

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	12/7	6:30 PM	SC	(Anticipatory Mass of the Immaculate Conception) For Our Country
Tuesday	12/8	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	12/9	6:00 PM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Thursday	12/10	6:30 PM	SP	+Francis Tupy
Friday	12/11	NO MASS		
Saturday	12/12	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	12/13	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR December 12 & 13, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/12	None-COVID restrictions
	12/13	Leo Jacques (choir)
Lector	12/12	Rob Puncocchar
	12/13	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	12/12	None
	12/13	None
Ushers	12/12	Volunteer
	12/13	Volunteer

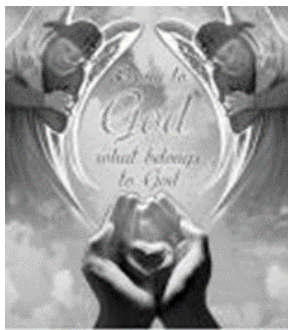
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/13	Dave Nelson, Volunteer
Lector	12/13	Tim Saarela
Altar Servers	12/13	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/13	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	12/13	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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Dec. 7: Fr. James Deegan, Dec. 8: Fr. Donald Degrood, Dec. 9: Fr. Dennis Dempsey, Dec. 10: Fr. Ron Desrosiers, Dec. 11: Fr. James Deziel, Dec. 12: Fr. William Deziel, Dec. 13: Fr. Gordon Doffing



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 Straight and Narrow



On the second Sunday of Advent we encounter St. John the Baptist who was “a voice of one crying out in the desert: ‘prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God’” (Luke 3:4-6). His mission continues to this day as the Church goes throughout the world repeating his call to prepare the way of the Lord. All through our lives we are on our way home, and we can encounter many obstacles that can slow us down and many dangers that can throw us off the road. St. John is not speaking about the workings of God’s providence such as different crosses He may ask us to bear, or the different paths that He may ask us to follow. He is speaking of the winding road that is caused when we lose sight of our heavenly home and follow the ways of the world as when we seek our happiness in pleasure or power or earthly treasure. He is speaking of the valleys of the ignorance of God’s will and mountains of sin. These are the things that not only slow us down, but can even prevent us from making it to our heavenly home.

This does not mean that we rush through life without appreciating and enjoying the goodness and beauty of God’s creation, or that we can’t work hard in our careers and build a beautiful home. It means that we always remember that our true home is in heaven and that the way to get there is to follow God’s will. “Those who would be Christians must be ‘transformed’ ever again. Our natural disposition, indeed, finds us always ready to assert ourselves, to pay like with like, to put ourselves at the center. Those who want to find God need, again and again, that inner conversion, that new direction. And this applies also to the total outlook on life. Day by day we encounter the world of visible things. It assaults us through billboards, broadcasts, traffic, and all the activities of daily life, to such an enormous extent that we are tempted to assume that there is nothing else but this. But the truth is that what is invisible is greater and much more valuable than anything visible” (Cardinal Ratzinger, Co-workers of

the truth, pp. 390-391). That is the Advent call of John the Baptist to prepare the way of the Lord, a way that is straight and narrow (Mt 7:13-14).

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod and Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad

Altar Linens: Gail Cassady

THANK YOU: Thank you to Greg Michaelson for serving as our parish trustee.

NEW TRUSTEE: Mike Sticha was appointed our new trustee. Mike was our parish trustee from 1988-1996.

Fun fact: Ron Ryan's dad and Mike Sticha's dad both served as trustees together years ago and now their sons are serving together. History repeating itself???

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS: Sunday, December 20 after the 10:30 mass we will be setting up the church for Christmas. All are welcome to help. Confirmation students can help for their service hours. Confirmation students, please bring your service hours sheet to be signed.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection November 22, 2020

Received this week.....	\$ 3,179.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,338.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 30.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 30.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: Ken & Cathy Ceola, Greg & Deb Horejsi, Albert & Kristi Schneider

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 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection November 22, 2020

Received this week.....	\$ 871.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,040.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Doug Cross, James Hesse, Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PRAYER LINE: If you have someone to add to the prayer line or want to help by praying on the prayer line, please call Heidi Michaelson at 952-233-8772.

MONEY COUNTERS: We are in need of money counters to count the weekend collections. If you are interested, please call the parish office at 952-492-6276.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for Christmas flowers on December 12 and 13. There is an envelope in your contribution box.

"LIFE NIGHT": Life Night will be on Thursday, December 10 at St. Patrick after the 6:00pm mass. This is a great opportunity for Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise and Worship, and Family Formation through personal prayer for both of our parish communities. Please join us. You can reach out to the Director of Religious Education Erin McCoy with questions at religiousedatstpatricks@gmail.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 9	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Dec. 13	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 16	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Dec. 20	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 23	No Religion	Classes 1-9

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Are You Hurting?

If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is January 8-10, 2021 in the Twin Cities area. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvinyardmn.org or call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvinyardmn.org.