

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 24	5:00 PM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	For Our People Puncoschar Family
Tuesday	Dec. 25	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques +Tom & Jackie Guidarelli
Wednesday	Dec. 26		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 27		NO MASS
Friday	Dec. 28		NO MASS
Saturday	Dec. 29	5:00 PM (SP)	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	Dec. 30	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Richard, Sophie, & Steven Greger For Our People

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. 24: Fr. Michael Monogue, Dec. 25: Fr. Raymond Monsour, Dec. 26: Fr. Hugo Montero Pazmino, Dec. 27: Fr. Mark Moriarty, Dec. 28: Fr. Paul Moudry, Dec. 29: Fr. William Murtaugh, Dec. 30: Fr. Robert Mutui.

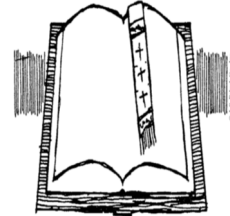
LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 24, 25, 29, & 30, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Barbara Lewis, Dave Roach, Bill Weiers
	12/25	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross
	12/29	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	12/30	Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry, Heidi Michaelson
Lector	12/24	Shelley Shepherd
	12/25	Juli Volk
	12/29	Lynne Hoffman
	12/30	Phillip Scheiber
Altar Servers	12/24	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	12/25	Wyatt Giesen, William Michaelson, Aly Volk
	12/29	Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers, Ben Simon
	12/30	Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	12/24	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	12/25	Don Pesta, Darryl Volk
	12/29	Mel Gregory, Roman Stepka
	12/30	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/24	Kathy Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Pat Schroeder, Linda Torgesen
	12/25	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Joan Bruzek, Barb Lerschen
	12/30	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson
Lector	12/24	Molly O'Hern
	12/25	Linda Torgesen
	12/30	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	12/24	Addey Vochoska, Lawson Eller
	12/25	Conner Anderson, Karley Vochoska
	12/30	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	12/24	Shawn O'Hern, Paul Torgesen
	12/25	Ken Ceola, Bill Dillingham
	12/30	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	12/24	Frank & Cathy Simons
	12/25	Rick & Linda Sirek
	12/30	Paul & Linda Torgesen



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

Perceiving the Invisible

St. Paul writes to the Philippians, "This is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception to discern what is of value so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ" (1:9-10). It is an excellent description of the purpose of Advent. As our senses are bombarded by the world with the light, color, and sound of commerce from Thanksgiving to Christmas we may be tempted to think that what is most valuable is a monetary deal. That, of course, is always a passing and transitory value, since it will happen again next year, with several other occasions in between. He is speaking about developing the ability to perceive what is of greater value.



Pope Emeritus, Benedict XVI, as usual, brings the entire question into clear focus: "Day in and day out, we are confronted with the world of visible things. So strongly and insistently does it impinge on us through billboards, the radio, commerce, [TV and the Internet] and every incident of daily life that we are tempted to think nothing else exists. But in fact the invisible is greater and more valuable than all visible reality. According to a marvelous saying of Pascal, a single soul is worth more than the entire visible universe. But if we are to grasp this truth in a vivid way, we must be converted; we must, as it were, do an interior about-face, overcome the spell that visible reality casts over us, and acquire a sensitive touch, ear, and eye for the invisible... 'Be Converted': change your thinking, your outlook, so that you perceive God's presence in the world; change your thinking so that God may become present in you and, through you, in the world" (Dogma and Preaching, p. 323).

How do we do this without completely checking out of

life? How do we not become, “Drowsy... from the anxieties of daily life” (Luke 21:34)? A good starting point, I think, is to remember that a little bit goes a long way. Even a small step in the right direction can have big consequences down the road. If the way we celebrate Christmas is causing us great anxiety, then make a change – simplify something. If our family traditions are keeping us from perceiving the invisible, make an adjustment. Perhaps you could read something; it does not have to be much, just good: like the paragraph from Benedict quoted above; or a short story. I recently discovered a story by Leo Tolstoy called, “How much land does a man need.” The short story from 1886 has the same true answer as today: no more than what is needed to bury him.

Far from making us disengage from the necessary activities of life according to our particular vocations, these few suggestions may help to sharpen our “spiritual senses” so that we may be able to heed the call of Advent to wake up and perceive the presence of God, the “Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.”

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Chad & Emily Sandey, Cody & Molly Schaefer, John & Patricia Scheffler, Phillip & Leanne Scheiber, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chris & Shelley Shepherd. Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 23rd after the 10:30 AM Mass we will set up the Church for Christmas. All are welcome to stay and decorate. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students please bring your sheet to be signed.

PARISH LED LIGHTING PROJECT: Have you noticed? The interior lighting in the church was converted over to new LED lamps in July prior to the festival. The new LED package was installed to provide uniformity of light in both color (Kelvin) and brightness (Lumens). LED lighting is not only very efficient, but it also has very long burn times and will save on long term maintenance costs. The total cost of the interior Lighting conversion was \$2700. We received a lighting rebate from MVEC in the amount of \$740.

Steeple Lighting (Phase II)

We will also be replacing the interior light inside of the steeple and wiring the fixture with separate permanent switching. We will also be installing LED lighting to accent the exterior of the steeple and light the Cross. We anticipate a very nice lighted presence on top of the hill for St. Patrick’s Church. The budget for the Phase II Steeple work is \$4500.

Parking Lot / Campus Lighting (Phase III)

With the expansion of the handicapped and senior parking area, we recognize the need for better lighting at the lot to the North of the church. Simultaneously, night lighting on the Parish Office building and the Social Hall will be upgraded to LED lamps and fixtures as needed. This may include the addition of parking lot poles and LED fixtures. Budget range \$3500 - \$8500.

We have received some generous donations toward the LED project. If you would like to donate towards the LED project, please place donations in the collection basket and note LED Project on the

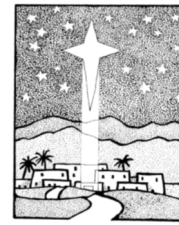
envelope or check. You can also contact the parish office to arrange payment. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection December 9, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 2,022.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
LED Lighting Project collected.....	\$ 9,550.00
LED Lighting Project goal.....	\$ 15,700.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The Cemetery Committee is looking for additional committee members. If interested, contact Bill Dillingham @ 952-212-2529.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection December 9, 2018

Received this week.....	\$1,734.02
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson’s sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon’s sister) Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 26		NO CLASS—Christmas Break.
Wed. Jan. 2	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Jan. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-8.

Confirmation Class at St. Michael’s.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 1	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

Catholics at the Capitol 2019, Are you tired of divisive angry politics? As a Minnesota Catholic you can begin to transform politics in our state. Join thousands of Catholics from across the state for a day of prayer and advocacy in St. Paul that will inspire you and teach you how to put your faith into action! On Tuesday, February 19 we’re coming together for life and dignity. Visit www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details and to register! Space is limited so don’t delay! Transportation options are available.