

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Dec. 12	8:30 AM (SP)	+Roman Deutsch
Tuesday	Dec. 13	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Wednesday	Dec. 14		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 15	8:30 AM (SC)	+Megan O'Hern
Friday	Dec. 16	8:30 AM (SP)	+Rev. Richard Wirth
Saturday	Dec. 17	5:00 PM (SP)	+Lill Chodek
Sunday	Dec. 18	8:30 AM (SC)	+Kathleen Stepka
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Elizabeth Belkengren

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Dec. 14	6:45 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10. Xmas Program Practice.
Sun. Dec. 18	10:30 AM	Sunday School Program.
Wed. Dec. 21	6:45 PM	C.C.D. Christmas Program. Party follows in the Social Hall.
Sun. Dec. 25	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School, pre & K.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 17 & 18**

**St. Patrick**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/17	Kelley DeGross, Tim Sonnek, Clarice Gergen
	12/18	Kristi Schulte, Jan St. Aubin, Dan Cervenka
Lectors	12/17	Michael Puncochar
	12/18	Gerry Sandey
Acolytes	12/17	Mitch Sandey, Vincent Blocker
	12/18	Adam, Joshua, & Jacob Jeurissen
Ushers	12/17	Roman Stepka, Melvin Gregory
	12/18	Gerry Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	12/18	Don & Elaine Pesta

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/18	Tony & Claire Robling, Margaret Sharkey, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	12/18	Wayne Liebhard
Acolytes	12/18	Cassie Timm, Jason Erickson, Stacy Erickson
Ushers	12/18	Dave Buresh, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	12/18	Frank & Sandy Grazzini

*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 18, 2005, FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
 Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 1:26-38

**UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS:** The Pre-School and Kindergarten Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during St. Patrick's 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, December 18th. The Religious Education Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 21st at St. Patrick Church at 7:00 PM. Parents/Families—Please bring a plate of cookies or bars for the Wednesday Religious Education Christmas Program Social. Beverages will be provided. Please join us for both programs!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF RETREAT/POTLUCK:** Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. You'll be assigned a type of dish to bring. We'll be going over the new Religious Education Standards, and we're hoping to arrange a speaker. Watch for your invitation!

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Thomas & Elaine Onan, Laura Patch, Jeff & Harriet Paul, Don & Elaine Pesta, Roger & Jackie Pomije, Loren & Mary Pumper, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Connie Putnam. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. OFFICER:** The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons if you can help!

**DONATIONS FOR SYMBOLS:** We are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of the bronze symbols for the sanctuary of the church. These four symbols will be made just for our church and not a warehouse item. Similar to the bell up in the bell tower which was made just for our church in 1873. You may not know but the bell has "St. Patrick" and the year "1873" cast into the side of it along with the name of the foundry who made it. I wouldn't doubt that back then they took up a special collection for that bell also. It's too bad no one can see it, unlike these symbols which will carry the same integrity but will be visible for all of us to see and be inspired by. Please consider helping with this request. You can call the office or talk to me, Dan Cervenka, @ 758-3428. Collected to date: \$6,250.00. (amount needed: \$7,795.00). Thank you.

**C.C.W. HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE:** Sat, December 10 after the 5:00 PM mass and Sun, December 11 after the 10:30 AM mass in the entry of St. Patrick Church.

**C.C.W. MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. A five dollar gift exchange, potluck supper, and cash donations for the Peace Center. All women 18 and over are invited.

**CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:** Wed. Dec. 14, 8:00 PM (after religious education), Mon. Dec. 19 at 7:00 PM and Wed. Dec. 21 at 8:00 PM (after religious education) at St. Patrick Church. Everyone interested in helping the choir lead music is welcome, including instrumentalists!

