

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	12/21	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12/22	8:30AM	SP	+ Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	12/23	NO MASS		
Thursday	12/24	5:00 PM	SC	For Our People
		7:00 PM	SP	Deceased members of the Kremer & Ryan Families
Friday	12/25	8:30 AM	SC	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
		10:30 AM	SP	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Saturday	12/26	5:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	12/27	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	Flores Family

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24, 25, 26 & 27, 2020

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Dave Roach (Choir)
	12/25	Bill Weiers (Choir)
	12/26	None
	12/27	Joan Nelson (Choir)
Lector	12/24	Jennifer Clancy
	12/25	John Cassady
	12/26	Rob Puncoschar
	12/27	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	12/24	None
	12/25	None
	12/26	None
	12/27	None
Ushers	12/24	Volunteer
	12/25	Volunteer
	12/26	Volunteer
	12/27	Volunteer

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Frank Simons, Volunteer
	12/25	Linda Torgesen, Volunteer
	12/27	Lloyd Friske, Volunteer
Lector	12/24	Deanna Vochoska
	12/25	Mary Kay Mahowald
	12/27	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	12/24	Karley Vochoska
	12/25	Volunteer
	12/27	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/24	Dave Nelson, Rick Sirek
	12/25	George Doheny, Dennis Maciej
	12/27	Dave Koller, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	12/24	Joe & Diane Williamson
	12/25	Dianne Schumann & Bonnie Theis
	12/27	Paul & Linda Torgesen

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Memory Awakens Hope



In Charles Dickens' great story "Christmas Carol" we encounter the character of Ebenezer Scrooge, a man in whom the last flame of sympathy had been extinguished through greed and selfishness. He had become so hardened to the needs of others that no sight no matter how desperate could awaken in him even a spark of pity. By all practical accounts there seems to be no hope of this man ever changing. When his dead business partner, Jacob Marley, appears to him Scrooge learns his own fate and that there still is hope for him to change before it is too late. The way that this hope is awakened is through a guided visit to the past, the present, and the future.

The past is the first stage in awakening his hope for change. By revisiting forgotten memories of goodness a part of Scrooge that had been dead begins to come to life. When he arrived at his boyhood home, "He was conscious of a thousand odors floating in the air, each one connected with a thousand thoughts, and hopes, and joys, and cares long, long forgotten." His heart began to melt as he saw himself as a young boy forgotten by others and alone. It melted more rapidly as he saw his little sister and remembered the love they had for each other. He was filled with gratitude as he saw his old employer and the happiness that he experienced through his generosity. Each one made him think about the present and how he missed the opportunities that he had to create a good memory for someone else. He saw the choices that he made later in life and how those choices led to the man he now was, "There was an eager, greedy, restless motion in the eye, which showed the passion that had taken root, and where the shadow of the growing tree would fall." He saw what he missed because of them. He went on to be shown the present and the many things that were around him everyday but never noticed. He was shown the future and the inevitable end to which his choices led. When he saw this he pleaded for another chance and begged that there would still be hope, "Assure me that I yet may change these shadows you have shown me, by an altered life!"

The story shows so well the mystery of Christmas and the role that memory has in helping us to understand it. "Advent is concerned with that very connection between memory and hope which is so necessary to man. Advent's intention is to awaken the most profound and basic emotional memory within us, namely, the memory of the God



who became a child. This is a healing memory; it brings hope. The purpose of the Church's year is continually to rehearse her great history of memories, to awaken the heart's memory so that it can discern the star of hope. All the feasts in the Church's calendar are events of remembrance and hence events of hope...and are intended to become personal memories of our own life history through the celebration of holy seasons by means of liturgy and custom" (Benedict XVI, Seek that which is Above, p.11). Remembering this we know that we always have the chance to change, to forgive, to be forgiven, to love, to believe, and to hope.

*-Fr. Michael J. Miller*



## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER:** \*Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod and Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad  
Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection December 6th, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,622.72  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER:** Ken & Cathy Ceola, Greg & Deb Horejsi, Albert & Kristi Schneider

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection December 6th, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 796.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

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

James Hesse, Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

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

Dec. 20: Fr. Lyle Ehmke, Dec. 21: Fr. Dale Ehrman, Dec. 22: Fr. Allan Eilen, Dec. 23: Fr. Joah Ellis, Dec. 24: Fr. John Erickson, Dec. 25: Fr. Michael Berlander, Dec. 26: Fr. Gregory Esty.

**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.**

**PARISH OFFICE-** The office will be closed Thursday 12/24 and Friday 12/25 for Christmas.

**PRAYER LINE:** If you have someone to add to the prayer line or want to help by praying on the prayer line, please call Heidi Michaelson at 952-233-8772.

**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.

### CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE:

Thursday, Dec. 24	4:30 PM	St. Catherine—carols
	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
	6:30 PM	St. Patrick—carols
	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Friday, Dec. 25	8:30 AM	St. Catherine
	10:30 AM	St. Patrick
Thursday, Dec. 31	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
Friday, Jan. 1, 2021	9:00 AM	St. Catherine
Friday, Jan. 1, 2021	11:00 AM	St. Patrick

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 23	6:30-7:45 PM	NO Classes 1-9
Sun. Dec. 27	9:15-10:15 AM	NO CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 30	6:30-7:45 PM	NO Classes 1-9
Sun. Jan. 3, 2021	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

*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.*