

HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 26, 2004

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 27	4:00 PM (SP)	+Ray Janovsky
Tuesday	Dec. 28	9:00 AM (SP)	+Louis & Philomina Gregory
Wednesday	Dec. 29		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 30	4:00 PM (SC)	+Sharon Zephirin
Friday	Dec. 31	9:00 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Saturday	Jan. 1	9:00 AM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
		5:00 PM (SP)	+Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Jan. 2	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 29		NO Religious Education.
Sun. Jan 2		NO Sunday School Program.
Wed. Jan 5		NO Religious Education.
Wed. Jan 5	5:30 PM	Teacher Retreat at Franciscan Retreats.
Sun. Jan 9	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JAN. 1 & 2

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/1	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	1/2	Everett & Joan Nelson, Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross
Lectors	1/1	Judie Cervenka
	1/2	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	1/1	Megan Ryan, Jed Kreuser
	1/2	Mike Verhoeven, Isaac Cross
Ushers	1/1	Peter Ryan, Dave Roach
	1/2	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	1/2	Joe & Nellie Carson

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/1	Joel Vochoska, Bill Dillingham, Kevin Mahowald, Ila Egan
	1/2	Tom Fredrickson, Cindy Grolla, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	1/1	Cindy Grolla
	1/2	Rosemary Hatcher
Acolytes	1/1	Phoebe Muraski, Kristine Busse, Helen Korbel
	1/2	Matt Novak, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
Ushers	1/1	Ken Ceola, Bill Dillingham
	1/2	Dennis Maciej, Dan Norman
Greeters	1/1	JoAnn Erickson, Bev Grossman
	1/2	Lloyd & Deloris Friske

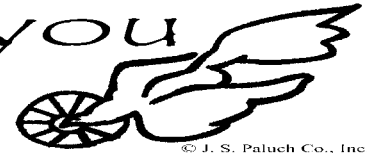
**READINGS FOR JANUARY 2, 2005
EPIPHANY**



First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6
 Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

**The parish office will be closed Friday, December 31st.*

Let
the word
of Christ
dwell
in you



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ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Chris & Shelley Shepherd, Nick & Terrie Schoenbauer, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Kathleen Shaffer, Anthony & Mary Simek, Mathias & Diane Sirek, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Arnold & Mary Smisek. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

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!

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!

ST. PATRICK CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Thank you to those who have turned in their pledge cards. We encourage those who have not turned in their cards to please do so.

FOR SALE: 1995 Ford Explorer Sport Utility 4D, 178,500 miles, automatic. Proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign. For more information, contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

JANUARY: *Jeff & Pat Schroeder, Steve & Jude Boeser, Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Greg & Jean Reis.

ST. CATHERINE HOLY HOUR: Sat. January 1 at 9:30 AM.

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.

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.

Sometimes we wonder how our people we pray for are doing. I'll give you a little history about our son and brother-in-law Peter Nytes. Peter is recovering from his 3rd surgery to remove esophageal cancer. He's being fed by a feeding tube since April and we are hoping he can begin to taste food in the near future. The hole in the colon is continuing to heal. He is cancer free at this time. He goes to Rochester every week to have his throat stretched. He can slowly introduce different soft foods to his diet. He still gets tube fed too. He still needs our prayers. His family is grateful to all of you for your prayers and well wishes.

Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, John & Tish Scheffler

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.

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.

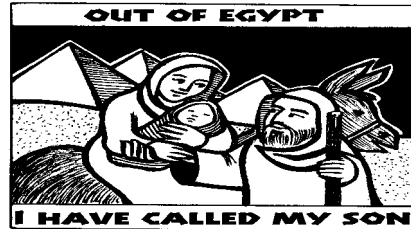
Contact the parish office if you are interested @ 492-6276.

STEWARDSHIP—The mission God has for us includes—
HELPING ALL PEOPLE realize their full potential.

NO CONFESSIONS: There will be **no** confessions at St. Patrick on Saturday, January 1st at 4:00 PM.

ARCHDIOCESAN RETREAT/CONFERENCE FOR MEN:

Saturday, April 9th at University of St. Thomas Field House. 8:30AM-2:30 PM. \$20.00 per person. Contact the parish office for more information @ 492-6276.



Here are five places where God awaits us;

1. **At Work** The relationships you have, the results you achieve, the quality and mindfulness with which you do your work can all be the stuff of holiness. Plus, the money you earn to support your family and the esteem you hold as a contributor to the world can either help serve the kingdom or be an impediment to it. Each day we "suit up and show up" at work we get opportunities to learn more about ourselves and to contribute our gifts to the good of the world.
2. **In Difficult Relationships** It's easy to love other people when everything's going well. When there are hurt feelings, mistrust, or clashing wills, however, relationships don't feel very much as though they are of God. Yet it is at just those times that we can witness the movement of God in our lives, leading us to healing, trust, and cooperation. These can be opportunities to let go of character defects and to exercise virtues.
3. **In Our Failings** We all like to be heroes. We all want an "undefeated season." Yet it's a given that each of us will fail in our lives—sometimes quite seriously. Nevertheless, when we hit our limits or even when we sin, we can turn to God for acceptance, mercy, and the strength to make amends and sin no more. In that turning to God and in our opening ourselves up to God's grace and forgiveness, we become better people.
4. **In Loneliness** Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O God. Rather than trying to fill the emptiness with mindless entertainment or indulging our cravings, sit still and find God in the emptiness. It takes patience and courage and humility, but you will hear the "still small voice" of God even in the midst of your emptiness responding to your loneliness and restlessness with the only love that fully satisfies.
5. **In Pleasure** Many people seem to think that if something's fun, it must be at least partially wrong. Yet God gives us the world to live in and enjoy. In the words of St. Irenaeus, the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." Therefore, pleasure is a place to meet God, whether it be the pleasure of nature, of playing, of loving one another, of beauty, or of the occasional overwhelming conviction that we are loved by God.