

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 7		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	Ruth Jorgenson
Wednesday	Jan. 9	6:00 PM (SP)	Jeff Moulton
Thursday	Jan. 10	8:30 AM (SC)	+Carolyn Rausch
Friday	Jan. 11		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 12	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Jan. 13	8:30 AM (SC)	+Donald & Laurian Williamson
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 12 & 13, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/12	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Barbara Lewis
	1/13	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin
Lector	1/12	Mike Puncochar
	1/13	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	1/12	Ian DeGross, Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch
	1/13	Cole Flicek, Ella Flicek, Ethan Flicek
Ushers	1/12	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	1/13	Leo Jacques, Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/13	Deanna Vochoska, Ken Ceola, Joel Vochoska, Kathy Ceola
Lector	1/13	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	1/13	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	1/13	Lloyd Friske, Frank Simons
Greeters	1/13	Bonnie Theis, Ann Timmerman

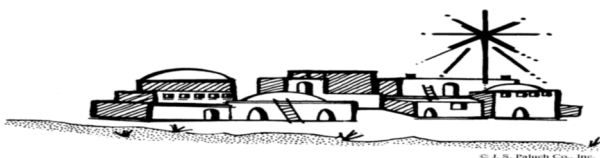
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting people time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish 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. 7: Fr. Timothy Nolan, Jan. 8: Fr. Timothy Norris, Jan. 9: Fr. Matthew Northenscold, Jan. 10: Fr. Peter Nosbush, Jan. 11: Fr. James Notebaart, Jan. 12: Fr. Bruno Nwachukwu, Jan. 13: Fr. Robert Nygaard.



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 two 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 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.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, January 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 23, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 4,387.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
LED Lighting Project collected.....	\$ 8,910.00
LED Lighting Project goal.....	\$ 15,700.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$ 4,758.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm.

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 28th at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 23, 2018

Received this week.....	\$1,373.44
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$ 2,241.00



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, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Ann Pint, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-8. Confirmation Class at St. Michael's.
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 1	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Catholics at the Capitol 2019, Are you tired of divisive angry politics? As a Minnesota Catholic you can begin to transform politics in our state. Join thousands of Catholics from across the state for a day of prayer and advocacy in St. Paul that will inspire you and teach you how to put your faith into action! On Tuesday, February 19 we're coming together for life and dignity. Visit www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details and to register! Space is limited so don't delay! Transportation options are available.

Women's Retreat, Jan. 18-20 & Feb. 22-24 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. 952-447-2182 or www.FranciscanRetreats.net

Men's Retreat, Feb. 1-3 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. 952-447-2182 or www.FranciscanRetreats.net

Married Couples Retreat, Feb. 8-10 & Apr. 5-7 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. 952-447-2182 or www.FranciscanRetreats.net



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