

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Jan. 1 | 11:00 AM (SP) | +Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques |
| Tuesday | Jan. 2 | 8:30 AM (SP) | Ron McBroom |
| Wednesday | Jan. 3 | 6:00 PM (SP) | Ruth Jorgenson |
| Thursday | Jan. 4 | | NO MASS |
| Friday | Jan. 5 | 8:30 AM (SP) | Will Kreuser |
| Saturday | Jan. 6 | 5:00 PM (SP) | +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha |
| Sunday | Jan. 7 | 8:30 AM (SC) | For Our People |
| | | 10:30 AM (SP) | +John Jacques |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 1, 6 & 7, 2018

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 1/1 | Ron & Kathy McBroom, Heidi Michaelson, Kristi Schulte |
| | 1/6 | Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barbara Lewis |
| | 1/7 | Everett & Joan Nelson, Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross |
| Lectors | 1/1 | Diana Schoenbauer |
| | 1/6 | Jim DeGross |
| | 1/7 | Chad Sandey |
| Acolytes | 1/1 | Claire & William Michaelson, Rachel Theis |
| | 1/6 | Ben Simon, Blake Simon, Dan DeGross |
| | 1/7 | Alyssa Volk, Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke |
| Ushers | 1/1 | Pat Puncocar, Norm Sticha |
| | 1/6 | Steve Kreuser, Dave Roach |
| | 1/7 | Rob Sticha, Darryl Volk |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 1/7 | Joan Bruzek, Frank Simons, Ken & Kathy Ceola |
| Lector | 1/7 | Molly O'Hern |
| Acolytes | 1/7 | Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken |
| Ushers | 1/7 | Shawn O'Hern, Dennis Maciej |
| Greeters | 1/7 | Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald |

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?

Jan. 1: Pope Francis, Jan. 2: Fr. Michael Miller,
Jan. 3: Fr. Michael Slusser, Jan. 4: Fr. David Smith,
Jan. 5: Fr. Larry Snyder, Jan. 6: Fr. Walter Sochacki,
Jan. 7: Fr. James Spahn.



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

The Holy Family

Today's Feast of the Holy Family both honors THE Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and reminds us of the vocation that we all have to be a holy family. At the very center of the Holy Family, and any family that is holy, is Jesus. Most of His life on earth was spent in the midst of His family of Mary and Joseph. We know that they were not wealthy; that Joseph worked as a carpenter; and that Nazareth was a very small and undistinguished town. Their lives were quiet, prayerful, and undoubtedly filled with the same types of joys and difficulties that every family faces. One of the beauties and consolations of the Incarnation is the fact that Jesus truly experienced life as we do; He understands our lives from first-hand experience. We honor Mary and Joseph for the roles they played in the life of Jesus, and we love them because He did. They cooperated with God's providential plan, and serve as role models for us, as well as powerful saints ready and able to intercede on our behalf. That is why we should always entrust our families to the Holy Family. They were what each family should strive to be: holy. Jesus was the center, and each lived in accordance with God's will in faith, hope, and charity. This is a very lofty calling. As the Catechism describes it: "The Christian family is a communion of persons, a sign and image of the communion of the Father and the Son in the Holy Spirit. In the procreation and education of children it reflects the Father's work of creation. It is called to partake of the prayer and sacrifice of Christ. Daily prayer and the reading of the Word of God strengthen it in charity. The Christian family has an evangelizing and missionary task" (no. 2205). That missionary task is to live our faith in the midst of society. The situation that we find ourselves in, however, is that we are being told what a family is, and how it should look by our culture. We may also look at our families and realize that we have a long way to go, and that it does reflect our culture much more than it does the Holy Family. Rather than cause us to despair, it should cause us to renew our efforts to live our faith in our families to the full. We must realize what we are called to be, and do everything we can to be it, even if it means that we are markedly out of step with the models of families we see on TV.

Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Craig & Aubre Barnd, Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, Jo Ann Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

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.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

C.C.W. BAKE SALE: A huge thank you to all the bakers and buyers, we had a great variety. We raised \$632.00. The money will be divided between 3 agencies: CAP Agency, Southern Alliance for Battered Women, and one international; Farm of the Child.
Vickie Cross & JoAnn Beuch

MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, January 5th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please bring a dish to share for pot luck. All men of the parish are invited.

CHRISTMAS TAKE-DOWN: Take-down for St. Patrick will be Sunday, January 7th after 10:30 AM Mass. All are welcome!

WEDDING BANNERS: Cody Schaefer & Molly Faber.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 24, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 4,103.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Christmas.....\$ 3,905.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

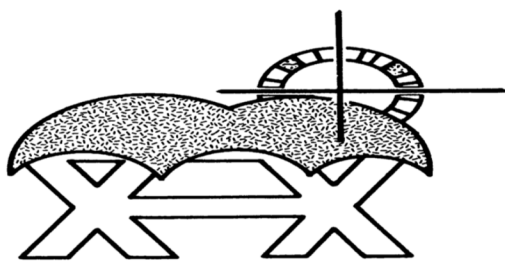
Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Joseph & Erica Kroiss.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 24, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,404.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Christmas.....\$ 1,870.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Jonathan Perry (grandson of Barb Perry), Richard Arens, Amelia Cross, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brother Ambrose Eichens.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM: The next sessions will be Tuesdays,
Jan. 9 Mary and the Saints, the Last Things
Jan. 16 The Sacraments, Penance and the Anointing of the Sick
Jan. 23 Eucharist, Walk through the Mass
Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of two parents (or two sets of parents that are willing to switch off) to be hall monitors during religious education classes.

Volunteers will need to attend a training session and create an online account for future training sessions. Substitute teachers also needed.

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| Wed. Jan. 3 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class, grades 1-9. |
| Sun. Jan. 7 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School. |
| Wed. Jan. 10 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class, grades 1-9. |
| | | 2nd grade first reconciliation. |
| Sun. Jan. 14 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School. |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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| Fri. Jan. 5 | S.P. | Men's Club Christmas Party |
| Fri. Feb. 9 | S.P. | Group I Fish Fry |
| Fri. Mar. 16 | S.P. | Group II Fish Fry |

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Franciscan Retreats, Jan. 12-14 & Jan. 16-18 Women's Retreat, Feb. 2-4 Men's Weekend, Feb. 9-11 Married Couples Retreat. Call 952-447-2182 for more information.

St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's Parishes have received hundreds of dollars in grants from the **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA)**. The FCSLA offers life insurance, annuities, and prepaid funeral plans. If interested, call Ron McBroom @ 952-758-2408.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb. 9-11 in Buffalo and May 4-6 in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Holiday Dinner/Dance for Catholic Singles, Sat. Jan. 6, 5:30 PM at Gulden's Restaurant in Maplewood. 651-636-3508 for info.