

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY,
AND JOSEPH**

DECEMBER 27, 2015

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 28	6:00 PM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Tuesday	Dec. 29	8:30 AM (SP)	+Karen Liemandt
Wednesday	Dec. 30		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 31	5:00 PM (SP)	For our people
Friday	Jan. 1	8:30 AM (SC)	+Jeff Schroeder
		10:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Saturday	Jan. 2	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Jan. 3	8:30 AM (SC)	For our people
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Elmer Pieper

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
DEC. 31, & JAN. 1, 2, & 3**

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/31	Volunteers
	1/1	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan, Rita Ryan
	1/2	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	1/3	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Everett & Joan Nelson
Lectors	12/31	Volunteers
	1/1	Mike Puncochar
	1/2	Lynne Hoffman
	1/3	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	12/31	Volunteers
	1/1	Ian DeGross, Joe Weiers, Hayden & Mason DeGross
	1/2	Mitchell Rousseau, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	1/3	Karlie & Lindsey Bjerke, Braden Flicek
Ushers	12/31	Volunteers
	1/1	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
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	1/3	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	1/3	Don & Elaine Pesta

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!

**READINGS FOR JANUARY 3, 2016
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**



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

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/1	Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske, Kevin Mahowald, Barbara Lerschen
	1/3	Pat Schroeder, Dave Nelson, Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis
Lector	1/1	Laura Saarela
	1/3	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	1/1	Molly O'Hern, Karley Vochoska, Kendra Korbel
	1/3	Bryce Horejsi, Addey & Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/1	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
	1/3	Joel Vochoska, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	1/1	Gary & Ann Korbel
	1/3	Ken & Kathy Ceola

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Steven & Jennifer Olson, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Randy O'Connor, John & Ann Oellrich, Steve & Ester Olson, Robert & Donna Patton. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY? Dec. 28:

Fr. John Erickson, Dec. 29: Fr. Michael Erlander, Dec. 30: Fr. Gregory Esty, Dec. 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Jan. 1: Fr. Michael Miller, Jan. 2: Fr. Pope Francis, Jan. 3: Fr. Dennis Evenson. *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.*

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY:

Friday, January 8th at 7:00 PM in the social. Please bring a dish to share. Questions, contact Leo Jacques @ 952-492-2080.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

The next meeting will be Monday, January 18th at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

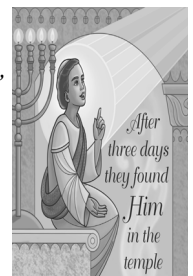
ELECTRONIC GIVING: St. Patrick is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 13, 2015

Received this week.....	\$ 1,993.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair Project to date.....	\$ 8,163.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Joseph & Erica Kroiss.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: There will be no meeting in December. The next meeting will be Monday, January 25th at 7:00 PM.

BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: Recently it was discovered that a large colony of bats have been living in the attic of St Catherine's Church. Bats are known to carry and transmit disease (such as rabies and histoplasmosis) so eviction is imperative. The eviction, abatement of all guano and insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating will cost a total of \$13,645.80. A capital campaign has been initiated to cover these costs. If you wish to donate, please place your contribution in the collection basket over the next couple of weeks and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Bat Removal"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbel, or Tim Saarela.

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother, along with many contemporary saints, have stated the rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday after the 8:30 AM Mass to pray the rosary.

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Sunday Collection December 13, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 594.00
 Weekly budget requirement..... \$ 1,101.00
 Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....\$13,646.00
 Bat Eviction Campaign to date.....\$ 4,525.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncoschar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Shannon Quinn, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS: "We cannot begin to repay all who contribute," writes a Catholic sister. "So we pray to God, who is never outdone in generosity, to reward you." Heartfelt thanks for your donation to the December 5th and 6th collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious. May God bless you for your goodness!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, January 8	S.P.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Friday, February 5	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Sunday, February 14	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, March 11	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	NO Religious Education.
Sun. Jan. 3	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.
Wed. Jan. 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9.
		2nd grade reconciliation practice.
		Confirmation class to St. Michael's.
Sat. Jan. 9	9:30 AM	1st Reconciliation-church.
Sun. Jan. 10	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Jan. 13	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9.
		Confirmation class at St. Michael's.
Sun. Jan. 17	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Ministry to Homeless Families, Hope House, a facility provided by Mayo Health Systems in New Prague is opening its doors Dec. 3-20. If you would like to spend some time with families for an evening or on a Sat. contact coordinator Julie Huddock @ 952-994-5382. Families with older children are welcome to volunteer together. If you would like to get together with family or friends to provide a meal, contact Ruth Dols @ 952-758-2050. (Hope House, 305 Columbus Ave. N., New Prague, MN 56071)

Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance, The Catholic Single Adults Club of the Twin Cities invites all single Catholics, 21 and older, to join us Sat. Jan. 2 for our annual Christmas dinner and dance. A social hour will begin at 5:30 PM, dancing at 8:00 PM. The cost for dinner and dance is \$25; dance only is \$10. Dinner reservations for a delicious buffet meal at Gulden's Restaurant in Maplewood are required. No reservation is required for dance-only participants. For dinner reservation information, please call Carl at 651-603-1412 or Greg at 651-636-3508.

Women's Retreat, Jan. 8-10 or Jan. 12-14 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Wine: Catholic Women's Conference, Sat. Feb. 6, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. For more info, www.archspm.org—Keyword: WINE or 651-291-4411.

Archdiocesan Men's Conference, Sat. Feb. 27, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM at Anderson Fieldhouse, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul. For more info, contact Susanna Bolle @ bolles@archspm.org or call 651-291-4411.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, What am I most thankful for in my marriage for this past year? Make the blessing of your spouse come alive in your life by enriching your marriage. For the next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** visit our website at : twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720. Early registration is highly recommended!



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