

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 6, 2009

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 7	5:00 PM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention
Tuesday	Dec. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	+Tom & Richard Franek
	Dec. 8	7:00 PM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
Wednesday	Dec. 9		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 10	8:30 AM (SC)	+Viola Nelson
Friday	Dec. 11	8:30 AM (SP)	+Bernie Toner
Saturday	Dec. 12	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, & Richard Beuch
Sunday	Dec. 13	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie Ryan Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 12 & 13, 2009

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/12	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Kelley DeGross
	12/13	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Mike Ryan, Gerald Sandey
Lectors	12/12	Jim DeGross
	12/13	Shelley Shepherd
Acolytes	12/12	Rachel & Dan DeGross, Hayden DeGross
	12/13	Alex Shepherd, MaKayla Kubes, Andrew & Hannah Schoenbauer
Ushers	12/12	Roman Stepka, Dave Roach
	12/13	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	12/13	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/8	Bonnie Theis, Jane Timm, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
	12/13	Steve & Jude Boeser, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	12/8	Pat Schroeder
	12/13	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	12/8	Victoria & Jason Erickson, Jenna Kavouras
	12/13	Casey & Molly O'Hern, Georgia Muelken
Ushers	12/8	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
	12/13	Joe Williamson, Steve Boeser
Greeters	12/8	JoAnn Erickson, Dianne Schumann
	12/13	Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson

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 13, 2009
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a
Second Reading: Philippians 4:4-7
Gospel Reading: Luke 3:10-18

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: *Craig & Kristin Flicek, Anthony Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Del & Karen Farago, Jim & Annette Frawley, Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Gus & McKenzie Grosli, Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Walter & Lynn Hedblum. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: No meetings in December.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: Saturday, December 12 after the 5:00 PM mass and Sunday, December 13 after the 10:30 AM mass. All parishioners are asked to donate homemade goodies. Proceeds will be used to pay for the new acolyte robes.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY: Monday, December 14 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck supper and a \$5.00 gift to exchange.

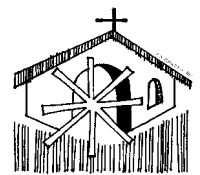
ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY: Friday, January 15 at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Please bring a dish to share for a potluck supper.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that helped in any way with the success of the Men's Club Euchre Tournament that was held November 13. We had 44 teams. First place winners were Laura & Rita Ryan.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 29, 2009

Received this week.....\$ 1,217.50
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,673.00



The Lord has done great things.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER: Ken & Kathy Ceola, Steve & Jude Boeser, Rick & Linda Sirek.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL: If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

PHONE DIRECTORY UPDATE: We will be publishing the 2010 Parish Phone Directory soon. Please let us know as soon as possible if you do not want your phone number to appear in the directory, or if your phone number or address has changed in the last three years & you have not already notified the parish office. Call the parish office @ 492-6276 with your updated info.

NEW MARKET FOOD SHELF NEEDS OUR HELP: The Church of St. Nicholas in New Market Food Shelf has an urgent need for our help. The C.C.W. has set a basket in the back of church to collect non-perishable foods and personal & baby care items. A suggested list of items is posted by the basket.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection November 29, 2009

Received this week.....\$ 774.36
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9. Reconciliation grades 3-9.
Sun. Dec. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School at St. Patrick.
Wed. Dec. 16	6:45-8:00 PM	Christmas Program.
Sun. Dec. 20		NO Sunday School.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Laura Stepka, Virginia Beuch, Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Benoite Stepka, Debbie Pfannes, Dick Chodek, Joe Scheffler, Darlene Delaney (aunt of Dan Cross), Lisa Baker (cousin of Dan Cross), Robert Lonergan (father of Vickie Cross), Christine Gregori (sister of Vickie Cross) Jennifer Lonergan (sister of Vickie Cross), Charlotte Lonergan (niece of Vickie Cross), Larry Stepka, Dorothy Snyder, Lee Croatt, John Thomas Beyer, Janet Eiseman (mother of Jacque Bittner).

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Bernie Toner (brother of Kathy McBroom).

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lawrence Simek (father of Tony, Mark, & Jim).

*Please keep Shane Bauer (nephew of Cathy Theis), Sarah Shourd, and Joshua Fattal in your prayers.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE: Monday, December 8—8:00 PM to 12:00 midnight. 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 and the culture of death in our nation. The hour of national unity when all churches from East to West Coast will pray in unison will be from 11:00 PM to midnight in Minnesota. Please join us—for one hour or the entire evening at the Church of St. Catherine following the 7:00 PM mass.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, December 12 & 13, we will have a second collection for Christmas Flowers. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection.

BIBLE STUDY REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Next Sunday, December 13, is the last day to register for the winter bible study, *The Gospel According to Luke*. The study runs from January 7 to March 24 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick’s Social Hall. The \$15.00 charge for materials will be collected at the first meeting, but registration is necessary so we can place our materials order. Registration forms are in the foyer of each church.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, Feb. 12	S.P. Group I Fish Fry
Friday, Mar. 19	S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Sunday, July 18	S.P. Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Zac Schoenbauer will be collecting new and used blankets for **Sharing & Caring Hands**. Used blankets must be washed. Please bring new and used blankets to the back of St. Patrick Church on December 13.

Bingo, every Tuesday night Oct. through April at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Starts at 7:15 PM.

Breakfast Boutique Bake Sale, Sun. Dec. 6, 8:00 AM-noon at St. John’s in Jordan. Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Breakfast.

Snowdrifters Ham & Egg Breakfast, Sun. Dec. 6, 7:30 AM-noon at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. \$7.00/adult, \$4.00/child.

Dad’s Belgian Waffle Breakfast, Sun. Dec. 6, 8:00 AM-noon at St. Anne’s School in LeSueur. \$8.00/person, 5 and under free.

New Prague Community Christmas Concert, Sun. Dec. 6, 7:00 PM at St. Wenceslaus Church. Tickets are \$5.00/adult, \$3.00/students, under 5 are free. Sponsored by Hymnus Choir.

Advent Days of Prayer, Dec. 9 & 16, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM at Franciscan Retreat in Prior Lake. Bring your own bag lunch.

Junior Claus Holiday Musical, Dec. 10-27 at Burnsville Performing Arts Center, 12600 Nicollet Ave. So. 612-746-1374.

Christmas Concert, Fri. Dec. 11, 7:00 PM at Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine. Free will offering.

Men’s Retreat, Dec. 11-13 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Marriage Encounter Weekend, Dec. 12-13 at Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. 651-454-3238.

Katie McMahon’s Celtic Christmas Show, Sat. Dec. 12, 7:30 PM at O’Shaughnessy Auditorium. For info, 651-690-6759.

Waffle & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Dec. 13, 8:00 AM-noon at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. \$6.50/adult, \$5.00/child.

Breakfast with Santa, Sun. Dec. 13, 8:30 AM-12:30 PM at St. John’s Church in Jordan. \$20/family, \$7/adult, \$4/child.

Winter Name of God Concert, Sun. Dec. 13 at Transfiguration Church in Oakdale. Reservations required, \$60/person. For details call 651-777-8181, ext. 404.

Nov. 25, 2009 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
“Dear Children! In this time of grace I call you all to renew prayer in your families. Prepare yourselves with joy for the coming of Jesus. Little children, may your hearts be pure and pleasing, so that love and warmth may flow through you into every heart that is far from His love. Little children, be my extended hands, hands of love for all those who have become lost, who have no more faith and hope. Thank you for having responded to my call.”