

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 6		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 7	8:30 AM (SP)	+Leonard Pexa
Wednesday	Jan. 8	6:00 PM (SP)	Jeff Moulton
Thursday	Jan. 9	8:30 AM (SC)	+Ludmilla Bruzek
Friday	Jan. 10		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 11	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Jan. 12	8:30 AM (SC)	For our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Ron McBroom

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 11 & 12, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/11	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Dave Roach
	1/12	Joan Nelson, Rob Puncochar, Jan St. Aubin
Lector	1/11	Shelley Shepherd
	1/12	Phil Scheiber
Altar Servers	1/11	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	1/12	Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	1/11	Matt Sirek
	1/12	Darryl Volk, Don Pesta

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/12	Rachel Eicher, Dave Nelson, Loyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	1/12	Linda Torgesen
Altar Servers	1/12	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/12	Shawn O'Hern, George Doheny
Greeters	1/12	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. 6: Fr. Cornelius Kilroy, Jan. 7: Fr. Hak Sun Kim,  
 Jan. 8: Fr. George Kinney, Jan. 9: Fr. Raymond Kirtz,  
 Jan. 10: Fr. Francis Kittock, Jan. 11: Fr. Leon Klimczyk,  
 Jan. 12: Fr. John Klockeman.



**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

### The Best New Year's Resolution



At the beginning of each new year many people make resolutions to improve some part of their lives. They are usually things that we know we really should do, but because of the discipline required we often put it off until the new year, or Lent, or sometime in the future. Many people are this way about the practice of their faith, which is really more dangerous than anything else we may be trying to change. One of these practices is going to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Everyone knows they should do this, but for some reason or another many Catholics find themselves missing Mass occasionally or habitually. Of course, if one is sick, homebound, or has some other legitimate reason we are excused from that obligation. But for most it is simply a matter of laziness, low priority, or a lack of understanding. All of these can be overcome.

Growing up I saw, and later helped, my father milk 40 cows, do the associated work, and drive 7 miles to get to Mass every Sunday, without exception. My family did this because my parents knew it was important to obey the 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment and worship God in the way the Church has given us. That instilled in me a sense of the importance of the Mass that has never gone away. Parents have a great responsibility to insure that their children get to Mass, and to help them to grow in their understanding of it. It is surely as important as making sure they get to school, or other activities in which they have agreed to participate. It is very sad to have children confess that they have missed Mass when it is their parents' fault for not taking them. We all have a serious obligation as God's children to worship Him as He has commanded us, unless we are prevented from doing so by a legitimate reason.

Therefore, the best New Year's resolution that every Catholic can make is to attend Mass every time that we are obliged to (Sundays and Holy Days), and to participate in each one with all of the reverence, attention, and devotion that we can. For those who already do so, continue. For those who do not, start. For what we have before us in the Mass is the absolutely greatest thing this side of heaven. In fact, it is the closest we can get to heaven this side of death. If one does not understand why this is so, or

what goes on at the Mass, or why it is so important, find out. The Church has written abundantly about all of these things. As Jesus approached Jerusalem before His death He wept and said, "If this day you only knew what makes for peace – but now it is hidden from your eyes" (Luke 19:41-42). The same could be said for many Catholics and the Mass. Perhaps its beauty, power, and the peace it brings has been hidden from their eyes because they were so nonchalant about missing it, or while they had closed their minds and hearts to its grace through inattention or unrepented sin. But if like the three Kings we search diligently for its meaning, we will find in the Mass the same Jesus that they traveled so far to find. And Isaiah's prophecy will be fulfilled in our midst: "Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow" (Is. 60:5). What New Year's resolution could be better?

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

\*Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, 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.

**TAKE DOWN CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS:** Sunday, January 12th after the 10:30 AM Mass. All are welcome to help. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students please bring your service hour sheet to be signed.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection December 22, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 2,321.50  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

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

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING:** Sunday, January 12th after Mass in the Church basement. All women of the parish are invited.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection December 22, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,052.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00



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## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** 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), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 8	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Jan. 12	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Jan. 15	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Jan. 19	9:15 AM	First Reconciliation, 2nd grade Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

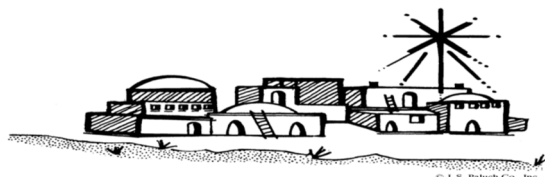
## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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

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)

*(a letter we received)* Dear St. Patrick Church, I have been driving from New Prague to Burnsville daily via Hwy. 13 for 30 plus years. As we all know, winter driving can be quite a white knuckle experience, especially at night. Your colorful Christmas lights around the windows on the front of your church have always been a beacon of hope, on those not so nice nights, that I'll make it home safe. Thanks for lighting my way for all these years! Merry Christmas and Happy 2020! *(this letter was accompanied with a donation to the church)*



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