

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 16	11:00 AM (SP)	Roman Stepka funeral
Tuesday	Dec. 17		NO MASS
Wednesday	Dec. 18	6:00 PM (SP)	Allen Schroeder
Thursday	Dec. 19	8:30 AM (SC)	+Ludy Bruzek
Friday	Dec. 20		NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Dec. 22	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Paul Kempf For our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 21 & 22, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/21	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers, Tony Jirik
	12/22	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Don Pesta
Lector	12/21	Jim DeGross
	12/22	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	12/21	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	12/22	Cole, Ella, & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	12/21	Matt Sirek
	12/22	Pat Puncochar

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/22	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Frank Simons, Linda Torgesen
Lector	12/22	Volunteer
Altar Servers	12/22	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/22	Shawn O'Hern, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	12/22	Dianne Schumann, Margaret Sharkey

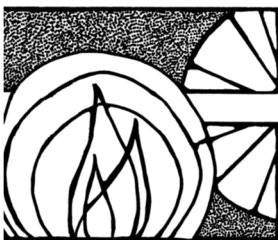
*Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting people time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!*

### RECONCILIATION:

Wed. Dec. 18, 5:00-6:00 PM, St. Patrick  
 Thur. Dec. 19, 9:00-10:00 AM, St. Catherine  
 Sat. Dec. 21, 3:30-4:45 PM, St. Patrick

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

Dec. 16: Fr. Lawrence Johnson, Dec. 17: Fr. Michael Johnson,  
 Dec. 18: Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, Dec. 19: Fr. Saw Joseph,  
 Dec. 20: Fr. Mark Joppa, Dec. 21: Fr. Glen Jenson,  
 Dec. 22: Fr. Anthony Judge.



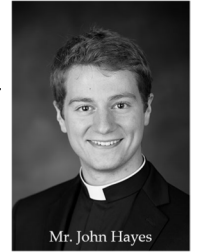
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**Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

## FROM DEACON HAYES

### Our Joyful Hope

“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (Phil. 4:4-5). St. Paul’s words appear in the entrance antiphon of this, the third Sunday of Advent. This Sunday is also called Gaudete Sunday, from the first word of the entrance antiphon in Latin. At this halfway point in Advent, the Church invites us to rejoice at the nearness of the Lord. The vestment color lightens from the deep violet to rose. This color change is a visual representation of the joyful anticipation of the Lord’s coming.



Mr. John Hayes

This joy arises from our hope. Our hope gives us the assurance that the Lord is indeed coming, though He is not yet come. It echoes our hope for heaven. Though we have been baptized and we encounter Him truly in the Eucharist, we are not yet fully possessed by Him, nor do we yet fully possess Him. This will only happen in heaven. We can get foretastes of heaven in prayer and as we experience the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of sacraments, the most Holy Eucharist. We know, however, that our fulfillment is only in heaven.

We are not dismayed that we are not yet in heaven. We are not a saddened people. Rather, we rejoice that we are on our way. As we have joy in anticipating Christmas, so we have joy in anticipating heaven. This joy leads us to follow the way towards heaven. This way is not always easy and most certainly not always pleasant. Sometimes we can lose our joy and our hope because of how difficult the way can be. However, the Lord is always near. He has journeyed the way Himself, and He has taken the burden upon Himself. He is near to us as we journey, and He will be nearest in heaven. We Christians take delight in the closeness of our Lord. Though we do not fully possess Him as we will in heaven, we rejoice that He is still close now and that He is working with us to get us even closer.

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

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

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

No meetings in December.

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Travis & Kally Marschall on the baptism of their daughter, Taylin Ann Marschall, on Dec 8, 2019.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking lectors and servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. Please call the parish office or Shelley Shepherd @ 952-492-3571 to volunteer.

**CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSAL:** There will be a music rehearsal for the Christmas Masses on Thursday, December 19th at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. Anyone interested in helping to lead the music is welcome!

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:30 AM Mass we will set up the Church for Christmas. All are welcome to help decorate. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students please bring your service hour sheet to be signed.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

**Sunday Collection December 8, 2019**

Received this week.....\$ 2,817.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00  
 Immaculate Conception.....\$ 125.00  
 Christmas Flowers.....\$ 415.91

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**Ev Nelson**

Ev Nelson was my neighbor for over 20 years. I consider myself a better person for having known Ev Nelson. I always considered Ev one of the pillars of the church community. Many of the pillars of the church community have passed on, including Ev, who passed just this fall. Many of the newer church members may not have had the pleasure to have known Ev Nelson. He was a quiet, humble man who never asked for notoriety for the things he had done for our church and community. As I look around the church, I see so many things that will always make me remember Ev. About 12 years ago the church decided to do a remodel project. The woodwork was dark and dated and we wanted to spruce things up. When we started the project it was the start of the recession and housing and construction was on a downturn. Those of you who knew Ev, knew he was a cabinet maker, I considered him an artist. He and his wife Joanie operated Nelson Wood Craft. Unfortunately for Ev, he and Joanie had very little work going on. They volunteered to help out. Every pew in the church went to their shop and Ev and Joanie repaired them. I will tell you the pews and kneelers needed a lot of work. We received a bid for all new millwork to be installed in the church. The cost was way out of our budget. To save the church money, Ev volunteered to purchase raw oak boards. Ev and Joan planed, cut, shaped, and sanded every piece of millwork in the church. This saved the church thousands of dollars. In addition, he built the crucifix behind the altar, the celebrant's chair, and many other items. In addition every year he would donate something he created in his cabinet shop for the church Festival. So when you sit in church and look around at the great millwork in the church, think of Ev. You will never be forgotten Ev, your legacy will always be in the church.

**ST. CATHERINE**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

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

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**MEETING:** No meeting in December.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**Sunday Collection December 8, 2019**

Received this week.....\$ 704.67  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00  
 Immaculate Conception.....\$ 87.00  
 Christmas Flowers.....\$ 265.00



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**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

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

Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, 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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roman Stepka, long-time parishioner of St. Patrick.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Richard Delaney.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**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. When a child moves around in foster care, they often get one bag to take with them and this blanket could be in that bag. 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. Check your closets and 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 C.C.W. and all items will be distributed. Thank you!

Wed. Dec. 18	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Dec. 18	6:45 PM	Christmas Program, Classes, 1-9
Sun. Dec. 22	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 25	6:45 PM	<b>NO</b> Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Dec. 29	9:15 AM	<b>NO</b> Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

**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



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