**DECORATING ST. PATRICK CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS:** Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. Your volunteer help is greatly appreciated.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”  
Sunday Collection December 4, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,610.84
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,758.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$ 278.30
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 103,301.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 99,289.00 collected to date



**MEMORY ANGELS:** During the Advent season *A Community Caring for Life* will be selling Memory Angels to affirm the lives of cherished loved ones and those whose lives have not yet begun. Memorials may be purchased for \$5 each to be attached to Memory Angels. Proceeds will be given to the Archdiocese Life Fund to help women in crisis pregnancies.

**PARISH DIRECTORY:** We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a new parish directory. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

**THANK YOU:** Dear Rosie and the St. Pat’s / St. Cate’s Volunteer Team, We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for your two group visits on Saturday, November 12 & 19. This donation of time and talents was a wonderful continuation of service by your group. We are truly grateful to you for supporting the Bridging mission! Your group accomplished a great deal of projects.

In-kind donations of time, such as yours, are critical to our success as they allow us to keep costs down and use funds to serve more families. Special thanks to the students and adults, you donated over 102 hours—a value of over \$1,790.00 to Bridging.

For details on upcoming events and opportunities at Bridging, visit our website at [www.bridging.org](http://www.bridging.org). For more information about group or individual volunteering at Bridging, Inc. call me directly at 952-888-0746.

On behalf of our clients, volunteers, board and staff, thank you for your support. We hope to see you again!

*Diana Dalsin, Volunteer Manager*

**ST. CATHERINE**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:** \*Bruce & Debbie Efta, Scott & Lynn Lombardi, Thomas & Janet Ryan, John & Sonja Woodyard.

**LECTORS NEEDED:** The Church of St. Catherine is in need of additional lectors for Sunday masses. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please call Mary Kay Mahowald @ 447-3970.

**DECORATING ST. CATHERINE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS & DONUT SUNDAY:** Sunday, December 18th after mass. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you. *The Liturgy Committee*

**Stewardship of Treasure**

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”  
Sunday Collection December 4, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,059.94
Retirement for Religious.....	\$ 320.00



**DID YOU KNOW?**

The birthplace of Jesus—Bethlehem—means “house of bread.” Many ancient commentators interpreted this as prefiguring the Eucharist. Jesus came to earth in the “house of bread” and comes to us in the form of Living Bread every time we receive him in the Blessed Sacrament.

**Catholics around the world treasure a rich variety of Christmas traditions:**

- The *posada* is a traditional Mexican procession. On each of nine nights, beginning on December 16, participants play the parts of the Holy Family, villagers, and innkeepers, and process to a home seeking shelter. Each procession is followed by a party, the greatest celebration being the last one on Christmas Eve. The parties are customarily preceded by prayer.
- In Poland, it is customary to share an *oplatek* on Christmas Eve. An *oplatek* is a wafer into which a scene of the Nativity is pressed. It is blessed, and pieces are shared by the family.
- In the Philippines, many erect *parols*, or star-shaped lanterns, along roadways and in front of houses as a sign of welcome and hope for peace.

**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

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

**PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen (sister of George Buresh), MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Benoit Stepka, Jack Keenan, Randy Odette.

\*Please pray for the repose of the souls of Henry Flatau (brother-in-law of Nellie Carson) and Richard Greger (father of Diane Williamson).

**BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION:** Yellow registration slips for the winter Bible Study are on tables in the back of both churches. To register, complete a form; attach a check, for \$35.00 made out to St. Patrick and place in an envelope. You may either drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick. **Registrations close December 20th.**

**SECOND COLLECTION:** We will have a second collection for Christmas flowers this weekend, December 10 & 11.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend, December 17 & 18, we will have a second collection for the Fund for the Needy.

**November 25, 2005 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:**  
“Dear Children! Also today, I call you to pray, pray, pray until prayer becomes life for you. Little children, at this time, in a special way, I pray before God to give you the gift of faith. Only in faith will you discover the joy of the gift of life that God has given you. Your heart will be joyful thinking of eternity. I am with you and love you with a tender love. Thank you for having responded to my call.”