

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 2		NO MASS
Tuesday	Dec. 3		NO MASS
Wednesday	Dec. 4	6:00 PM (SP)	+Leonard Pexa
Thursday	Dec. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our Country
Friday	Dec. 6	8:30 AM (SP)	For The Church
Saturday	Dec. 7	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Dec. 8	8:30 AM (SC)	+Paul Kempf
		10:30 AM (SP)	+For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 7 & 8, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/07	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis
	12/08	Don Pesta, Rob Puncoschar, Jan St. Aubin
Lector	12/07	Lynne Hoffman
	12/08	John Cassady
Altar Servers	12/07	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	12/08	Ben & Claire Meyer, Sara Bjerke
Ushers	12/07	Steve Kreuser
	12/08	Rob Sticha

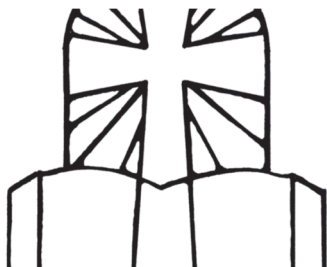
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/08	Bill Dillingham, Rachel Eicher, Loyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	12/08	Linda Torgeson
Altar Servers	12/08	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/08	Shawn O-Hern, Rick Sirek
Greeters	12/08	Joe & Diane Williamson

*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?**

Dec. 02: Fr. Michael Miller, Dec. 03: Fr. Jeffrey Huard,  
Dec. 04: Fr. Michael Hughes, Dec. 05: Fr. Thomas Hunstiger,  
Dec. 06: Fr. Joseph Hurtuk, Dec. 07: Fr. Gregory Hyde,  
Dec. 08: Fr. Michael Ince.



**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 Rest of Winter



In his letter to the Romans, St. Paul says, "Ever since the creation of the world, His invisible attributes of eternal power and divinity have been able to be understood and perceived in what He has made" (1:20). This is especially true in the changing of times and seasons. Spring is a time of hope where new life sprouts into being and begins its course of fulfilling its destiny of the harvest. It is a sign of the power of the Resurrection where life comes from the seeds that fall to the earth and die. Summer is a time where this life grows and matures and where it needs to be nourished and protected from the many things that can harm it. Fall is a time where the joy of the harvest is experienced. It is a time of labor where all is gathered in to provide for the winter where nature sleeps and we rest.

However if we are not prepared for winter it can be deadly and unbearable. That is why it is a good image for the liturgical season of Advent which calls us to be prepared. Whether it is the long warm days of summer when all is green and full of life, or the bright and colorful days of autumn, winter is harsh and unforgiving and it comes with certainty. Death is no different. We know that it will come even if it seems far away. Yet if we are wise we will be prepared by living a life of faith with the grace of the sacraments. We rest in peace in the winter when we have prepared for it in the other seasons. So we will rest in peace in heaven when we have prepared for it in the other seasons of our lives.

Yet we must avoid the temptation of thinking that our salvation is the result of our own work. It is a gift, like our very lives and everything else, from the One who made all things. As Advent calls us to be prepared it also calls us to watch and be aware. We are to be aware that God has made us to share His very life in heaven, and that He gives us everything we need to get there. Our Lord has used the image of the harvest to describe us (Matt. 9:37). In the natural harvest seeds that are sown have received their existence and are dependent for their maturity in every regard (the soil, rain, sun, nutrients). We are like that too, though not as passively. We have the power to reject these gifts or to remain in the dark, deprived of the healing light of Christ. Advent calls us to wake up and receive these saving gifts of Christ. That is something we can think about for the rest of winter.

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**DECEMBER:** \*Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Matthew & Krysta Neisen, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Steve & Esther Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Jeff Paul, Roger & Jackie Pomije. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady/Rosie Ryan.

**GROUP I FISH FRY:** We are looking for a co-chair for the Group I Fish Fry on Friday, February 21st. Contact Craig Barnd @ 952-492-3048 or the parish office @ 952-492-6276 to volunteer.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection November 17, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,503.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**DECEMBER:** Ken & Kathy Ceola, Greg & Deb Horejsi, Albert & Kristi Schneider.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W.:** All women of St. Catherine's are invited to the CCW party on Tuesday, December 3rd. It will be at 6:30pm at Pat Schroeder's home. Please bring an appetizer to share.

### ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE:

CCW Ladies, please bring home baked Christmas treats and cookies for the Dec. 8th Bake Sale. Items can be brought to the SC basement on Saturday, Dec. 7th from 9am-12pm to be wrapped for the sale. Questions? Please call Margaret at 952-461-2214.

### ST. CATHERINE'S COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE:

Thank you to all St. Catherine's Parishioners who donated cash and checks through the baby bottle program for the Alpha Women's Center, I.C.U. Mobile. We collected \$378.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection November 17, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,206.58  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Ryan Maciej, Richard Delaney, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Roman Stepka, Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zwebler, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother

of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer, Richard Knutson.

**2ND COLLECTION:** There will be a 2nd collection on Dec. 7 & 8th for our Christmas Flower collection.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** The St. Patrick and St. Catherine's 8th grade Religion class needs your help! The students are collecting gently used or new fitted sheets, blankets, and comforters of all sizes. There is a non-profit that gives beds to people in need but often they don't have sheets or bedding to go with the bed. They are also collecting smaller fleece blankets to be donated to kids in foster care. In addition, if you have fleece fabric you are not using, the 8th grade students would like to organize all of the religion classes to make fleece blankets for kids in foster care. Lastly, if you have extra coats, boots, hats, and mittens, please donate also. You can bring the items to the back of church, to religion class, or call Christi Ryburn at 612-501-1102 to arrange drop off. This collection is being arranged through St. John's Union Hill CCW and all items will be distributed. Thank you!

**HIRING:** Part-time administrative assistant for the parish office. Competitive pay, strong computer skills and bookkeeping/accounting aptitude needed. Monday & Friday hours. Contact Jennifer Clancy if interested, 952-292-2539.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun. Dec. 1	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 4	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Wed. Dec. 11	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**GriefShare,** A support group that begins a 13-week program Nov. 11 at New Prague Library, Mondays, 6:00-7:30 PM. For more information call Mary Carol or Ruth @ 952-758-3225.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends,** Dec. 7-8 in Farmington, Feb. 7-9 in Buffalo. For more information or to register, go to [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or call 612-756-8720.

**St. Anne's,** The CCW at St. Anne's is sponsoring a Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast and St. Anne's Patrons is sponsoring a Cookie Walk on Sunday, December 8 from 8:30am-12pm at St. Anne's school in Le Sueur.

