

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Dec. 15	8:30 AM (SP)	Bohumil Sticha family
Tuesday	Dec. 16	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention
Wednesday	Dec. 17		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 18	8:30 AM (SC)	Brother Thomas
Friday	Dec. 19	8:30 AM (SP)	+Harold & Ed Schmitt
Saturday	Dec. 20	5:00 PM (SP)	+Stanley Moravec
Sunday	Dec. 21	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Marlene Bastyr

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 20 & 21, 2008**

**St. Patrick**

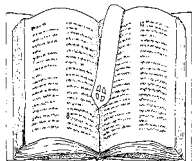
Extraordinary Ministers	12/20	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Donald O'Connor
	12/21	Jan St. Aubin, Tim Sonnek, Michael Sticha Jr., Terrie Schoenbauer
Lectors	12/20	Kelsey Killeen
	12/21	Judie Cervenka
Acolytes	12/20	Adam, Joshua, & Jacob Jeurissen
	12/21	Lily Schulte, Nolan Sandey, Gabrielle Ryan
Ushers	12/20	Melvin Gregory, Matt Sirek
	12/21	Gerald Sandey, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	12/21	Joe & Evelyn Scheffler

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/21	Pat Schroeder, Connie Svoboda, Margaret Sharkey, Deloris Friske
Lector	12/21	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	12/21	Cassie Timm, Abbie & Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	12/21	Ken Ceola, George Doheny
Greeters	12/21	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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 21, 2008  
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

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Leo & Gloria Jacques, Michael & Jessica Hermann, Sylvia Hill, Thomas & Lisa Hill, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Rob & Renae Jirak, Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jack & Karen Keenan.  
 Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**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.

**ST. PATRICK CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesday, December 16 at 7:00 PM and Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 PM practice for Christmas masses. Everyone interested in helping the choir lead music is welcome, including instrumentalists.

**ST. PATRICK CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Sunday, December 21 after the 10:30 AM mass.

**ST. PATRICK P.P.C. & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** No meetings in December.

**THANK YOU:** Our family would like to thank Father Tatel and the St. Patrick Church Community for your prayers and concern for our father Walter. It was very much appreciated.

*Walter Beuch Family*

**GUEST & PRAYER INTENTION BOOK:** This book can be found in the back of church. We encourage our visitors to sign the book.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection December 7, 2008**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,846.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,598.00
Retirement for Religious Fund.....	\$ 631.00

**ST. CATHERINE**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** Ken & Kathy Ceola, Steve & Jude Boeser, Rick & Linda Sirek.

**A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL:** If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

**NEW MARKET FOOD SHELF NEEDS OUR HELP:** The Church of St. Nicholas in New Market Food Shelf has an urgent need for our help. The C.C.W. has set a basket in the back of church to collect non-perishable foods and personal & baby care items. A suggested list of items is posted by the basket.

**ST. CATHERINE CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** All parishioners are invited to help with decorating the church immediately after mass on Sunday, December 21. Coffee and donuts will be served also.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRING LUNCHEON:** Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 AM with Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil speaking on "Be A Blessing".

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection December 7, 2008**

Received this week.....\$ 1,029.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00  
 Retirement for Religious Fund.....\$ 300.00

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Dec. 17	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-9-Christmas Program.
Sun. Dec. 21	10:30 AM (S.P.)	Sunday School Classes, pre-school & kindergarten.
Wed. Dec. 24		NO Religious Education.
Sun. Dec. 28		NO Sunday School.

**A CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION:** Wednesday, December 17th at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church followed by refreshments in the Social Hall. Join the students of the Religious Education Program celebrate the Christmas Season in scripture and song. All parishioners are invited!

