

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 8		NO MASS
Tuesday	Jan. 9	6:00 PM (SP)	Jeff Moulton
Wednesday	Jan. 10	6:00 PM (SP)	The Gregory Family
Thursday	Jan. 11	8:30 AM (SC)	For All Grandchildren
Friday	Jan. 12		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 13	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Jan. 14	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marion Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 13 & 14, 2018

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/13	Rita Ryan, Ron & Rosie Ryan
	1/14	Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry, Amy Holden, Gloria Jacques
Lectors	1/13	Shelley Shepherd
	1/14	Phillip Scheiber
Acolytes	1/13	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross
	1/14	Elias DeGeest, Cole Flicek, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	1/13	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	1/14	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/14	Barbara Lerschen, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	1/14	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	1/14	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	1/14	Joel Vochoska, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	1/14	Ken & Kathy Ceola

*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. 8: Fr. Edward Sthokal, SJ, Jan. 9: Fr. James Stiles, Jan. 10: Fr. William Stolzman, Jan. 11: Fr. James Stromberg, Jan. 12: Fr. Andrew Stueve, Jan. 13: Fr. Patrick Hipwell, Jan. 14: Fr. Michael Sullivan.



**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 LIGHT OF FAITH

In the opening prayer of the Mass of Epiphany, we pray that we would be led by the light of faith to the glory of heaven, just as Jesus was revealed to the nations by the guidance of a star. The prayer is referring to the visit of the wise men to Jesus. They are representatives of "The Nations", or the Gentiles, and had followed the light of the star to Jesus, whose divinity was revealed to them. Thus the Solemnity of Epiphany is about revelation, light, faith, and Christ's offer of salvation to everyone. It is a very interesting part of the Christmas mystery. Why was it that only the shepherds and the wise men found Christ? Could others not hear the angel's voices? Could others not see the star that the wise men had followed? Or were they too busy with other things? Were there too many noises and too many dazzling things to look at which made others miss the opportunity to see Jesus? There was even an unwillingness to find Him as is shown in the characters of Herod and his chief priests and scribes. Herod's only desire to find Jesus was so that he could destroy Him, for He was a threat to his lifestyle: his power and comfort. The key is a readiness to receive God's grace. Speaking of the shepherds and the wise men Benedict XVI says they had "a readiness to listen and to set out. They were waiting for a light which would show them the way. That is what is important for God. He loves everyone, because everyone is His creature. But some persons have closed their hearts; there is no door by which His love can enter" (Christmas homily, 2005).

There is so much for us to learn from all these things. There is far more noise, distraction and busyness in our world than there was in theirs. In fact, it is hard to imagine the possibility of any more. There are many for whom Jesus is a threat to their lifestyles. And yet, is there anyone else who can give us true life, happiness, and peace? The answer is the same today as it was then: No. Still, the offer to find these things in Christ remains open today as it did then. Can we hear the voice of God directing us to Christ in prayer, in His Word, in the Church? Can we see the light of faith that poured out as generously as the light of that star that led the three kings to the Savior of the World? Do we, by our own lives as followers of Christ, reflect His light and lead others to



Him? Let our goal in this new year be to listen more carefully, look for God more intently, and let the light of faith shine forth from our lives more boldly and brightly.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

\*Craig & Aubre Barnd, Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, Jo Ann Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**POP CAN TABS:** All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

**BOXTOPS:** Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

**CHRISTMAS TAKE-DOWN:** Take-down for St. Patrick will be Sunday, January 7th after 10:30 AM Mass. All are welcome!

**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, January 15th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**WEDDING BANNIS II:** Cody Schaefer & Molly Faber.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection December 31, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 1,446.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
New Year's Collection.....	\$ 122.00
Initial Offering.....	\$ 180.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Joseph & Erica Kroiss.

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Friends at St. Catherine's, Thank you for your generous gift of \$200.00 to Our Lady of Peace. We truly appreciate your support and acknowledgment of our wonderful mission. Our Lady of Peace was founded in 1941. Since that day we have been providing free end-of-life care to individuals with limited financial resources who have been diagnosed with incurable cancer and now we have extended our care to individuals that are diagnosed with any terminal illness. That mission continues today, thanks to the generous community of donors whose donations make our work possible. Without your support we could not continue to provide this care free of charge to our patients and their families. Thank you! Warmest regards,

*Lisa Sweeney, Director of Development*

**THANK YOU:** The St. Catherine C.C.W. enjoyed fellowship with families being served at the Minneapolis University Ronald McDonald House on Dec. 29th. THANK YOU to the thirteen members helping prepare and serve the evening meal for one of our yearly outreach projects.

**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM:** The St. Catherine C.C.W. will begin collecting school supplies for the Scott County's School Supply Program request usually seen in September. Check the bulletin board under C.C.W. for requested items. A box will be placed in the entryway for supply donations. Questions can be directed to Barb Perry or the C.C.W. officers.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection December 31, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 2,649.13
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
New Year's Collection.....	\$ 95.00
Initial Offering.....	\$ 35.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Karen Zweber, Jonathan Perry (grandson of Barb Perry), Richard Arens, Amelia Cross, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jane Eiseman, mother of Jacque Bittner.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Scheffler, former parishioner of St. Patrick.

**R.C.I.A. PROGRAM:** The next sessions will be Tuesdays,

Jan. 9 Mary and the Saints, the Last Things  
 Jan. 16 The Sacraments, Penance and the Anointing of the Sick  
 Jan. 23 Eucharist, Walk through the Mass  
 Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

**M.C.C.L. WALK FOR LIFE:** Please join us at the Cathedral on Monday, January 22nd. January 22, 2018 marks the 45th year since the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade making abortion legal in the United States. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 61 million babies have been aborted in the United States. Parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael parking lot to the Cathedral and State Capitol for a prayer vigil and rally to show our support to end abortion. The bus will leave St. Michael's at 9:30 AM and return at 2:30 PM. The Prior Lake/Savage Knights of Columbus are sponsoring the bus, so there will be no charge for the ride. 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)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of two parents (or two sets of parents that are willing to switch off) to be hall monitors during religious education classes.

Volunteers will need to attend a training session and create an online account for future training sessions. Substitute teachers also needed.

Wed. Jan. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9.
		2nd grade first reconciliation.
Sun. Jan. 14	10:30 AM	Sunday School.