

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 23		NO MASS
Tuesday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	For our People Puncochar Family
Wednesday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC)  10:30 AM (SP)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques +Ermin & Esther Giesen
Thursday	Dec. 26		NO MASS
Friday	Dec. 27		NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 28	5:00 PM (SP)	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	Dec. 29	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	Mahowald Family For our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24, 25, 28, & 29, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Volunteer
	12/25	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Joan Nelson
	12/28	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers, Tony Jirik
	12/29	Rob Puncochar, Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte
Lector	12/24	Shelley Shepherd
	12/25	Juli Volk
	12/28	Lynne Hoffman
	12/29	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	12/24	Ben & Claire Meyer, Sara Bjerke
	12/25	Norah Blaschko, Ben & Claire Meyer
	12/28	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	12/29	Alyssa Volk, Hannah Langeberg, Annie Blaschko
Ushers	12/24	Norm Sticha
	12/25	Rob Sticha
	12/28	Mel Gregory
	12/29	Darryl Volk

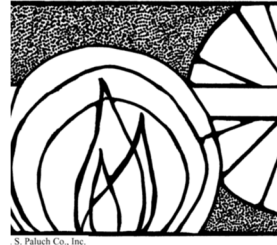
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Deanna Vochoska, Joan Bruzek, Ken & Kathy Ceola
	12/25	Rachel Eicher, Barbara Lerschen, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
	12/29	Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska, Bonnie Theis
Lector	12/24	Addey Vochoska
	12/25	Tim Saarela
	12/29	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	12/24	Karley Vochoska
	12/25	Volunteer
	12/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/24	Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald
	12/25	Frank Simons, Bill Dillingham
	12/29	Dave Koller, Rick Sirek
Greeters	12/24	Dave & Joan Koller
	12/25	Joe & Ruth Romanowski
	12/29	Ken & Kathy Ceola

*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!*

## WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Dec. 23: Fr. Mark Juettner, Dec. 24: Fr. Richard Kaley,  
Dec. 25: Fr. Michael Kaluza, Dec. 26: Fr. Paul Kammen,  
Dec. 27: Fr. Randal Kasel, Dec. 28: Fr. Jerome Keiser,  
Dec. 29: Fr. Jonathan Kelly.



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**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.**

## FROM THE PASTOR

### We Know not the Day nor the Hour

The Church begins her new year where she left off on the Solemnity of Christ the King: with the expectation that Christ will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead. As usual my homily on the first Sunday of Advent focused on the theme that Christ will come again definitively and establish His Kingdom. We do not know when or how that will happen, so we are admonished to be prepared. There is another way that Christ will come which we will certainly experience if the other way has not yet happened, and that is when we die we will come before Him. We may have more or less knowledge of that day based on the natural process of dying, still it can come unexpectedly. In either case the call of Advent applies: be prepared.



After finishing my Masses on the first Sunday of Advent, 2019, I had that reality crash upon me as I listened to a voice-mail that I had received during Mass. I knew something was wrong when I saw that a priest friend of mine had called during Mass. I did not expect, and could not believe, that our beloved friend, the Bishop of Duluth, Paul Sirba, had suffered a massive heart attack on his way to Mass and died. My reaction was like everyone else: shocked, that this had happened; sad, that I had lost a good friend as had so many others; and reminded that we may not know the hour or the day – so be prepared. The same thing had happened two years ago with my good friend and classmate, Fr. Bill Baer.

As I reflected upon the 25 years that I have known Bishop Sirba, I realized that he truly embodied the virtues of Advent: Faith, Hope, Joy, and Peace. His faith was sincere, and fully grounded on grace built on nature: reason and faith, all guaranteed by the Magisterium of the Church as revealed by God, who can neither deceive nor be deceived. This gave him hope for the forgiveness of sin,

the help of God's grace, and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ. Because of this he had joy, which results in possessing something that is good, and hope is the best of things because we have faith that we can attain that which we do not yet have: eternal life. He was always joyful and so easy to make laugh. Finally, he had peace; the peace that our Lord left to His Apostles, a peace that the world cannot give. Even with the stress of being a bishop in these most difficult times, he still had the peace of knowing that the Church is not our own, but is Christ's – even if He seems to be asleep while the boat is being thrashed upon storms of the sea – and He will not abandon her, though He will purify and heal her through the shepherds and sheep who have faith, hope, and charity. Bishop Sirba was both a faithful lamb and shepherd of that Church, may he now enjoy eternal rest and peace.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

\*Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Matthew & Krysta Neisen, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Jeff Paul, Roger & Jackie Pomije. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady/Rosie Ryan.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We are seeking lectors and servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. Please call the parish office or Shelley Shepherd @ 952-492-3571 to volunteer.

**DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS:** Sunday, December 22nd after the 10:30 AM Mass we will set up the Church for Christmas. All are welcome to help decorate. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students please bring your service hour sheet to be signed.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection December 8, 2019

Received this week.....	\$ 2,817.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,223.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 125.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 415.91



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## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:

Ken & Kathy Ceola, Greg & Deb Horejsi, Albert & Kristi Schneider.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** No meeting in December.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection December 8, 2019

Received this week.....	\$ 704.67
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$1,040.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$ 87.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$ 265.00

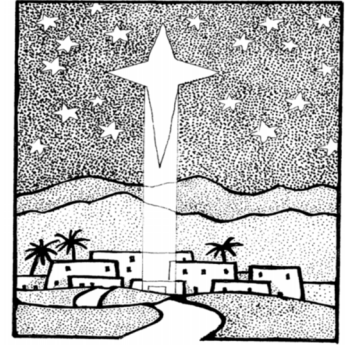


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## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.



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### MESSAGE FROM FATHER ORLANDO TATEL:

May the Baby Jesus bestow on you and your loved ones His special blessings this Christmas and throughout the year.

My best wishes to all parishioners of St. Patrick and St. Catherine. You are all in my prayers and Masses. I'll never forget the goodness and kindness you have shown to me. You let me unconditionally feel I totally belonged to you all. I affectionately treasure it. Thank you. And God bless us all.

Love & prayers,

*Fr. Orlando G. Tatel*

Fr. Tatel's address: Fr. Orlando Tatel  
Bigaa, Virac 4800  
Catanduanes, Philippines

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 25	6:45 PM	<b>NO</b> Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Dec. 29	9:15 AM	<b>NO</b> Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Jan. 1	6:45 PM	<b>NO</b> Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Jan. 5	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-5

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival



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