

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Nov. 29	4:00 PM (SP)	+Alois & Sue Wagner
Tuesday	Nov. 30	9:00 AM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Wednesday	Dec. 1	9:00 AM (SC)	+Lawrence Stepka
Thursday	Dec. 2	4:00 PM (SC)	+Michael Vaughan
Friday	Dec. 3		NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 4	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Dec. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	+Sharon Zephirin
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

**St. Patrick**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 4 & 5**

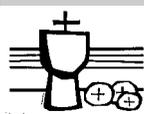
Extraordinary Ministers	12/4	Bill Belkengren, Clarice Gergen
	12/5	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Tim Sonnek, Terrie Schoenbauer
Lectors	12/4	Bill Belkengren
	12/5	Michael Puncochar
Acolytes	12/4	Vincent Blocker, Jed Kreuser
	12/5	Megan Ryan, Amanda Stebbins
Ushers	12/4	Dick Chodek, Roman Stepka
	12/5	Peter Ryan, Leo Jacques
Greeters	12/5	Joe & Evelyn Scheffler

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/5	Deanna Vochoska, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	12/5	Deb Norman
Acolytes	12/5	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
Ushers	12/5	Ken Ceola, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	12/5	Margaret Sharkey, Rosetta Shea

*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 DECEMBER 5, 2004  
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10  
 Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Dec. 1	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10. Reconciliation, grades 3-8.
Sun. Dec. 5	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Dec. 8	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sat. Dec. 11	10:00 AM	1st Reconciliation, grade 3 @S.P.

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Chad & Emily Sandey, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip Ryan, Ronald & Rose Ryan, Gerry Sandey, John & Patty Scheffler, Daniel & Kyra Schmidt, Dianne Thoele.  
 Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**ST. PATRICK CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING:**

Monday, November 29th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CRAFT & BAKE SALE:**

Saturday, December 11 & 12 after the masses in the church entry. Everyone in the parish is invited to contribute baked goods and craft items. Make or bake your specialty! Items for the sale may be dropped off on Saturday morning December 11, 8:30 AM-noon or before either of the masses that weekend.

**DISHTOWEL FINISHING:** We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. 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!

**ST. PATRICK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN:**

Thank you to the families that have turned in their pledge cards. We encourage those who have not turned in their pledge cards to please do so.

**ST. CATHERINE**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Margaret Sharkey, George & Cheyann Doheny, Michael & Renee Orton, Eugene Zephirin, Bonnie Theis.

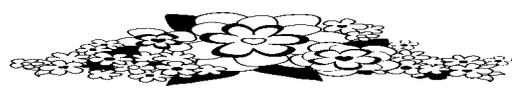
**ST. CATHERINE HOLY HOUR:** Sat, Dec. 4 at 9:00 AM.

**LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER:**

Mark your calendars ladies! The third annual St. Catherine's Ladies Holiday Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 PM. We'll plan to share a relaxing evening enjoying food, fellowship, and a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange, \$5-10 value.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Steven Rief & Maureen Walgenbach who were married at St. Catherine on Friday, November 26, 2004

**PRAYER VIGIL:** Please join us at St. Catherine Church for the *Annual Prayer Vigil for Life* on Dec. 8. More details next week!



<b>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:</b>		
Christmas Eve, December 24:	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
Christmas Eve, December 24:	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Christmas Day, December 25:	8:30 AM	St. Catherine
Christmas Day, December 25:	10:30 AM	St. Patrick

## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Sophie Greger (mother of Diane Williamson), 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., Trel Rosso, Tessie Hernandez.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Approximately 139 religious communities throughout the country have the capacity to pay less than 20% of their projected health care and retirement costs. Another 314 groups find themselves anywhere from 20 to 80% funded. Yet all of these religious demonstrate great trust in the enabling movement of the Spirit as they carry out their tasks with faithfulness and hope—even as they age. They maintain energy for their ministries as they also struggle to meet their responsibility for their older and ill members. Religious are some of the prophets of today, urging us all to recognize the needs of those with whom we live. While they face challenging circumstances, thousands of religious women and men continue in their many and diverse ministries so that others may have a better quality of life. Now in its 17th year, the Retirement Fund for Religious once again asks for your help which you have given so generously in the past. The weekend of December 4 & 5 a special collection will be taken up at all masses to respond to this need. As in the past, almost 96% of your gifts will be distributed to those groups most in need at this time. They count on your generosity and offer you their prayerful thanks.