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

Friday, Feb. 20	S.P. Group I Fish Fry
Saturday, Mar. 21	S.P. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday, Mar. 27	S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Saturday, Apr. 4	S.C. Spring Luncheon
Friday, Apr. 17	S.P. Euchre Tournament
Sunday, July 19	S.P. Festival

**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

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

**PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Benoit Stepka, Debbie Pfannes, Dick Chodek, Joe Scheffler, Darlene Delaney (aunt of Dan Cross), Lisa Baker (cousin of Dan Cross), Robert Lonergan (father of Vickie Cross), Christine Gregori (sister of Vickie Cross) Jennifer Lonergan (sister of Vickie Cross), Dan Gable (brother-in law of Dan Cross), Gloria Wagner, Rita Stepka, Larry Stepka, Dorothy Snyder.

**SAVE YOUR POP CAN TABS** for Ronald McDonald House of Minneapolis, a project since 1987. Please place your tabs in plastic bags, label Ronald McDonald and place on the table at the entrance to the church.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION:** This weekend, December 13 & 14.

**FUND FOR THE NEEDY COLLECTION:** We will have a second collection next weekend, December 20 & 21.

**SCOTT COUNTY FOSTER CARE PROGRAM** needs Scott County families to provide foster care for children, teens, and adults from our communities. If you are interested, call 952-496-8505.

*Methods of Giving*

Many different, exciting, and thought provoking forms of Christmas and year end giving are available, all of which are tax deductible.

**Giving Securities** is perhaps the best way to make a Catholic gift of faith. You can save and give at the same time! Stocks, bonds, and even shares in mutual funds that have appreciated can be given and your deduction is for the full market value at the time the gift is made—not just your original cost for the securities.

You can also save by paying no capital gains tax on the sale of the stock as you would if you sold the stock and held the cash.

**Depreciated Securities?** You can sell stock that has declined in a down market and claim that loss on your tax return. Then, donate the cash from the sale of the stock and, of course, claim a charitable deduction on your tax return for the amount of the gift. A professional stock broker can assist you in making this type of gift.

**Cash** The most standard and familiar way to make a Christmas or year end gift. Simply write a check to make your gift.

**Property** Both real estate and personal property qualify as charitable gifts that would benefit your parish through Christmas and year end giving. Consider real estate such as residences, farmland and buildings, as well as antiques, jewelry, artwork/coin collections, or other collectibles.

**Business Gifts** Businesses can make gifts and receive tax deductions as well. Businesses can give gifts of inventory, equipment, materials and service, as well as cash. If you own your own business, giving through your business is another way to benefit your parish and positively impact your taxes.

**Life Insurance** Cash value in current or paid up life insurance policies can benefit our Catholic parish. Of course, naming our Catholic parish as a beneficiary of life insurance proceeds can be a wonderful means of making a future major gift to "give the gift . . ." You may even designate policy dividends as gifts.

**Matching Gifts** If you are an employee or a participating retiree of a company or corporation with a "matching gifts program" your gift may be matched. Check with your employer.

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Advent Days of Prayer,** Please join us for a day of reflection at Franciscan Retreat in Prior Lake on Wed. Dec. 17 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring your own bag lunch. No reservation necessary. A \$25 contribution is suggested. 952-447-2182.

**Vocation Discernment,** Mon. Dec. 29, 4:00 PM to Wed. noon Dec. 31 at St. Agnes Convent in St. Paul. 651-291-7777.

**Holiday Dinner/Dance for Catholic Singles,** Sat. Jan. 10, 5:30 PM at Fort Snelling Club, \$20. Call Carl @ 651-603-1412.

**Faith Lift for Moms,** Fri. & Sat. Jan. 16 & 17. For more information call, 651-291-4488.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend,** Feb. 6-8 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more information, call 612-840-7630.

**Single Parent Retreat,** Sat. Feb. 7, 9:00 AM-noon at St. Mark's in St. Paul. For more information, call 651-291-4488.

**Quilt Auction,** Sat. Oct. 24 at St. Michael's in Prior Lake. Review 11-12:30 PM. Live Auction 1:00 PM. 507-389-4213.