

# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 15, 2013

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 16	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Tuesday	Dec. 17	8:30 AM (SP)	+Richard Wiederhold
Wednesday	Dec. 18		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 19	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marjorie Mudra
Friday	Dec. 20	8:30 AM (SP)	+Florian Kraft
Saturday	Dec. 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Dec. 22	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Silverius Becker

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2013

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/21	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	12/22	Dan Cross, Amy Holden, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	12/21	Lynne Hoffman
	12/22	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	12/21	Will Kreuser, Jacob Jeurissen, Mason DeGross
	12/22	Megan & Rachel Theis, Bella Schulte
Ushers	12/21	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	12/22	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta
Greeters	12/22	Henry & Dee Kober

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/22	Al Schneider, Bill Dillingham, Bonnie Theis, Deloris Friske
Lector	12/22	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	12/22	Addey & Karley Vochoska, Bryce Horejsi
Ushers	12/22	Joel Vochoska, Rick Sirek
Greeters	12/22	Gary & Ann Korbel

*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 22, 2013 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14  
 Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 1:18-24

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**DECEMBER:** \*Michael & Janice Sticha, Norman & Denie Sticha, Rob Sticha, Travis Sticha, Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Dianne Thoele, Carol Timmons, James & Anette Trecker, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle.  
 Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?** Dec. 16: Fr. Steven McMichael Dec. 17: Fr. Benny Mekkatt Varghese, Dec. 18: Fr. Thomas Merrill, Dec. 19: Fr. John Meyer, Dec. 20: Fr. Frederick Meyer, Dec. 21: Fr. Nathaniel Meyers, Dec. 22: Fr. Eugene Michel.

*O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you priests dearest to me. The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially . . .). Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.*

### ST. PATRICK VOLUNTEER LITURGY COORDINATOR

**NEEDED:** We are looking for a Liturgy Coordinator to lead in setting up/taking down the decorations for the different Liturgical Seasons of the year in our church. The new coordinator can start immediately and can get some training and pointers from the current coordinator. If you are interested, please call the office or Fr. Tatel @ 952-492-6276. Thank you for your kind consideration.

**THANK YOU:** A huge thank you to everyone that donated bake sale items and to those that bought goodies or just gave a donation. Stay tuned for a total, coming soon.

*Vickie Cross, C.C.W. President*

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

**& FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be no meetings in December.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSAL:** Tuesday, December 17 & Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. All singers and instrumentalists welcome!

**CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATING:** Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:30 AM mass. Everyone is welcome to help decorate.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection December 8, 2013

Received this week.....\$ 1,389.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00  
 Christmas Flower Collection.....\$ 285.00



### Reconciliation:

Mon. Dec. 16 SC 10:30-11:30 AM SP 6:30-7:30 PM  
 Tue. Dec. 17 SP 10:30-11:30 AM SC 6:30-7:30 PM

## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**DECEMBER:** Steve & Jude Boeser, Ken & Kathy Ceola, Steve & Theresa Kavouras.

**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.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** There will be no meeting in December.

**POP/SOUP CAN TABS** for the Ronald McDonald House are being collected and deposited on December 27th while St. Catherine's C.C.W. serves an evening meal to the families of those being treated for transplants & cancer diseases. A portion of the money received from the tab deposits assist the House in providing school/playground equipment for the children. The tabs can be left at the back or vestibule of St. Catherine's Church.

**ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W. AND "MEN HELPERS"** will again be making (at St. Catherine's) and serving an evening meal at the Ronald McDonald House next to the U. of M. Hospital on Friday, December 27th. Anyone interested in assisting with the preparation at St. Catherine's, serving the meal at Ronald McDonald, making treats for the families to be served, or making table decorations that the children may be able to utilize (i.e.; coloring books, little games, stuffed animals-new), please contact Margaret Sharkey at 461-2214

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Sunday Collection December 8, 2013**

Received this week.....\$ 912.52  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00  
Christmas Flower Collection.....\$ 267.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Lorraine Robeson, Ronald Greger (Diane Williamson's brother), Mike Lehmkuhler, Clarice Gergen Wayne Efta, Bev Grossman, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Francis Suilmann, Pam Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacquie Bittner) Shannon Quinn, Diane Sirek, Mervel Hanson (Maria Hanson's father-in-law), Lorraine Gable, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Larry Gross, Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Benoite Stepka, Lisa Baker, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

### INTERESTED IN DEEPENING YOUR FAITH LIFE?

There are opportunities to enhance your worship by joining the church choir. Do you like to sing? Come raise your voice to the Lord. Can you play an instrument or have a desire to try? Come, God will equip you with the ability. Contact Rosie Nelson @ 952-492-3402, St. Catherine Church, or LuVerne Verhoeven @ 952-758-3546, St. Patrick Church.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Next weekend, December 21 & 22, we will have a second collection for the Fund for the Needy.

### HELP AGING SISTERS, BROTHERS, AND RELIGIOUS ORDER PRIESTS:

"Each year the need to provide for our elderly (members) becomes more pressing, and we are ever more grateful for these providential funds," writes a religious sister about the financial assistance received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Your donation helps provide necessities such as prescription medication and nursing care. Please give to those who have given a lifetime. We will have a second collection this weekend, December 14 & 15, for RFFR.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 18	7:00 PM	Christmas Program at Church.
Sun. Dec. 22	10:30 AM	Sunday School. Christmas Mass Program.
Wed. Dec. 25	6:45-8:00 PM	NO Classes for grades 1-9. Merry Christmas!
Sun. Dec. 29	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School- Christmas Break.

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

Sunday, February 9	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, February 28	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Friday, April 4	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sunday, July 20, 2014	S.P.	Parish Festival

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Wanted: Catholic Religious Items!** Missals, Prayer Books, Scapulars, Medals, Holy Cards, Statues, Crucifixes, and Rosaries. If you are considering "cleaning out" please do not throw these Catholic items away! Help send them to Catholic Missions in Third World countries that they may be used once again and spread the Holy Catholic faith. Please send to: Peter Gaidows, P.O. Box 494333, Garland, TX 75049-4333.

### **Christmas Open House at Franciscan Retreats & Spirituality Center** (Prior Lake), Looking for a fun way to fan the flames of your Christmas Spirit? Our Christmas Open House on Thur.

Dec. 19, 6:30-8:00 PM will do just that. Edelweiss bakery supplies Christmas treats and our chef Judy prepares perhaps the best hot spiced cider you will ever enjoy. Our roaring bonfire and luminary lit trail lead you to holiday festivities in our Marian Lounge.

**Women's Retreat**, Jan. 10-12 & Jan. 14-16 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, 952-447-2182.

**Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, Feb. 4-13, 2014. Visit Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem & more. 1-800-773-2660.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, Excellent, Good, Average, So So? How do you rate your marriage? If you've checked any of the above, you are a great candidate for a WWME weekend! It's a beautiful weekend experience designed for couples of all ages and backgrounds. It will take you from where you are to another level! For more information, call 763-434-4332 or check out the website [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org). The next weekends are Feb. 7-9 in Buffalo and May 2-4 in Buffalo.

**Single Parent Retreat**, Sat. Feb. 8, 9:00 AM-noon at Maternity of Mary, 1414 Dale Street North, St. Paul. \$10.00/family. Register at [www.archspm.org](http://www.archspm.org) or call 651-291-4489.