

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 19	8:30 AM (SP)	Mary Pexa
Tuesday	Dec. 20	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention
Wednesday	Dec. 21		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 22	8:30 AM (SC)	+Hilda Deason
Friday	Dec. 23	8:30 AM (SP)	Halle Efta
Saturday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	+Russ Egan +Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques For our parishioners, guests, & visitors

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24 & 25, 2011

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Evelyn Scheffler, Ron & Rosie Ryan
	12/25	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Amy Holden
Lectors	12/24	Jim DeGross
	12/25	Dirk Wells
Acolytes	12/24	Dan & Rachel DeGross, Will Kreuser, Jacob Jeurissen
	12/25	Allie & MaKayla Kubes, Jeff Paul, Lily Schulte
Ushers	12/24	Matt Sirek, Melvin Gregory
	12/25	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	12/25	Don & Elaine Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Vera Taylor, Bonnie Theis, Steve & Jude Boeser
	12/25	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham, Deloris Friske
Lector	12/24	Rosemary Hatcher
	12/25	Dave Kahn
Acolytes	12/24	Abbie & Jenna Kavouras, Bryce Horejsi
	12/25	Molly O'Hern, Bryce Horejsi, Kendra Korbel
Ushers	12/24	Tim Saarela, Jeff Schroeder
	12/25	Shawn O'Hern, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	12/24	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald
	12/25	Jim & Barbara Lerschen

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, 2011
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)**



First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-6
Second Reading: Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:1-14

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Francis & Colleen Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Dean & Christine Bisek, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke, Darrin & Kristen Burdine, Pamela Caselius, Dan & Debra Cervenka. 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 CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE: Anyone interested in helping lead the music at St. Patrick's during the Christmas season is encouraged to attend the following rehearsal: Thursday, December 22 at 7:00 PM at the church. Instrumentalists and singers are welcome.

DECORATING ST. PATRICK CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Tuesday, December 20th at 6:30 PM. Volunteer help would be great.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be no meetings in December.

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY POTLUCK: Friday, January 20 at 7:00 PM. All men of the parish are invited.

THANK YOU: The C.C.W. wants to thank all those who donated to our very successful Christmas Bake Sale. The \$614.00 we made will be put to good use to help with the needs of the parish and our other charitable endeavors.

MICROWAVE FOR SOCIAL HALL: If anyone has a microwave they would like to donate, it would be greatly appreciated.

Stewardship of Treasure
"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection December 11, 2011

Received this week.....	\$ 1,709.70
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,771.00
Christmas Flower Collection.....	\$ 297.00



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.

JASON ERICKSON'S EAGLE CEREMONY: Sunday, December 18th, 1:00-3:00 PM in St. Catherine's Church basement. Everyone is welcome.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 11, 2011

Received this week.....\$ 968.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00
 Christmas Flower Collection.....\$ 289.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: John Verhoeven, Sr., Kayla Shepherd, Rosetta Shea, Jon Carlson, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), David Kahn, Therese Ryan, Theresa Beissel, Antoinette Kahn, Chris Larson, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Larry Gross, Brad Johnson, Grace Bittner, Phil O'Hern, Laura Klamar, Laura Stepka, Benoite Stepka, Lisa Baker (cousin of Dan Cross), Jennifer Lonergan (sister of Vickie Cross), & John Thomas Byer.

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

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: We will be preparing and serving a meal on December 30th. Volunteers are needed to cook & serve the meal. We will meet at St. Catherine Church at 1:30 PM to carpool to the Ronald McDonald House where we will be fixing and serving the meal. If anyone is interested in donating cookies, it would be appreciated. To volunteer contact Margaret Sharkey @ 952-461-2214 or Kathy Ceola @ 952-440-6740.

RECONCILIATION:

Monday, Dec. 19	10:30-11:30 AM	St. Catherine
	6:30-7:30 PM	St. Patrick
Tuesday, Dec. 20	10:30-11:30 AM	St. Patrick
	6:30-7:30 PM	St. Catherine



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Wed. Dec. 21	6:45 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-9. Christmas Program.
Sun. Dec. 25	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.
Wed. Dec. 28	6:45 PM	NO Religious Education.
Sun. Jan. 1	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, January 20	S.P. Men's Club Christmas Party
Friday, February 17	S.P. Group I Fish Fry
Friday, March 23	S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Saturday, April 14	S.C. C.C.W. Luncheon
Sunday, April 15	1st Communion
Thursday, May 10	Confirmation at Divine Mercy/Faribault

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Host Family Needed for 18 yr. old boy from Uruguay currently attending Prior Lake High School. For more information, contact Ryan or Betsy Kiefer at 952-474-4460 or 952-270-9840.

Christmas Holiday Dinner/Dance for Catholic singles. Sat. Jan. 7 at Fred Babcock VFW/Richfield. For info, 651-603-1412.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for healing after abortion. Jan. 6-8 in the Twin Cities area. For more information, 763-250-9313.

Mass for Life, Sunday, Jan. 22. Archbishop Nienstedt will celebrate a special noon mass at the St. Paul Cathedral.

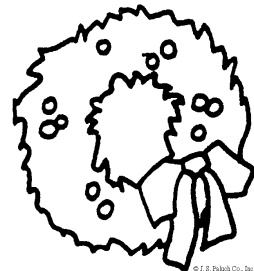
Bingo every Tuesday night through April at the K.C. Hall in New Prague starting Oct. 4, 2011. Start at 7:15 PM.

Educational/Support Group for Separated or Divorced, 1st & 3rd Tue. evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Wenceslaus Church Basement in New Prague. Please call Mary @ 952-873-6781 or Deacon Bob Wagner @ 952-758-3225 for more information.

Foster Homes Needed, Scott County Health and Human Services is in need of more foster homes in the county to provide foster care for children of all ages, as well as adults with mental health issues, developmental disabilities, or the elderly. 952-496-8505 or kdorick@co.scott.mn.us.

PRO-LIFE CORNER

In many countries, such as Germany, Japan, Russia, and South Korea, the one-child family is now becoming the norm. This trend creates a society in which not only do most people have no siblings, but also no aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, or nephews. Many will lack children of their own as well. Today about one in five people in advanced Western countries, including the United States, remains childless. Huge portions of the world's population will thus have no biological relatives except their parents. And even where children continue to be born, they are being raised under radically different circumstances, as country after country has seen divorce and out-of-wedlock births surge and the percentage of children living with both of their married parents drop sharply. So not only is the quantity of children in the world poised to shrink rapidly, but on current trends, a near majority of them will be raised in ways that are today strongly associated with negative life outcomes. <http://www.foreignpolicy.com/articles/2011/08/15>



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