

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday	12/5	NO MASS		
Tuesday	12/6	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe & Evelyn Scheffler
Wednesday	12/7	6:30 PM	SP	Armando Flores
Thursday	12/8	8:30 AM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
		7:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Friday	12/9	NO MASS		
Saturday	12/10	5:00 PM	SP	+Gerald & Teresa Nistler
Sunday	12/11	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+Ruth Ann Giesen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR December 7, 8, 10 & 11, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Minister	12/7	Volunteer
	12/8	Volunteer
	12/10	Ron & Rosie Ryan
	12/11	Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lector	12/7	Religious Education Students
	12/8	Diana Schoenbauer
	12/10	Kerri Sticha
	12/11	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	12/7	Religious Education Students
	12/8	Volunteer
	12/10	Jack Sticha
	12/11	Ethan, Scott & Benjamin Luchsinger
Ushers	12/7	Volunteer
	12/8	Volunteer
	12/10	Steve Kreuser
	12/11	Pat Puncocochar

St. Catherine

Lector	12/8	Pat Schroeder
	12/11	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	12/8	Volunteer
	12/11	Volunteer
Ushers	12/8	Lloyd Friske, Dave Nelson
	12/11	Petro Tsarehradsky, Dave Koller
Greeters	12/8	Volunteer
	12/11	Joe & Diane Williamson

PRAY FOR A PRIEST:

12/4	Fr. James Schoenberger
12/5	Fr. Brennon Schwab
12/6	Fr. Robert Schwartz
12/7	Fr. Martin Shallbetter
12/8	Fr. Jonathan Shelley
12/9	Fr. Matthew Shireman
12/10	Fr. Christopher Shofner

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 Official Pastor of KCHK

Prepare the way of the Lord!



In the Gospel of the second Sunday of Advent we encounter the great and compelling figure of John the Baptist. He fulfills the prophecy of Isaiah as the voice crying out in the desert, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths." His unswerving dedication to the truth eventually caused his voice to be silenced by one who hated the truth he spoke. But Herodias, prevailing over Herod's weakness, and attaining her gruesome goal of having John's head on a platter, could only stop the physical sound of his voice. She could not stop the truth he spoke. "Prepare the way of the Lord!" It is an essential and enduring call of the season of Advent. Each one of us must prepare the way of the Lord in our hearts and lives.

We are all very used to the concept of preparation. We spend an enormous amount of time preparing for things: projects at work, papers and tests in school, weddings, dinners, entertaining, birthdays, Christmas, etc... If we know someone is coming over for dinner, even when they are familiar, we spend time in preparation. When the guest is special, we prepare even more carefully. Everything must be just right. Everything clean and in its place, and more than enough food and drink on hand. We would not say, "Come on in. Don't mind the mess. I'm sure we can find something in the freezer to eat. Help yourself to whatever you find."

Yet that is exactly what we do to Christ, the greatest guest we will ever have, when we do not prepare for His coming. If we do not recognize and confess our sins, with the firm resolve to sin no more, we are saying to Him, "Come in, don't mind the mess." If we give Him a distracted minute or two of our day in prayer, or a begrudged hour of our week for Sunday Mass, are we not simply saying to Him, "You can have whatever part of my life that you can find, or, you can tag along, but don't get in my way"?

Advent challenges us to remember that we are always to live in the presence of God. Jesus once came into this world. He will come again. He desires to dwell in our hearts now. Sin, laziness, indifference, ignorance, hardness of heart, a harried life so filled with activities and entertainment that there is no room for Christ in our lives - these are all obstacles that we must work to remove, so that when Christ comes, now and in the future, He will find us ready and eager to welcome Him. We must hear and heed the voice of John the Baptist, for he is speaking to us, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths."

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Mark & Lori Vosejka, Todd & LaRissa Wagner, Joe & June Wallerius, Jamie Walsh & Karen Suo, Lee & Brandi Weckman, *Bill & Anne Weiers, Julie Welch, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, Gene & Kari Witt, David & Susan Zweber, Craig & Aubre Barnd Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

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.

ROSARY LEADERS: We are looking for people to lead the Rosary before the weekend Masses. If interested, contact the parish office.

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

THANK YOU: During the month of October, we collected \$350.76 for the Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE: There will be choir practice on Monday, December 19 and Thursday, December 22 both at 7 pm.

Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/20/22
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ 1,944.02
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ 1,112.96



Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/27/22
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ 1,607.10
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ 829.42
Christmas Offering:	\$ 25.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Ken & Kathy Ceola, Peter & Jeanne Theberath

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.

ST. CATHERINE CCW BAKE SALE: Sunday, December 11, the St. Catherine CCW will have a bake sale after the 8:30am Mass. On Saturday, December 10 from 9-11am, please bring 2 baked items or 2 store bought items to the Church basement, so we can price and arrange on the tables for Sunday. Please mark items if they are gluten free or if the item contains nuts. Any questions call Diane Williamson at 952-447-6404.

ST. CATHERINE CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY: St. Catherine All Women CCW Potluck Christmas Party will be held at Cathy Simons on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 pm at 23716 Duck Creek Ct. Elko, MN 55020. Please RSVP to 952-461-3641 or 952-461-2214. There is limited parking, so carpooling can meet at St. Catherine Church at 5:15pm.

WELCOME: A warm welcome to Michael & Patricia Engler.

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ 795.00

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ 628.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Rose Cross, Kathy McBroom, Ethel Pieper (Emily Sandey’s mom), Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, 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, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

NEW PRAGUE PEACE CENTER– WINTER CLOTHES

DRIVE: We will once again be collecting winter clothes for the New Prague Peace Center. They are especially in need of coats and gloves in all sizes. Please place your new or gently used coats, snow pants, gloves, hats, scarves and boots in the back of the Church labeled for this collection. We will deliver to the NPPC the week before Christmas.

Collection dates: 11/13– 12/18. THANK YOU!



NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER: National Night of Prayer for Life- On Thursday evening, December 8, Catholics across the U.S. will unite in prayer for an end to abortion & the culture of death in our nation. This prayer vigil is held yearly on this date to coincide with the Feast of the Immaculate Conception & Our Lady of Guadalupe’s first appearance to Juan Diego on December 9, 1531. All are invited to join us in prayer at St. Catherine’s at 9:00pm-12:00am. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary & Divine Mercy Chaplet as well as music & select prayers for an end to abortion. Come for an hour or the entire evening.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	12/7/22	The Immaculate Conception Mass at 6:30 PM
Sunday	12/11/22	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM Ages 3-5