

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Dec. 5 | 8:30 AM (SP) | +Harold & Ed Schmitt |
| Tuesday | Dec. 6 | | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | Dec. 7 | 7:00 PM (SP) | Priest's Personal Intention |
| Thursday | Dec. 8 | 8:30 AM (SP) | Living & Deceased |
| | | | Members of S.P. C.C.W. |
| | | 7:30 PM (SC) | Living & Deceased |
| | | | Members of S.C. C.C.W. |
| Friday | Dec. 9 | 8:30 AM (SP) | +Rev. Clement Zweber |
| Saturday | Dec. 10 | 5:00 PM (SP) | +Richard Beuch |
| Sunday | Dec. 11 | 8:30 AM (SC) | For Our People |
| | | 10:30 AM (SP) | +Dan Cervenka Sr. |

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wed. Dec. 7 | 7:00 PM | Mass for Immaculate Conception. |
| Sat. Dec. 10 | 10:00 AM | 1st Reconciliation, grade 2. |
| Sun. Dec. 11 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School, pre & K. |
| Wed. Dec. 14 | 6:45 PM | Religious Education, grades 1-10. |
| | | Xmas Program Practice. |
| Sun. Dec. 18 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School Program. |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 10 & 11

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 12/10 | Ron & Rosie Ryan, Dave Roach |
| | 12/11 | Ev & Joan Nelson, Barbara Lewis |
| Lectors | 12/10 | Jim DeGross |
| | 12/11 | Chris Bisek |
| Acolytes | 12/10 | Travis Sticha, Vincent Blocker |
| | 12/11 | Ellen & Patrick Puncochar, Tony Verhoeven |
| Ushers | 12/10 | Dick Chodek, Melvin Gregory |
| | 12/11 | Rob Sticha, Dean Bisek |
| Greeters | 12/11 | Gerry Sandey |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 12/11 | Dave & Rosie Nelson, Dan & Deb Norman |
| Lector | 12/11 | Rosemary Hatcher |
| Acolytes | 12/11 | Kristine Busse, Billy Muraski, Phoebe Muraski |
| Ushers | 12/11 | Steve Boeser, Bruce Brumm |
| Greeters | 12/11 | Robert Grams & Sue Kempf |

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 ladies 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 DECEMBER 11, 2005, THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
 Gospel Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28

UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS: The Pre-School and Kindergarten Sunday School Christmas Program will be held during St. Patrick's 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, December 18th. The Religious Education Christmas Program will be on Wednesday, December 21st at St. Patrick Church at 7:00 PM. Please join us for both programs!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF RETREAT/POTLUCK: Wednesday, January 4th at 6:30 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. You'll be assigned a type of dish to bring. We'll be going over the new Religious Education Standards, and we're hoping to arrange a speaker. Watch for your invitation!

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Thomas & Elaine Onan, Laura Patch, Jeff & Harriet Paul, Don & Elaine Pesta, Roger & Jackie Pomije, Loren & Mary Pumper, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Connie Putnam. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. OFFICER: The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons if you can help!

DONATIONS FOR SYMBOLS: We are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of the bronze symbols for the sanctuary of the church. These four symbols will be made just for our church and not a warehouse item. Similar to the bell up in the bell tower which was made just for our church in 1873. You may not know but the bell has "St. Patrick" and the year "1873" cast into the side of it along with the name of the foundry who made it. I wouldn't doubt that back then they took up a special collection for that bell also. It's too bad no one can see it, unlike these symbols which will carry the same integrity but will be visible for all of us to see and be inspired by. Please consider helping with this request. You can call the office or talk to me, Dan Cervenka, @ 758-3428. Thank you.

C.C.W. HOLIDAY CRAFT & BAKE SALE: Sat, December 10 after the 5:00 PM mass and Sun, December 11 after the 10:30 AM mass in the entry of St. Patrick Church. All parishioners are asked to contribute holiday-theme baked goods and craft items for this fundraiser. Donations may be dropped off on Saturday morning between 10:00 AM and noon or prior to the masses on Saturday and Sunday. Anyone interested in helping with set-up on Saturday morning or with sales after mass on Saturday or Sunday may contact Carol Timmons @ 952-758-5960.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all workers and players for coming to our Euchre Tournament. Thanks to those who donated prizes. Another great turn-out! *The Men's Club*

C.C.W. MEETING & CHRISTMAS PARTY: Monday, December 12 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. A five dollar gift exchange, potluck supper, and cash donations for the Peace Center. All women 18 and over are invited.

CHOIR PRACTICE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: Wed. Dec. 14, 8:00 PM (after religious education), Mon. Dec. 19 at 7:00 PM and Wed. Dec. 21 at 8:00 PM (after religious education) at St. Patrick Church. Everyone interested in helping the choir lead music is welcome, including instrumentalists!

DECORATING ST. PATRICK CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Monday, December 19th at 7:00 PM. Your volunteer help is greatly appreciated.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 27, 2005

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| Received this week..... | \$ 1,292.00 |
| Sunday Collection November 20..... | \$ 1,124.75 |
| Weekly budget requirement..... | \$ 1,758.00 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development.. | 300.00 |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 150,500.00 goal |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 103,251.00 pledged to date |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 97,249.00 collected to date |



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: *Bruce & Debbie Efta, Scott & Lynn Lombardi, Thomas & Janet Ryan, John & Sonja Woodyard.

LECTORS NEEDED: The Church of St. Catherine is in need of additional lectors for Sunday masses. If you are interested in becoming a lector, please call Mary Kay Mahowald @ 447-3970.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY: Monday, December 5th at 6:30 PM. All women of the parish are invited.

DECORATING ST. CATHERINE CHURCH FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 18th after mass. Any help would be appreciated. Thank you. *The Liturgy Committee*

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: Thursday, December 8 (8:00 PM-midnight). Please join us at the Church of St. Catherine as we unite with Catholics across America for an evening of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer for the sanctity of human life. We will be giving special honor to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and turning to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Patroness of the unborn, seeking her intercession for the most vulnerable in our society—the unborn babies. Everyone is welcome to participate in this National Night of Prayer for Life. The hour of national unity when all churches from east to west will pray in unison will be from 11:00 to midnight in Minnesota. Please come for one hour or for the entire prayer vigil!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 27, 2005

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| Received this week..... | \$ 1,807.00 |
| Sunday Collection November 20..... | \$ 896.43 |
| Catholic Campaign for Human Development.. | \$ 190.75 |



PARISHIONERS CORNER PRAY FOR THE SICK

AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen (sister of George Buresh), MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Richard Greger (father of Diane Williamson), Benoite Stepka, Jack Keenan, Randy Odette.

BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION: Yellow registration slips for the winter Bible Study are on tables in the back of both churches. To register, complete a form; attach a check, for \$35.00 made out to St. Patrick and place in an envelope. You may either drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail it to St. Patrick. **Registrations close December 20th.**

MEMORY ANGELS: During the Advent season *A Community Caring for Life* will be selling Memory Angels to affirm the lives of cherished loved ones and those whose lives have not yet begun. Memorials may be purchased for \$5 each to be attached to Memory Angels. Proceeds will be given to the Archdiocese Life Fund to help women in crisis pregnancies.

PARISH DIRECTORY: We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate a new parish directory. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, December 3 & 4, we will have a collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

SECOND COLLECTION: We will have a second collection for Christmas flowers next weekend, December 10 & 11. Please use the envelope in your box. Thank you.

FIVE WAYS TO PREPARE FOR CHRIST'S COMING

- 1. Use an Advent Wreath**
The circular wreath with four candles reminds us of God's eternal nature and the light Christ brings into our lives. You can say a prayer and light the candles before dinner each night or at some other consistent time.
- 2. Make A Jesse Tree**
Isaiah prophesied that the Messiah would come from the line of King David, son of Jesse. The Jesse Tree is a way of remembering Jesus' roots in Israel. Hang from the branches each day a symbol of an important point in Israel's history; Noah's ark, Jacob's ladder, David's harp, and so on.
- 3. Count Down to Christmas with an Advent Calendar**
Advent calendars begin on December 1, with a door to be opened each day. Behind each door is a Scripture verse or small picture of a biblical sense. A calendar is great for keeping our focus (especially children's) on the coming of Christ.
- 4. Celebrate God's Mercy**
During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- 5. Discover the History of Santa on the Feast of St. Nicholas**
St. Nicholas of Myra's feast on December 6 is celebrated in many European countries as a day to share gifts—often candy, and often placed in shoes. As Europeans immigrated to the United States, various St. Nicholas traditions combined and emerged as Santa Claus. Sharing the story of St. Nicholas can help us emulate the generosity of his faith filled life and reclaim this Christian saint.