

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 20	4:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Tuesday	Dec. 21	9:00 AM (SP)	+Marlene Bastyr
Wednesday	Dec. 22		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 23	4:00 PM (SC)	+Michael Vaughan
Friday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC)	+Corey Grossman
		7:00 PM (SP)	+George & Jody Stepka
Saturday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, +Marion, & +John Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Ermin Giesen
Sunday	Dec. 26	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Bohumil & Johnny Sticha

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 24, 25, 26

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Ron Ryan, Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	12/25	Karen Keenan, Clarice Gergen, Volunteer
	12/26	Agnes DeGross, Adella Schmitt, Lisa Sticha
Lectors	12/24	Volunteer
	12/25	Karen Keenan
	12/26	Rena Bjerke
Acolytes	12/24	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Mike Verhoeven
	12/25	Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Vincent Blocker
	12/26	Megan Ryan, Amy Ryan, Gabby Ryan
Ushers	12/24	Peter Ryan, Volunteer
	12/25	Dick Chodek, Roman Stepka
	12/26	Norm Sticha, Leo Jacques
Greeters	12/26	Dan & Deb Cervenka

**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 26, 2004
HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH**



First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
 Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 22 6:45 PM C.C.D. Christmas Program.
 Party follows in the social hall.
 *Parents please bring one dozen cookies/bars to the Christmas Program.
 Sun. Dec. 26 NO Sunday School Program.
 Wed. Dec. 29 NO Religious Education.
 Sun. Jan 2 NO Sunday School Program.

*The parish office will be closed Friday, December 24th.

St. Catherine

DECEMBER 19, 2004

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Tony & Claire Robling, Gordy & Julie Giles
	12/25	Steve & Jude Boeser, Rosetta Shea, Connie Svoboda
	12/26	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Deanna Vochoska, Deloris Friske
Lector	12/24	Samantha Muraski
	12/25	Tom Fredrickson
	12/26	Robert Grams
Acolytes	12/24	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
	12/25	Clarice, Timmy, & Tommy Fredrickson
	12/26	Rachel Friske, Billy & Samantha Muraski
Ushers	12/24	Joe Shea, Ken Svoboda
	12/25	Joe Williamson, Steve Boeser
	12/26	Bruce Brumm, Dave Buresh
Greeters	12/24	Ken & Kathy Ceola
	12/25	Bill & Mary Dillingham
	12/26	Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Chad & Emily Sandey, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip Ryan, Ronald & Rose Ryan, Gerry Sandey, John & Patty Scheffler, Daniel & Kyra Schmidt, Dianne Thoele.
 Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. 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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, Dec. 20 at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK CHOIR PRACTICE: Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. We will practice music for Christmas. Everyone interested in helping the choir is welcome!

DECORATING CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. Everyone is welcome!

PREPARATIONS FOR REMODELING: We will be moving items from the sacristy to prepare for remodeling of the church interior. If you can help, please join us at 9:30 AM on Friday, December 31. Thanks!

GROUP I FISH FRY: Group I is seeking co-chairs for the Fish Fry on Friday, February 4, 2005. Contact Mike & Jan Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

FESTIVAL QUILTING: Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house Saturdays in January, February, and March, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We need lots of help as we prepare quilts for the 2005 Festival Quilt Auction in July. You need not be an experienced quilter! Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 12, 2004

Received this week.....	\$ 2,022.84
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Flower Collection.....	\$ 319.60
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 76,361.00 pledged
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 37,423.00 collected to date



MEMORY ANGELS: *A Community for Life* will be selling Memory Angels to affirm the lives of cherished loved ones who have died, those who are with us still, and those whose lives have not yet begun. The Angels will adorn the Christmas trees in both churches throughout the Advent and Christmas Season. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used to help women in crisis pregnancies in our Archdiocese.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT 2004:

We'll be gathering items to supply "Recovery Baskets" that are provided to our recovering wounded soldiers at both Balboa Naval Hospital and Camp Pendleton, California. The following items are needed: Nonperishable snacks / candy, DVD's, Batteries of all sizes, Phone Cards, Game Boy Games, Books / Magazines, Domino's Pizza Gift Certificates (they deliver to the base), Towel / Washcloths, Hygiene Gear (razors / shaving cream), Your Prayers! The deadline for this project is December 19th, when we will Fed Ex the items to Camp Pendleton. Thank you for your support in this project.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: We are looking for someone to continue the Parish Nurse Program. Qualifications are:

- *Graduate of an accredited school of nursing.
- *Currently licensed as a professional registered nurse (RN) to practice nursing in the State of Minnesota.
- *At least three years of nursing experience in a clinical setting.
- *Due to the fact that the spiritual dimension is central to parish nursing practice, the completion of an endorsed and/or academic and/or qualified parish nurse preparation program is necessary.
- *Possession of a valid driver's license.

Contact the parish office if you are interested @ 492-6276.

REFLECTION:

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows,
strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls,
but do not show love to my family,
I'm just another decorator.
If I slave away in the kitchen,
baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals
and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime,
but do not show love to my family,
I'm just another cook.
If I work at a soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home,
and give all that I have to charity,
but do not show love to my family,
it profits me nothing.
If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes,
attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata,
but do not focus on Christ,
I have missed the point.
Love stops the cooking to hug the child.
Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse.
Love is kind, though harried and tired.
Love does not envy another's home
that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.
Love does not yell at the kids to get out of the way,
but is thankful they are there to be in the way.
Love does not give only to those who are able to give in return,
but rejoices in giving to those who cannot.
Love bears all things,
believes all things,
hopes all things, and endures all things.
Love never fails.
Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost,
golf clubs will rust;
but giving the gift of love will endure.

WISHING YOU A JOYOUS & MEANINGFUL CHRISTMAS!

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Margaret Sharkey, George & Cheyann Doheny, Michael & Renee Orton, Eugene Zephirin, Bonnie Theis.

BOXES FOR BRIDGING: The St. Catherine's C.C.W. has placed boxes in the back of church to accept donations for Bridging, Inc. This is a local non-profit organization that provides home supplies & furnishings for families in need. The organization needs all kinds of furnishings and household items. At this time, however, there is a particular shortage of the following: pillows, dressers, and new or gently used pots/pans/cookware. If you have smaller items you'd like to donate, please leave them in our Bridging boxes. If you have a furniture item to donate, or would like to make a cash donation, then please contact Ann Korbel @ 952-447-1454. We will be accepting donations throughout the Advent Season.

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Sunday Collection December 12, 2004

Received this week.....	\$ 1,095.00
Flower Collection.....	\$ 148.00



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:		
Christmas Eve, December 24:	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
Christmas Eve, December 24:	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Christmas Day, December 25:	8:30 AM	St. Catherine
Christmas Day, December 25:	10:30 AM	St. Patrick
NO Confessions at 4:00 PM or Mass at 5:00 PM on Dec. 25.		

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Sophie Greger (mother of Diane Williamson), Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis), Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk.