All Group I members are asked to bring 3 dozen cookies or bars. There are flyers in the social hall. Please take some and post them in your work place. Chairs: *Mike & Jan Sticha 758-2022*

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES: Please **DO NOT** put your capital improvement payment in your Sunday envelope! There are Capital Improvement Envelopes available in the social hall, or just use a regular white envelope marked Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you.

VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED for church renovation. Contact Rob Puncochar @ 758-5143 or Jack Puncochar @ 461-3547 for time and scheduling.

FOR SALE: 1995 Ford Explorer Sport Utility 4D, 178,500 miles, automatic. 1989 Chevy Corsica, 154,300 miles. Proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign.. For more information, contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 23, 2005

**Blessed
are the
peacemakers**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,189.93
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 94,736.00 pledged
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 52,919.50 collected to date



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Gordy & Julie Giles, Allen & Cathy Svoboda.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 13, 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. \$5.00/person, \$3.00/child.

HELP WANTED: St. Catherine's is looking for someone experienced in sound systems. Contact Rosie Nelson @ 492-3402 or Lynn Lombardi @ 447-3712.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 23, 2005

Received this week.....\$ 782.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis), Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk, Lorene Seurer, Helen Nelson, Marcella Backsen, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross).

LENTEN ACTIVITY! This year for our Faith Formation Activity we will read the best-selling book, *The Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren. Discussion of the week's reading will take place on Thursday evenings beginning Feb. 3 and concluding March 17. The meetings will take place on the lower level at St. Catherine from 7:00 until 8:30 PM. Registration will take place at both churches the weekend of January 30th. There is no charge for registration, but please purchase the book on your own. The book is widely available at both Christian and secular booksellers.
Rosemary Hatcher

BLESSING OF CANDLES: Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, 9:00 AM at St. Patrick. Please bring your own candles.

BLESSING OF THROATS: Feast of St. Blase, Thursday, Feb. 3rd, 9:00 AM at St. Catherine.

THE CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving *The Catholic Spirit*, but would like to, please call the parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REQUEST: Parents—Please ensure you're dropping your children on time—6:45 PM start.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 19 & 20 at St. Patrick and March 20 at St. Catherine.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Catholic Radio Station, Relevant Radio WLOL 1330 AM. For more information, visit www.relevantradio.com

Growing Through Loss, "Family Night: Supporting Grieving Youth" Tue. Feb. 1, 6:30-9:00 PM, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. For more info, call Jamie @ 952-890-0045.

STEWARDSHIP—Develop Your Prayer Life.

- Pray at home with your family.
- Join or organize a prayer group.
- Plan prayer meetings in private homes.
- Attend and help plan retreats and bible camps.

Fun Sunday, Jan. 30 at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. Bingo 12:30-4:00 PM. Lunch served 10:30-4:00 PM.

Men's Retreat, Feb. 4-6 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Retreat for Married Couples married 0-7 years, Sat. Feb. 5, 9:00 AM-2:30 PM, St. Charles Borromeo in St. Anthony. 651-291-4553.

Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 11, 5:00-7:30 PM at St. John's Catholic Church Basement in Jordan. \$7.00/adult, \$4.00/child.

Wedding Feast at Cana, Sat. Feb. 12, 5:15 mass at St. Mary's in Shakopee, 6:45 Ham & Turkey Dinner at K.C. Hall in Shakopee.

Married Couples Retreat, Feb. 11-13 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Feb. 11-13 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more info, 651-426-4710.

World Marriage Day, Feb. 13, noon at the St. Paul Cathedral. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Harry J. Flynn. 651-291-4488.

Natural Family Planning Classes begin Mon. Feb. 14, 7:00 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. 612-721-3791.

Women's Retreat, Feb. 18-20 & Feb. 25-27 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Playground Benefit, Sat. Feb. 19, 7:30-11:00 PM at St. John's Church in Jordan. Live swing music, wine tasting, silent auction.

Benefit for Katie (Mahowald) Hafermann, Sat. Feb. 26, 4:00 PM-midnight at the Hollywood Bar & Grill in Prior Lake. Katie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis four years ago.

St. Blasé's Day Blessing

Blasé, a physician who later became a bishop, died for the faith in 316. While in prison he healed a child who nearly died because of a fishbone in the throat. Due to this, and to other cures, people pray to him as a helper in sickness. The devotion spread from the Near East to Europe in the 800s; he became one of the most popular saints during the Middle Ages.

In central Europe and the Latin countries people receive a blessed bread stick on St. Blasé's Day. They eat a bit of it whenever they have a sore throat. In Italy and Ireland it is customary to bless oil in honor of St. Blasé. The priest touches people's throats with a dab of the oil, and they take some home for use when they are ill. The best-known custom, the blessing of throats, has been in use for centuries. The priest holds crossed candles under the chin or over the head of each person and says a prayer of blessing.

The legendary details of St. Blasé's life and these customs grew out of faith in God and belief in the church's concern for human suffering. The blessing given this day is the church's gift to us. It asks God's care for our safety and health, and conveys the message of his fatherly love in our daily needs.