

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 9, 2005

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 10	4:00 PM (SP)	+Miss Vonnie
Tuesday	Jan. 11	9:00 AM (SP)	+Lorraine Flaschenreim
Wednesday	Jan. 12		NO MASS
Thursday	Jan. 13	4:00 PM (SC)	+Marion Sicheneder
Friday	Jan. 14	9:00 AM (SP)	+Rollie Ryan
Saturday	Jan. 15	5:00 PM (SP)	For Our People
Sunday	Jan. 16	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marion Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Joseph & Anetha Trecker

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JAN. 15 & 16

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/15	Karen Keenan, Jan St. Aubin
	1/16	Joe & Nellie Carson, Ron McBroom
Lectors	1/15	Lynn Hoffman
	1/16	Ron McBroom
Acolytes	1/15	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Vincent Blocker
	1/16	Alex Schoenbauer, Zachary Schoenbauer, Tony Verhoeven
Ushers	1/15	Leonard Sticha, Steve Kreuser
	1/16	Don Pesta, Matt Trecker
Greeters	1/16	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/16	Dan & Deb Norman, Tony & Claire Robling
Lector	1/16	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	1/16	Phoebe Muraski, Kristine Busse, Helen Korbel
Ushers	1/16	Jeff Schroeder, Francis Seurer
Greeters	1/16	Gary & Ann Korbel

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 JANUARY 16, 2005
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Isaiah 49:3, 5-6
 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-3
 Gospel Reading: John 1:29-34

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 12	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Jan 16	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Jan. 19	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Jan 23	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Chris & Shelley Shepherd, Nick & Terrie Schoenbauer, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Kathleen Shaffer, Anthony & Mary Simek, Mathias & Diane Sirek, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Arnold & Mary Smisek. **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 next summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. 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!

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Monday, January 17 at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, January 17 at 7:00 PM in the social hall

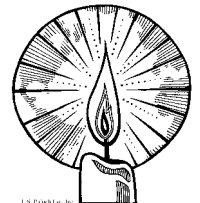
FOR SALE: 1995 Ford Explorer Sport Utility 4D, 178,500 miles, automatic. 1989 Chevy Corsica, 154,300 miles. Proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign.. For more information, contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 2, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,153.94
Received 12/26/04.....	\$ 2,323.45
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$ 3,019.20
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 89,511.00 pledged
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 47,108.00 collected to date



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

JANUARY: *Jeff & Pat Schroeder, Steve & Jude Boeser, Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Greg & Jean Reis.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, January 16th after the 8:30 AM mass.

ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W. will be preparing and serving a "brunch" Sat. January 29 at the Ronald McDonald House across from the University of Minnesota Hospital. If anyone is interested in helping prepare and/or serving the meal, or donating the dessert (ice cream, sauces, cookies), please contact Ann Korbel @ 447-1454 or Margaret Sharkey @ 461-2214.

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

THE NATIVITY SCENE has been donated to St. Catherine if we can find a place to store it. (4 ft. wide, 8 ft. long, 4 ft. high.) Please contact the parish office if you can store it. 492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 2, 2005

Received this week.....\$ 814.00
Received 12/26/04.....\$ 823.53
Christmas Collection.....\$1,511.00



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, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross).

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sophie Greger (mother of Diane Williamson) & Jorge Tatel (brother of Fr. Orlando).

THE FILIPINO CHOIR will be at St. Patrick Saturday, January 15th for the 5:00 PM mass and at St. Catherine on Sunday, January 16th for the 8:30 AM mass.

LOOKING TOWARD LENT! 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 be at St. Catherine from 7:00 until 8:30 PM. Plan now to attend.

A BEAUTIFUL ANALOGY!

A man went to a barbershop to have his hair cut and his beard trimmed. As the barber began to work, they began to have a good conversation. They talked about so many things and various subjects. When they eventually touched on the subject of God, the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists." "Why do you say that?" asked the customer. "Well, you just have to go out in the street to realize that God doesn't exist. Tell me, if God exists, would there be so many sick people? Would there be abandoned children? If God existed, there would be neither suffering nor pain. I can't imagine a loving God who would allow all of these things." The customer thought for a moment, but didn't respond because he didn't want to start an argument. The barber finished his job and the customer left the shop. Just after he left the barbershop, he saw a man in the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard. He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer turned back and entered the barbershop again, and he said to the barber, "You know what? Barbers do not exist." "How can you say that?" asked the surprised barber. "I am here, and I am a barber. And I just worked on you!" "No!" the customer exclaimed. "Barbers don't exist, because if they did, there would be no people with dirty, long hair and untrimmed beards, like that man outside." "Ah, but barbers DO exist!" answered the barber. "What happens, is, people do not come to me." "Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, DOES exist! What happens, is, people don't go to Him and do not look for Him. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

STEWARDSHIP—The mission God has for us includes— BUILDING A BETTER WORLD of love, peace and justice.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Turkey Dinner, Sun. Jan. 9, 4:00-7:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$9.00/person, \$4.00/child, under 2 free.

Educational Series for Caregivers, Jan 10-Feb. 7 at St. Hubert's in Chanhassen. Noon-1:30 PM. 651-215-2210.

Growing Through Loss, "*Journeying Through Loss*" Tue. Jan 11, 6:30-9:00 PM, at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. For more information, contact Jamie @ 952-890-0045.

Church Chat, Tue. Jan 11, 7:00 PM at St. Michael in Prior Lake. Dr. Kenneth Snyder, "Nicea to Chalcedon" 447-2486.

Pro-Life Steak Fry, Fri. Jan 14, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$10.00/person, \$2.00/child-hot dog, chips, dessert.

Women's Retreat, Jan 14-16 & 28-30 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction, Sat. Jan. 15, 5:00-8:00 PM at the American Legion in Shakopee. \$10.00/person. Benefit to pay medical bills for Kathy (Friendshuh) Lindmeyer who has lymphoma.

K.C. Pro-life Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Jan. 16, 8:00 AM-noon at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Free will offering.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion, Jan. 21-23 in the Twin Cities area. For more info, 1-888-329-3773.

Serenity Retreat for People in AA & Al-Anon, Jan. 21-23 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, 447-2182.

MCCL March for Life, Sat. Jan. 22, Noon march in front of the state capitol. 12:30 PM program on the capitol front steps. 10:30 AM Ecumenical Prayer Service at the St. Paul Cathedral. For more information, call Diane Williamson @ 447-6404.

St. Patrick Athletic Association Dinner, Fri. Jan 28, social hour 6:30 PM, dinner at 7:30 PM at New Prague Park Ballroom. Tickets are \$60.00/couple and include chicken & ham dinner, two free drinks per person, and music by C&N Sounds. There is a grand prize drawing of \$500.00. Please come and support our main fundraising drive for the Pee Wee, Babe Ruth, Town & Country, and DRS baseball teams. Call Jeff or Rena Bjerke @ 461-3848 for a ticket. Hope to see you there!!

Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje-Dec. 25, 2004
"Dear Children! With great joy, also today I carry my Son Jesus in my arms to you; He blesses you and calls you to peace. Pray, little children, and be courageous witnesses of Good News in every situation. Only in this way will God bless you and give you everything you ask of Him in faith. I am with you as long as the Almighty permits me. I intercede for each of you with great love. Thank you for having responded to my call."