

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/30	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12/1	NO MASS		
Wednesday	12/2	6:00 PM	SP	Don Graunke
Thursday	12/3	8:30 AM	SC	Lorsung Family
Friday	12/4	8:30 AM	SP	+Ty Schoenbauer
Saturday	12/5	5:00 PM	SP	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	12/6	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	Armando Flores

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR December 5 & 6, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/5	None-COVID restrictions
	12/6	Dan Cross (choir)
Lector	12/5	Shelley Shepherd
	12/6	Phil Scheiber
Altar Servers	12/5	None
	12/6	None
Ushers	12/5	Volunteer
	12/6	Volunteer

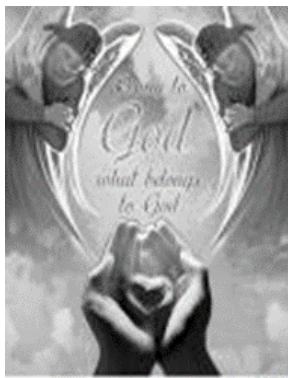
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/6	Rachel Eicher, Volunteer
Lector	12/6	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	12/6	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/6	Kevin Mahowald, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	12/6	Paul & Linda Torgesen

*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!*

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Nov. 30: Fr. Michael Miller, Dec. 1: Fr. Jeffrey Huard, Dec. 2: Fr. Michael Hughes, Dec. 3: Fr. Gregory Hyde, Dec. 4: Fr. Joseph Whalen, Dec. 5: Fr. Robert White, Dec. 6: Fr. John Whitlock.



**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

### *Watch!*

This is the warning that Jesus gives in the first Gospel we hear in this new liturgical year. “Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come . . . may he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: ‘watch!’” (Mark 13:33,37). We may be accustomed to thinking of Advent as a preparation for Christmas, but the whole first half of Advent is about preparing for the Second Coming of Christ, and the judgment that He will pronounce upon the world. We may also think of the Second Coming as an event which is far in the future, and therefore does not concern us. But we must remember that when we die we will come before Jesus and he will judge us, just as if He were to return to earth today. In short, no one escapes the judgement of Christ. Therefore, we are to be watchful and alert.

Yet we see people all around us living as though this will never happen. We all know so many who do not take their faith seriously. Some have no faith at all, and live exactly as they please. Others may have some kind of faith, but it may be dangerously incomplete. It is usually characterized by a rejection of some part of the faith, e.g., they may believe that God is loving, but that He would not judge us. Or they may say that they are Catholic but they do not believe everything that the Church teaches, doubting the fact that Jesus founded His Church precisely to teach the truth until the end of time. They may say, “I do not agree with the Church’s position on” . . . artificial contraception, or abortion, its view on marriage, or the obligation to attend Mass every Sunday, or whatever it might be. It is a dangerous attitude because it makes ourselves the judge of God’s will; that we will tell God what is right and wrong; that we will be His judge; that He must conform to our way of thinking, not the other way around. To all these erroneous attitudes the first half of the season of Advent cries out to the world, “Be watchful! Be alert!” The Church continues the mission of John the Baptist as the “voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths’” (Mark 1:3).

What are we to do? We cannot directly change another person’s way of thinking, or force the faith



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

James Hesse, Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

### PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS:

Each year we ask parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's to consider being a prayer partner for one or more of our young adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During this time of COVID our class has students either studying at home, in the classroom or a combination of home and the classroom. The ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students need more prayers this year than those of their sponsors, parents, teachers, and pastor. They need your prayers to stay strong in their faith when attending Mass is not always a weekly opportunity in person and the culture is sending messages contrary to those of Jesus. Please consider choosing the name of one or more of the Confirmands (young adults preparing for Confirmation) and include them in your daily prayers. Please help us by praying for **Aaliyah Carey, Troy Davis, Julia Eischens, Maxim Eischens, Colton Gramley, Brandon Heimer, Katie Kotek, Jeffrey Kubes, Hannah Langeberg, William Michaelson, Sarah O'Hern, Savannah Ryburn and Anna Velishek**

**SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

**PRAYER LINE:** If you have someone to add to the prayer line or want to help by praying on the prayer line, please call Heidi Michaelson at 952-233-8772.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 2	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Dec. 6	9:15-10:15	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 9	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9

upon them. We can only change our own. We must each personally respond to the call of Advent. Do our attitudes reflect the attitudes of the world or of Christ? In what ways are we "asleep" and not watchful regarding our faith and our practice of it? If Jesus returned to earth today, or if we were to die and come before Him, would we be ready? These are the great questions that Advent calls us to answer. When we humbly respond to this call and live our faith in all its fullness, everyday, we can become for others a light in the darkness, watchful and alert, ready for the coming of the Lord.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

\*Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Lynne Hoffmann, Tod and Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad

Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

**FOOD DRIVE:** There will be a food drive for the New Prague Peace Center during the month of November. Please drop off your non-perishable food items in the box in the back of church.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

**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. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Sunday Collection November 15, 2020**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,645.80
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,338.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$ 20.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Ken & Cathy Ceola, Greg & Deb Horejsi, Albert & Kristi Schneider

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Sunday Collection November 15, 2020**

Received this week.....	\$ 897.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,040.00
Fuel Offering.....	\$ 20.00