**MEDICATION SAFETY:** 70+ BE YOUR OWN ADVOCATE. Join us Nov. 30 at the St. Patrick Social Hall 3:00-5:00 PM. Learn about medication safety presented by Shelly Shepherd, Abbott Northwestern Hospital Pharmacist (and St. Patrick parishioner). Physical (Osteoporosis-Arthritis) and Home Safety Awareness presented by Suzanne Wiebusch, Fairview Ridges Hospital Physical Therapist. Sloppy joes will be served after.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT 2004:** We'll be gathering items to supply "Recovery Baskets" that are provided to our recovering wounded soldiers at both Balboa Naval Hospital and Camp Pendleton, California. The following items are needed:

- Nonperishable snacks / candy
- DVD's
- Batteries of all sizes
- Phone Cards
- Game Boy Games
- Books / Magazines
- Domino's Pizza Gift Certificates (they deliver to the base)
- Towel / Washcloths
- Hygiene Gear (razors / shaving cream)
- Your Prayers!

The deadline for this project is December 19th, when we will Fed Ex the items to Camp Pendleton. Thank you for your support in this project.

**STEWARDSHIP—Develop your talents to the fullest** so that you can use them to benefit the world. Your abilities will grow with use; unused, they may wither away.

**DAILY MASS TIME CHANGE:** Starting the first week of advent (Nov. 29) daily mass will be at 9:00 AM. Monday & Thursday mass will be at 4:00 PM. Watch your bulletin for daily mass times.

### **THE PARABLE OF THE WOMAN WHO HAD NOTHING TO GIVE:**

"I am hungry," said the young stranger to the older woman who had opened the door in response to his knock. "Could you please give me something to eat?" "I'm sorry," said the woman. "I have nothing to give you." "Well then," said the young traveler, "could you at least give me a stone?" "A stone?" said the woman. "There are plenty here. Take one from the ground. What will you do with that?" "I will make some soup," said the young man. "Soup?" said the woman. "How will you do that?" "First I need some boiling water, and then I will make soup from the stone." Intrigued, the woman allowed the man into her house and she furnished him with a pot of water, which was then set to boil. "It would taste a little better," said the young man, "if there were a carrot in there." So the woman put a carrot in the pot. "An onion would add a lot to the flavor," said the young man. And the woman dropped an onion into the pot. "It smells delicious," said the woman approvingly. "Come to think of it, though," said the young man, "it would smell even better if we had a rutabaga in it." So the woman found a rutabaga in her larder and added it to the concoction. And thus it went, with the woman, who supposedly had nothing to give, adding more and more things to the soup. When the soup was done they both sat down to eat it. They finished it too and including the last drop, except for the stone. When the young man prepared to leave, he took the stone. "What will you do with that?" asked the woman. "It is not boiled enough yet," said the young man, "so I will take it along for my next bowl of soup."

Our first thought on reading the story may be that we think we have nothing to give. But if we say that we have nothing to give, we are lying. We have ourselves to give. An onion, a rutabaga, some meat, some spices—we are a variety of things that can become our gifts for the nourishment of others. God endows each human being with certain time, talents, and material possessions. Christian stewardship reminds us that these gifts are not our own. Stewardship appeals to our noblest instincts to share our gifts with others.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM:** People can get diabetes at ANY AGE. Diabetes is when a person's sugar level in their blood are consistently too high and the cells in your body aren't able to use the sugar or glucose that is in the food we eat. Do you or someone in your family have these symptoms? Intense thirst, frequent urination, being hungry all the time, feeling tired, loss of feeling or tingling in your feet, blurry vision. See your doctor if you notice several or all of these. Be Your Own and Your Children's Advocate; eat a well-balanced diet at regular times each day. Be Active. Reach a desired weight and stay there.