

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Dec. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors +John Verhoeven, Jr.
Monday	Dec. 8	7:00 PM (SC)	
Tuesday	Dec. 9	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention NO MASS
Wednesday	Dec. 10		
Thursday	Dec. 11	8:30 AM (SC)	+Michael Lerschen
Friday	Dec. 12	8:30 AM (SP)	+Fr. Leo Huber
Saturday	Dec. 13	5:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Sunday	Dec. 14	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors +Rollie Ryan
		10:30 AM (SP)	

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 13 & 14, 2008**

**St. Patrick**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/13	Donald O'Connor, Rita Ryan, Evelyn Scheffler
	12/14	Everett & Joan Nelson, Jan St. Aubin, Terrie Schoenbauer
Lectors	12/13	Jan O'Connor
	12/14	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	12/13	Jed & Will Kreuser, Rachel DeGross
	12/14	Andrew Schoenbauer, Jennifer Theis, Amanda Stebbins
Ushers	12/13	Steve Kreuser, Roman Stepka
	12/14	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta
Greeters	12/14	Norm Denie Sticha

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	12/14	Gordy & Julie Giles, Steve & Jude Boeser
Lector	12/14	Robert Grams
Acolytes	12/14	Matt Novak, Georgia Muelken, Casey O'Hern
Ushers	12/14	Bruce Brumm, Dave Buresh
Greeters	12/14	Frank & Cathy Simons

*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 14, 2008  
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

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**DECEMBER:** \*Leo & Gloria Jacques, Michael & Jessica Hermann, Sylvia Hill, Thomas & Lisa Hill, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Rob & Renae Jirak, Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jack & Karen Keenan.  
 Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

**SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS:** The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone that helped out in any way with the success of the Men's Club Euchre Tournament that was held on November 14th. We had 44 teams.

*Leo Jacques, Men's Club President*

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE:** This weekend after both masses.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY:** Tuesday, December 9th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are invited. Please bring a dish for the potluck supper and a \$5.00 gift to exchange. Expect good food and fun.

**ST. PATRICK P.P.C. & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MEETINGS:** No meetings in December.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection November 30, 2008**

Received this week.....\$ 1,455.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,598.00



**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.

**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.

**VATICAN SPLENDORS EXHIBIT:** St. Catherine C.C.W. is inviting members (all ladies of parish are members) up to 24 to join in viewing the Vatican Splendors Exhibit on Sunday, December 7 at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul. We will begin with a potluck lunch at noon and carpool to the History Center at 1:00 PM for the 2:00 PM viewing. Contact Rosie Nelson @ 952-492-3402 to reserve a ticket or for more information. Volunteer drivers are needed.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING:** The C.C.W. will be having a meeting after mass on Sunday, December 7th. All ladies of the parish are cordially invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Rides home after the meeting are available.

**NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:** Monday, December 8, 8:00 PM to 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 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.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRING LUNCHEON:** Saturday, April 4 at 11:00 AM with Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil speaking on "Be A Blessing".

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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**Sunday Collection November 30, 2008**

Received this week.....\$ 1,115.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Dec. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-9.
Sun. Dec. 14	10:30 AM (S.P.)	Sunday School Classes, pre-school & kindergarten.
Wed. Dec. 17	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-9. Christmas Program.
Sun. Dec. 21	10:30 AM (S.P.)	Sunday School Classes, pre-school & kindergarten.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE**

Saturday & Sunday, Dec. 6 & 7	S.P. C.C.W. Bake Sale
Friday, Feb. 20	S.P. Group I Fish Fry
Saturday, Mar. 21	S.P. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday, Mar. 27	S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Saturday, Apr. 4	S.C. Spring Luncheon
Friday, Apr. 17	S.P. Euchre Tournament
Sunday, July 19	S.P. Festival

**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Benoit 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), Dan Gable (brother-in law of Dan Cross), Gloria Wagner, Rita Stepka, Larry Stepka, Dorothy Snyder.  
 \*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Walter Beuch.

**SAVE YOUR POP CAN TABS** for Ronald McDonald House of Minneapolis, a project since 1987. Please place your tabs in plastic bags, label Ronald McDonald and place on the table at the entrance to the church.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** We will have a second collection this weekend, December 6 & 7.

**CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION:** We will have a second collection next weekend, December 13 & 14. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

**Nov. 25, 2008 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:**  
 "Dear Children! Also today, I call you, in this time of grace, to pray for little Jesus to be born in your heart. May He, who is peace itself, give peace to the entire world through you. Therefore, little children, pray without ceasing for this turbulent world without peace, so that you may become witnesses of peace for all. May hope begin to flow through your hearts as a river of grace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

**Advent Days of Prayer,** Please join us for a day of reflection at Franciscan Retreat in Prior Lake on Wed. Dec. 3, 10, & 17 from 9:30 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring your own bag lunch. No reservation necessary. A \$25 contribution is suggested. 952-447-2182.

**Serenity AA & Al-Alon Retreat,** Dec. 5-7 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

**Snow Drifters Ham & Egg Breakfast,** Sun. Dec. 7, 7:30 AM-12:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. \$6/adult, \$4/child.

**Jordan C.C.W. Christmas Boutique, Bake Sale, & Breakfast,** Sun. Dec. 7, 8:30 AM-noon at St. John's Parish Hall in Jordan.

**Christmas Fair & Brunch,** Sun. Dec. 7, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM at St. Mary's Church in LeCenter.

**Benefit Concert** for Peace Center Food & Clothing Distribution Center. Sun. Dec. 7, 4:00 PM at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague.

**Shrimp & Steak Dinner,** Fri. Dec. 12, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$13.00/both, \$10.00/shrimp or steak, \$2/child.

**Men's Retreat,** Dec. 12-14 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend,** Dec. 13-14 at Dakota Ridge Hotel on 35E and Yankee Doodle in Eagan. 612-454-3238.

**Vocation Discernment,** Mon. Dec. 29, 4:00 PM to Wed. noon Dec. 31 at St. Agnes Convent in St. Paul. 651-291-7777.

**Holiday Dinner/Dance for Catholic Singles,** Sat. Jan. 10, 5:30 PM at Fort Snelling Club, \$20. Call Carl @ 651-603-1412.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend,** Feb. 6-8 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more information, call 612-840-7630.

**Quilt Auction,** Sat. Oct. 24 at St. Michael's in Prior Lake. Review 11-12:30 PM. Live Auction 1:00 PM. 507-389-4213.

