

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Dec. 6	4:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Tuesday	Dec. 7	6:00 PM (SC)	Living & Deceased of SC CCW
Wednesday	Dec. 8	9:00 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
		7:00 PM (SP)	Living & Deceased of SP CCW
Thursday	Dec. 9		NO MASS
Friday	Dec. 10	9:00 AM (SP)	+Stanley & Marion Sticha
Saturday	Dec. 11	5:00 PM (SP)	+Lill Chodek
Sunday	Dec. 12	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie Ryan

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DEC. 7,8,11,12**

**St. Patrick**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/8	Rita Ryan, Jim DeGross, Evelyn Scheffler
	12/11	Bill Belkengren, Dick Chodek, Dave Roach
	12/12	Bob Goggins, Volunteer, Adella Schmidt
Lectors	12/8	C.C.D. Children
	12/11	William Blocker
	12/12	Gerry Sandey
Acolytes	12/8	C.C.D. Children
	12/11	Vincent Blocker, Megan Ryan
	12/12	Emily Sticha, Travis Sticha, Mike Verhoeven
Ushers	12/8	C.C.D. Children
	12/11	Melvin Gregory, Matt Sirek
	12/12	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha
Greeters	12/8	C.C.D. Children
	12/12	Silverius & Cecilia Becker

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/7	Cindy Grolla, Rosemary Hatcher, Tony Robling, Tom Fredrickson
	12/12	Deloris Friske, Kevin Mahowald, Dave & Rosie Nelson
Lector	12/7	Claire Robling
	12/12	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	12/7	Clarice, Timmy, & Tommy Fredrickson
	12/12	Rachel Friske, Billy Muraski, Samantha Muraski
Ushers	12/7	Dennis Maciej, Dan Norman
	12/12	George Doheny, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	12/7	Joe & Diane Williamson
	12/12	Steve & Jude Boeser

**READINGS FOR DECEMBER 12, 2004  
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10  
 Second Reading: James 5:7-10  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Dec. 8	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
	7:00 PM	Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception.
Sat. Dec. 11	10:00 AM	1st Reconciliation @ St. Patrick.
Sun. Dec. 12	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Dec. 15	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
		Reconciliation, grades 4, 7, 9, 10.
Sun. Dec. 19	10:30 AM	Sunday School Program.
Wed. Dec. 22	6:45 PM	C.C.D. Christmas Program.
		Party follows in the social hall

\*Parents please bring one dozen cookies/bars to the Christmas Program.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER:** \*Chad

& Emily Sandey, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip Ryan, Ronald & Rose Ryan, Gerry Sandey, John & Patty Scheffler, Daniel & Kyra Schmidt, Dianne Thoele. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CRAFT & BAKE SALE:** Saturday, December 11 & 12 after the masses in the church entry. Everyone in the parish is invited to contribute baked goods and craft items. Make or bake your specialty! Items for the sale may be dropped off on Saturday morning December 11, 8:30 AM-noon or before either of the masses that weekend.

**DISHTOWEL FINISHING:** We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

**ST. PATRICK CHOIR PRACTICE:** Thursday, December 16 and Tuesday, December 21 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. We will practice music for Christmas at these two sessions. Everyone interested in helping the choir lead music is welcome!

**COMMENT BOX:** There will be a comment box in the back of church for the final design of the sanctuary renovation. All parishioners are encouraged to participate. We want to hear your likes, dislikes, and suggestions. The Parish Council will consider all comments and decide what changes will be made to the current design. Last day to comment will be Dec. 5, 2004.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Monday, December 13 at 7:00 PM at the social hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. We'll have a short meeting followed by food and fun! Please bring a dish to share. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, bring a wrapped \$5.00 gift. We will also be accepting donations for the Peace Center in New Prague that evening (boxed and canned non-perishable food items, laundry soap, hygiene items, toilet tissue). Hope to see you all there!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection November 28, 2004**



**JUSTICE  
 shall  
 flourish**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,217.50
Received November 21, 2004.....	\$ 1,421.86
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development..	\$ 250.14
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 61,721.00 pledged
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 31,503.00 collected to date

**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE:**

Christmas Eve, December 24:	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
Christmas Eve, December 24:	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Christmas Day, December 25:	8:30 AM	St. Catherine
Christmas Day, December 25:	10:30 AM	St. Patrick

**NO Confessions at 4:00 PM or Mass at 5:00 PM on Dec. 25.**

**ST. CATHERINE CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Margaret Sharkey, George & Cheyann Doheny, Michael & Renee Orton, Eugene Zephirin, Bonnie Theis.

