

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	12/27	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12/28	NO MASS		
Wednesday	12/29	8:30 AM	SP	+Richard Eischens
Thursday	12/30	8:30 AM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
Friday	12/31	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard Pexa
Saturday	1/1	9:00 AM	SC	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
		5:00 PM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Sunday	1/2	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS December 31, January 1 & 2, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/31	Ron & Kathy McBroom
	1/1	Kelley DeGross
	1/2	Dan Cervenka
Lector	12/31	John Cassady
	1/1	Rob Puncochar
	1/2	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	12/31	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
	1/1	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	1/2	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	12/31	Rob Sticha
	1/1	Mel Gregory
	1/2	Don Pesta

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/1	Kevin Mahowald
	1/2	Dave Nelson
Lector	1/1	Dave Nelson
	1/2	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	1/1	Volunteer
	1/2	Volunteer
Ushers	1/1	Ken Ceola, Frank Simons
	1/2	Lloyd Friske, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	1/1	Lloyd & Deloris Friske
	1/2	Janet Ryan, Dianne Schumann

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

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

Dec. 26: Fr. Michael Arms, Dec. 27: Fr. Dennis Backer, Dec. 28: Fr. Albert Backmann, Dec. 29: Fr. Sebastien Bakatu, Dec. 30: Fr. Paul Baker, Dec. 31: ABP Bernard Hebda, Jan. 1: Pope Francis.

**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

### How to be a Holy Family

The Sunday after Christmas is the Feast of the Holy Family. There is a profound and practical connection between these two Feasts. Jesus was born into a family and it was within that family that He grew up. Like our own families, each member of the Holy Family had an important place within it, each with its own responsibilities that would change in time. Joseph was the foster-father protecting and providing for Jesus and Mary. Mary cared for them both in the countless ways a wife and mother does. Jesus was obedient to them, receiving their love and care, increasing in “wisdom and age and favor before God and man” (Luke 2:52). “During the greater part of His life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labor. The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life” (*Catechism*, 531,532).

The Holy Family was just that: a family that was holy. And this is what all families are called to be. For this to happen, every member of the family needs to realize that they are personally called by God to be holy: “Be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Matt. 5:48). This is not a call that we live out in our imagination or some time in the future when it may be more convenient for us, it is done in reality – here and now – every day. In our dealings with each other we must “Put on... heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is the bond of perfection” (Colossians 3:12-15). This may be more or less difficult to do, especially if another member of the family is not trying to do the same. Still, we must not give up; our perseverance may be the very thing that moves that person to live up to his or her calling.

Finally, we each need to realize that every member of the family is important, and that each one will either contribute to the family’s holiness or detract from it. The way this is done is by living the above virtues while fulfilling the responsibilities that each member of the family has. First, each member needs to recognize the responsibilities that he or she has. Children need to be obedient, realizing that their parents have a difficult job that they are trying to fulfill as best they can. Parents need to be parents. They are not their children’s personal servants, nor do they need to seek their approval. Parents should never be afraid of their children, especially teenagers. Sometimes the most important word they can say to their children is “No”. This authority comes from God, which He has backed with a commandment. “Parents



have the first responsibility for the education of their children.” This is something that the Church and society helps them with, but it cannot replace them or undo the effects of bad example and teaching. “Parents have a grave responsibility to give good example to their children” (Catechism, 2223). The most effective way we teach is what we do. The Holy Family always did God’s will, which is why they can teach us so much.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY:** Kevin & Lisa DeGross, Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Jon & Angela Deutsch, Thomas & Jody Deutsch, \*Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta.  
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady

**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.

**MASS HELPERS NEEDED:** We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ [selesep@gmail.com](mailto:selesep@gmail.com).

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
12/8/21 Holy Day Collection:	\$ 344.00
12/12/21 Collection:	\$ 1,635.48
12/12/21 Flower Collection:	\$ 207.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY:** Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Tim & Connie Sadusky.

**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 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
12/8/21 Holy Day Collection:	\$ 124.00
12/12/21 Collection:	\$ 755.00
12/12/21 Flower Collection:	\$ 177.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**DONATIONS:** All year end donations are due by Thursday, December 30, 2021.

**PARISH OFFICE:** The parish office will be closed Friday, December 31, 2021.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Mary Lou Delaney, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), 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.

### NEW YEAR’S SCHEDULE 2021/2022

Friday, December 31 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-not a holy day of obligation)	5:00 PM	SP
Saturday, January 1 (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God-not a holy day of obligation)	9:00AM	SC
	5:00 PM	SP (The Epiphany of the Lord)
Sunday, January 2 (The Epiphany of the Lord)	8:30 AM	SC
	10:30 AM	SP

**POP CAN TABS:** All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all who donated to the Holiday Giving Tree this season.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	12/29/2021	NO CLASS
Sunday	1/2/2022	CGS- class 9:15-10:15AM
Wednesday	1/5/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class- St. Michael’s 6:30-8:30PM
Sunday	1/9/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb. 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and May 6-8, 2022 in Buffalo. For more information, call Brent and Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org).

