

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 20, 2015

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 21	6:00 PM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Tuesday	Dec. 22	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Dec. 23		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	For our people +Ermin & Esther Giesen
Friday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Saturday	Dec. 26	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	Dec. 27	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For our people +Harold & Della Schmitt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24, 24, 26, & 27, 2015

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	12/25	Don Pesta, Jan St. Aubin, Tim Sonnek, Dan Cervenka
	12/26	Agnes DeGross, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	12/27	Gerald Sandey, Dan Cross, Kristi Schulte, Aimee Henry
Lectors	12/24	Anne Marie Weiers
	12/25	Diana Schoenbauer
	12/26	Shelley Shepherd
	12/27	Julie Volk
Acolytes	12/24	Joe Weiers, Hayden & Mason DeGross
	12/25	Hannah & Samantha Schoenbauer, Alycia Klegstad
	12/26	Dan DeGross, Mitchell Rousseau, Sam Lambrecht
	12/27	Lily & Bella Schulte, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	12/24	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	12/25	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
	12/26	Roman Stepka, Steve Kreuser
	12/27	Don Pesta, Darryl Volk
Greeters	12/25	Henry & Dee Kober
	12/27	Don & Elaine Pesta

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!

READINGS FOR DECEMBER 27, 2015 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, & JOSEPH

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14
Second Reading: Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel Reading: Luke 2:41-52



St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Bonnie Theis, Dave Nelson, Bill Dillingham, Frank Simons
	12/25	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Paul & Linda Torgesen
	12/27	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Steve & Jude Boeser
Lector	12/24	Tim Saarela
	12/25	Dave Nelson
	12/27	Linda Torgesen
Acolytes	12/24	Abbie & Jenna Kavouras, Molly O'Hern
	12/25	Addey & Karley Vochoska, Kendra Korbel
	12/27	Abbie & Jenna Kavouras, Casey O'Hern
Ushers	12/24	Bill Dillingham, Shawn O'Hern
	12/25	Dave Buresh, George Doheny
	12/27	Dave Nelson, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	12/24	Steve & Jude Boeser
	12/25	Rick & Linda Sirek
	12/27	Joe & Diane Williamson

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Chris & Lynn Meyer, Gary & Barbara Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Sparky & Susie Mahowald, Gregory & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, James & Amy Milinkovich, Jody & Roseann Morrell.
Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY? Dec. 21: Fr. Oliver Durfresne, Dec. 22: Fr. Anthony Dummer, Dec. 23: Fr. Douglas Ebert, Dec. 24: Fr. John Echert, Dec. 25: Fr. Matthew Ehmke, Dec. 26: Fr. Allan Eilen, Dec. 27: Fr. Joah Ellis. *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.*

CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSAL: Anyone interested in helping the choir lead the music at the Christmas Eve or Christmas Day Masses, please plan to attend the following rehearsal: Tuesday, Dec. 22, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick's Church. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome!

PIANIST NEEDED! The St. Patrick's Choir is looking for someone to accompany the choir on the keyboard for the Christmas morning Mass at 10:30 AM on Dec. 25th. Contact LuVerne at 612-619-1891, if you're willing to share your gift!

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 20, after the 10:30 AM Mass. All are welcome! Confirmation students are welcome to help for service hours.

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, January 8th at 7:00 PM in the social. Please bring a dish to share. Questions, contact Leo Jacques @ 952-492-2080.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Monday, January 18th at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: St. Patrick is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 13, 2015

Received this week.....	\$ 1,993.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project to date.....	\$ 8,163.00
Christmas Flower Collection.....	\$ 460.46



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ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Monday, January 25th at 7:00 PM.

BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Recently it was discovered that a large colony of bats have been living in the attic of St Catherine's Church. Bats are known to carry and transmit disease (such as rabies and histoplasmosis) so eviction is imperative. The eviction, abatement of all guano and insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating will cost a total of \$13,645.80. A capital campaign has been initiated to cover these costs. If you wish to donate, please place your contribution in the collection basket over the next couple of weeks and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Bat Removal"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbel, or Tim Saarela.

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother, along with many contemporary saints, have stated the rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass to pray the rosary.

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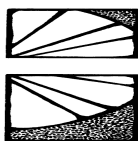
"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 13, 2015

Received this week.....	\$ 594.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....	\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign to date.....	\$ 4,525.00
Christmas Flower Collection.....	\$ 287.00



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PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncoschar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Fliceck, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Shannon Quinn, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, December 19 & 20, we will have a second collection for the *Fund for the Needy*.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, January 8	S.P.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Friday, February 5	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Sunday, February 14	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, March 11	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 23	6:45-8:00 PM	NO Religious Education.
Sun. Dec. 27	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.
Wed. Dec. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	NO Religious Education.
Sun. Jan. 3	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.
Wed. Jan. 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9.
		2nd grade reconciliation practice.
		Confirmation class to St. Michael's.
Sun. Jan. 10	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ministry to Homeless Families, Hope House, a facility provided by Mayo Health Systems in New Prague is opening its doors Dec. 3-20. If you would like to spend some time with families for an evening or on a Sat. contact coordinator Julie Huddock @ 952-994-5382. Families with older children are welcome to volunteer together. If you would like to get together with family or friends to provide a meal, contact Ruth Dols @ 952-758-2050. (Hope House, 305 Columbus Ave. N., New Prague, MN 56071)

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. For the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** visit our website at : twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720. Early registration is highly recommended!

Educational/Support Group for Separated or Divorced, 1st 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.



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