**LADIES CHRISTMAS DINNER:** Mark your calendars ladies! The third annual St. Catherine's Ladies Holiday Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 PM. We'll plan to share a relaxing evening enjoying food, fellowship, and a gift exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange, \$5-10 value.

**AUTUMN DINNER 2005!** We are looking for people to chair the Autumn Dinner next year. If you are interested, please contact someone on the parish council.

**BOXES FOR BRIDGING:** The St. Catherine's C.C.W. has placed boxes in the back of church to accept donations for Bridging, Inc. This is a local non-profit organization that provides home supplies & furnishings for families in need. The organization needs all kinds of furnishings and household items. At this time, however, there is a particular shortage of the following: pillows, dressers, and new or gently used pots/pans/cookware. If you have smaller items you'd like to donate, please leave them in our Bridging boxes. If you have a furniture item to donate, or would like to make a cash donation, then please contact Ann Korbel @ 952-447-1454. We will be accepting donations throughout the Advent Season.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection November 28, 2004**



**IMMACULATE  
 CONCEPTION**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,197.40
Received November 21, 2004.....	\$ 597.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development..	\$ 79.00

**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Sophie Greger (mother of Diane Williamson), Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis),

Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:** 8:30 PM Wed. Dec. 8 to 12:30 AM Thur. Dec. 9. Catholics across the U.S. will join together in Eucharistic Adoration on this evening, asking the intercession of Our Lady of Guadalupe to end the evil of abortion in our nation. The hour of national unity when all churches from the East to West Coast will pray in unison will be from 11:00 to midnight in Minnesota. Please join us—for one hour or the entire evening—at the Church of St. Catherine. For more information, call Mary Kay @ 952-447-3970.

**THANK YOU:** We have two hands; one for giving and one for receiving. Thank you to all the C.C.D. 1st grade students who brought in, filled, and decorated bags that will be given to children at the University of Minnesota Hospital who are receiving chemo and radiation therapy during the holidays.

*Parish Nurse Program*

**MEMORY ANGELS:** For the next two weekends *A Community for Life* will be selling Memory Angels to affirm the lives of cherished loved ones who have died, those who are with us still, and those whose lives have not yet begun. The Angels will adorn the Christmas trees in both churches throughout the Advent and Christmas Season. They will be available for \$5.00 each after all the masses on the weekends of December 5 & 12. Proceeds from this fund raiser will be used to help women in crisis pregnancies in our Archdiocese.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** This weekend, December 4 & 5, we will have a second collection for RFFR.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION:** Next weekend, December 11 & 12, we will have a second collection. for Christmas Flowers. Please use the envelope in your box.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SERVICE PROJECT 2004:** We'll be gathering items to supply "Recovery Baskets" that are provided to our recovering wounded soldiers at both Balboa Naval Hospital and Camp Pendleton, California. The following items are needed: Nonperishable snacks / candy, DVD's, Batteries of all sizes, Phone Cards, Game Boy Games, Books / Magazines, Domino's Pizza Gift Certificates (they deliver to the base), Towel / Washcloths, Hygiene Gear (razors / shaving cream), Your Prayers! The deadline for this project is December 19th, when we will Fed Ex the items to Camp Pendleton. Thank you for your support in this project.

**A REFLECTION**

In the faces of AIDS, we see the face of Christ. We believe that we are called to bring God's love to all who are sick, no matter what the cause. This calls for acceptance, prayer, and spiritual support. AIDS demands that we reaffirm our faith in Christ; that through him, love conquers death. If that is where we stand, seeing ourselves as the body of Christ on earth then we must see HIV/AIDS as the call of our time to reach out in compassion and love to all those who suffer. We need not be afraid because God is with us at all times. In loving our neighbors as ourselves, we will truly see the face of Christ in them.

**PARISH NURSE PROGRAM:** Traveling out of the country? Be Your Own Advocate and protect yourself against preventable diseases. Keep your own life-time immunization record. If you receive a shot, have your doctor update YOUR record. Tetanus (every 10 yrs.) influenza, pneumonia, hepatitis A & B are the most suggested shots depending on the area of travel. Contact the Immunization Action Coalition at 651-647-9007 or www.immunize.org.