

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 19	8:30 AM (SP)	+William. & Kathryn Toner
Tuesday	Dec. 20	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Wednesday	Dec. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	+Marlene Bastyr
Thursday	Dec. 22		NO MASS
Friday	Dec. 23	8:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie Ryan
Saturday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC)	+Jorge Tatel & Sophie Greger
		7:00 PM (SP)	+George & Jody Stepka
Sunday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 21	6:45 PM	C.C.D. Christmas Program. Party follows in the Social Hall.
Sun. Dec. 25		NO Sunday School.
Wed. Dec. 28		NO Religious Education.
Sun. Jan. 1		NO Sunday School.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24 & 25

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Bill Belkengren, Jim DeGross
	12/25	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Terrie Schoenbauer
Lectors	12/24	Lynne Hoffman
	12/25	Terrie Schoenbauer
Acolytes	12/24	Jeff Paul, Dan Hoffman, Jed Kreuser
	12/25	Alex Schoenbauer, Zachary Schoenbauer, Mike Verhoeven
Ushers	12/24	Will Hoffman, Matt Trecker
	12/25	Don Pesta, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	12/25	Joe & Nellie Carson

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Connie Svoboda, Rosetta Shea, Steve & Jude Boeser
	12/25	Joel Vochoska, Bill Dillingham, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	12/24	Samantha Muraski
	12/25	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	12/24	Clarice, Timmy, & Tommy Fredrickson
	12/25	Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm, Helen Korbel
Ushers	12/24	Bill Dillingham, George Doheny
	12/25	Ken Ceola, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	12/24	Clara Hrabe, Lee Hesse
	12/25	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 25, 2005, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10 Gospel Reading: John 1:1-18
Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6



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.

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.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

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!

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be no meeting in December.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, Dec. 19th at 7:30 PM in the social hall.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: 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.

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: \$7,250.00. (amount needed: \$7,795.00). Thank you.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection December 11, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,807.75
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,758.00
Flower Collection.....	\$ 407.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 118.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 103,301.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 99,289.00 collected to date



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Bruce & Debbie Efta, Scott & Lynn Lombardi, Thomas & Janet Ryan, John & Sonja Woodyard.

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.

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

THANK YOU: A BIG thank you to Sue Kempf for all the hard work she did to make the C.C.W. Christmas party so nice! Thank you to Margaret Sharkey for doing the invitations. Thanks also to the efficient servers: Wayne Liebhard, Scott Lombardi, Dave Buresh, and Gary Korbel. You guys are great!

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection December 11, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,059.94
Flower Collection.....	\$ 186.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 102.00



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), Benoitte Stepka, Jack Keenan, Randy Odette.

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: This weekend, December 17 & 18, we will have a second collection for the Fund for the Needy.

THANK YOU: To the Jordan Area Lions Club for supplying the Christmas baskets. They do a lot of things for our community and we are grateful to them!

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

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

For Catholics, December 25 is only the beginning. Our celebration continues as other feasts shed their own unique light on the gift of Jesus.

January 1 is both the **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**, and a day of prayer for world peace. We can deepen our celebration of the New Year by our prayer that our families and our world be open to the peace Jesus offers.

The **Solemnity of the Epiphany**, traditionally observed on January 6, is transferred to a Sunday in the United States. “Epiphany” means “manifestation,” and it’s the celebration of Jesus’ manifesting to all of the world his glory as Savior to all nations, symbolically through the Magi. Epiphany is also a day to share gifts in many cultures, as well as a day to feast. Place the Magi in the Nativity set and read their story from the Gospel of Matthew.

Epiphany is traditionally a day to bless homes. Part of this blessing involves bracketing the initials of the Magi—Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar—with the year above your door, usually in chalk, like this: 20+C+M+B+06. (Another tradition claims the initials stand for “Christus mansionem benedicat,” meaning “May Christ bless this home.”)

The **Baptism of the Lord** commemorates the final “Christmas” feast, when the Father reveals the divinity of Jesus at his baptism through the Holy Spirit in the Jordan River. It is a good day to celebrate our own baptism, our “new birth” in Christ and inclusion in his body, the Church.

DID YOU KNOW?

Catholics have traditionally celebrated great feasts for an “octave”—a period of eight days afterward. The Octave of Christmas includes many important dates: St. Stephen (December 26), St. John the Evangelist (December 27), the Holy Innocents (December 28), the Holy Family (Sunday after Christmas), and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (January 1). Praying with the Scripture readings for these feasts is a good way to keep focused on God’s love even after December 25.