

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Dec. 9	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Tuesday	Dec. 10	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention
Wednesday	Dec. 11		NO MASS
Thursday	Dec. 12	8:30 AM (SC)	Bev Grossman
Friday	Dec. 13	8:30 AM (SP)	Marian Halloran
Saturday	Dec. 14	5:00 PM (SP)	Roland Ryan Family
Sunday	Dec. 15	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Norbert & Viola Weiers

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: *Michael & Janice Sticha, Norman & Denie Sticha, Rob Sticha, Travis Sticha, Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Dianne Thoele, Carol Timmons, James & Anette Trecker, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle.
Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Dec. 9: Fr. Stanley Maslowski, Dec. 10: Fr. Thomas McCabe, Dec. 11: Fr. David McCauley, Dec. 12: Fr. James McConville, Dec. 13: Fr. Patrick McCorkel, Dec. 14: Fr. Kevin McDonough, Dec. 15: Fr. Thomas McDonough.

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; For your unfaithful and tepid priests; For your priests laboring at home or abroad in distant mission fields. For your tempted priests; For your lonely and desolate priests; For the souls of your priests in Purgatory. But above all, I recommend to you priests dearest to me. The priest who baptized me; The priests who absolved me from my sins; The priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; The priests who taught and instructed me; All the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way (especially . . .). Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

ST. PATRICK VOLUNTEER LITURGY COORDINATOR

NEEDED: We are looking for a Liturgy Coordinator to lead in setting up/taking down the decorations for the different Liturgical Seasons of the year in our church. The new coordinator can start immediately and can get some training and pointers from the current coordinator. If you are interested, please call the office or Fr. Tatel @ 952-492-6276. Thank you for your kind consideration.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE: After masses December 7th & 8th.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, December 8th at 1:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

& FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be no meetings in December.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC REHEARSAL: Tuesday, December 17 & Thursday, December 19, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church. All singers and instrumentalists welcome!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection December 1, 2013

Received this week.....	\$ 1,487.00
Received week of Nov. 24.....	\$ 1,822.05
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop....	\$ 279.07
Typhoon Haiyan Relief Collection.....	\$ 2,801.26



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 14 & 15, 2013

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/14	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	12/15	Dan Cross, Amy Holden, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	12/14	Shelly Shepherd
	12/15	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	12/14	Will Kreuser, Jacob Jeurissen, Mason DeGross
	12/15	Hannah & Samantha Schoenbauer, Lily Schulte
Ushers	12/14	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	12/15	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta
Greeters	12/15	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/15	Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Dan & Deb Norman
Lector	12/15	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	12/15	Bryce Horejsi, Molly O'Hern, Kendra Korbel
Ushers	12/15	Jeff Schroeder, Steve Boeser
Greeters	12/15	Ken & Kathy Ceola

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 15, 2013
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



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



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

DECEMBER: Steve & Jude Boeser, Ken & Kathy Ceola, Steve & Theresa Kavouras.

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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: There will be no meeting in December.

POP/SOUP CAN TABS for the Ronald McDonald House are being collected and deposited on December 27th while St. Catherine's C.C.W. serves an evening meal to the families of those being treated for transplants & cancer diseases. A portion of the money received from the tab deposits assist the House in providing school/playground equipment for the children. The tabs can be left at the back or vestibule of St. Catherine's Church.

ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W. AND "MEN HELPERS" will again be making (at St. Catherine's) and serving an evening meal at the Ronald McDonald House next to the U. of M. Hospital on Friday, December 27th. Anyone interested in assisting with the preparation at St. Catherine's, serving the meal at Ronald McDonald, making treats for the families to be served, or making table decorations that the children may be able to utilize (i.e.; coloring books, little games, stuffed animals-new), please contact Margaret Sharkey at 461-2214

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection December 1, 2013

Received this week.....	\$1,202.04
Received week of Nov. 24.....	\$ 2,482.06
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,070.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Develop....	\$ 135.00
Typhoon Haiyan Relief Collection.....	\$ 467.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Ronald Greger (Diane Williamson's brother), Mike Lehmkuhler, Clarice Gergen Wayne Efta, Bev Grossman, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Francis Suilmann, Pam Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner) Shannon Quinn, Diane Sirek, Mervel Hanson (Maria Hanson's father-in-law), Lorraine Gable, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Larry Gross, Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Benoite Stepka, Lisa Baker, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

INTERESTED IN DEEPENING YOUR FAITH LIFE?

There are opportunities to enhance your worship by joining the church choir. Do you like to sing? Come raise your voice to the Lord. Can you play an instrument or have a desire to try? Come, God will equip you with the ability. Contact Rosie Nelson @ 952-492-3402, St. Catherine Church, or LuVerne Verhoeven @ 952-758-3546, St. Patrick Church.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, December 7 & 8, we will have a second collection for Christmas Flowers.

SUPPORT ELDERLY RELIGIOUS: A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Dec. 11	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes for grades 1-9. Christmas Program Practice.
Sun. Dec. 15	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Dec. 18	7:00 PM	Christmas Program at Church.
Sun. Dec. 22	10:30 AM	Sunday School. Christmas Mass Program.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday, February 9	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, February 28	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Friday, April 4	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sunday, July 20, 2014	S.P.	Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wanted: Catholic Religious Items! Missals, Prayer Books, Scapulars, Medals, Holy Cards, Statues, Crucifixes, and Rosaries. If you are considering "cleaning out" please do not throw these Catholic items away! Help send them to Catholic Missions in Third World countries that they may be used once again and spread the Holy Catholic faith. Please send to: Peter Gaidows, P.O. Box 494333, Garland, TX 75049-4333.

Waffle & Pancake Breakfast with Santa, Sun. Dec. 8, 8:00 AM-noon at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.00/adult, \$5.00/child, 4 and under/free.

Ham & Egg Breakfast with Santa, Sun, Dec. 8, 7:30 AM-1:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague.

Shrimp & Steak Dinner, Fri. Dec. 13, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$12/shrimp or steak, \$15/both, \$3/child.

Men's Weekend Retreat, Dec. 13-15 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. Call 952-447-2182 for more info. or to register.

Women's Retreat, Jan. 10-12 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, 952-447-2182.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Feb. 4-13, 2014. Visit Bethlehem, Galilee, Jerusalem & more. 1-800-773-2660.

Nov. 25, 2013 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
 "Dear children! I call all of you to prayer. Open the doors of your heart profoundly to prayer, little children, to prayer with the heart; and then the Most High will be able to act upon your freedom and conversion will begin. Your faith will become firm so that you will be able to say with all your heart: 'My God, my all.' You will comprehend, little children, that here on earth everything is passing. Thank you for having responded to my call."