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ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:
*David & Julie Roach, Catherine Rockenbach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Mike & Caryn Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip Ryan, Ronald & Rosie Ryan, Chad & Emily Sandey. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

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 of 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.

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 C.C.W. OFFICER: The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons if you can help!

GROUP I FISH FRY: We need volunteers from Group I to chair & co-chair the Fish Fry scheduled for Friday, February 24th. Please contact the parish office to help. Thank you.

DONATIONS FOR SYMBOLS: We are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of the bronze symbols for the sanctuary of the church. These four symbols will be made just for our church and not a warehouse item. Similar to the bell up in the bell tower which was made just for our church in 1873. You may not know but the bell has “St. Patrick” and the year “1873” cast into the side of it along with the name of the foundry who made it. I wouldn’t doubt that back then they took up a special collection for that bell also. It’s too bad no one can see it, unlike these symbols which will carry the same integrity but will be visible for all of us to see and be inspired by. Please consider helping with this request. You can call the office or talk to me, Dan Cervenka, @ 758-3428. (amount needed: $7,795.00).

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, January 16 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

FESTIVAL & MISSION QUILTING: Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM at Della Schmitt’s. If you would like to quilt at any other time, please call Della @ 492-2250.
FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: If you have toys to donate for Children’s Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636.

Stewardship of Treasure
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 8, 2006

Received this week..........................$ 1,759.30
Weekly budget requirement.................$ 1,758.00
Capital Campaign....................................$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign....................................$ 103,301.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign....................................$ 106,111.00 collected to date

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:
*Ken & Becky Jilk, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf, David & Bonnie Buresh, Terrance & Sook DeRoche.

A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL: If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

THE WOMEN OF THE C.C.W. will be preparing and serving the evening meal at Ronald McDonald House (a home-away from home for children receiving medical treatments at the U. of M. Hosp.) for approx. 90 people on January 16. If anyone is interested in helping prepare, serve, donating table settings for the children’s tables, or financially assisting, please call Margaret @ 461-2214.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, January 15th after mass.

Stewardship of Treasure
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Received this week..........................$ 724.00

PARISHIONERS CORNER


SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, January 21 & 22, we will have a second collection for the Church in Latin America. Historically, no less than 87% of the proceeds from this collection have gone to support the work of pastoral projects in Mexico, Central and South America, and the Caribbean.

MESSAGE FROM THE MONEY COUNTING LADIES: Please put money in separate envelopes for each collection. Putting your name on the envelope also, really speeds up the counting time. Thank you!

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE starts this Thursday, January 19th. We will meet from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at St. Patrick’s Social Hall.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bingo, every Tuesday at 7:15 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague.

Attention: Parishioners on Medicare! Medicare Part D
Prescription coverage is available to all parishioners on Medicare through Catholic Golden Age. Call 1-800-706-1268 for enrollment information.

Turkey Dinner, Sun. Jan. 15, 4:00-7:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. $9.00/person, $4.00/child, 2 and under free.


St. Wenceslaus School Registration for 06/07, Jan. 23-27 for families already attending the school. Jan. 30-Feb. 3 for members who do not currently have children attending the school. Feb. 6-10 for those who are not members of the parish.

Kindergarten Open House, Thur. Jan. 19, 5:00-7:00 PM.

Serenity Retreat for People in AA & Al-Anon, Jan. 20-22 at Francisca Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, 447-2182.

Bingo Sunday, Jan. 22 at Immaculate Conception Church Basement in Lonsdale. Lunch 10:30-4:30, Bingo 12:30-4:00.

MCCL March for Life, Sun. Jan. 22, 2:00 PM at the State Capitol in St. Paul. The March commemorates the deaths of more than 47 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decisions legalizing abortion on demand for the entire nine months of pregnancy. Your presence will help show elected officials and the public the depth of support for pro-life legislation protecting women and unborn babies.

Growing Through Loss, “Supporting Grieving Youth” Thur. Jan. 26, 6:30 PM at St. John the Baptist Church in Savage. $2.00/session. For more information, call 952-892-2111.

St. Patrick Athletic Assoc. Annual Dinner Fundraiser, Fri. Jan 27, 7:30 PM, Turkey/Ham Dinner. Music by DJ Jeff Coleman. Raffle Drawing Grand Prize $500.00 Cost is $60 per couple. Call Jeff/Rena Bjerke @ 461-3848 to purchase tickets. Hope to see you there!

Pro-life Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Jan. 29, 8:00 AM-noon at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Free will offering.

Lifeline Screening, Thu. Feb. 2 at St. Patrick Social Hall. Pre-registration is required. To register, call 1-800-324-1851.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, February 10-12 at Kings House in Buffalo. For more info, call 651-426-4710.

STEWARDSHIP—
What are the rewards for stewardship?
We seek no “rewards” for our stewardship; we do it with the joy of serving God.
Yet we know that God does reward stewards by filling their needs in life; by giving new opportunities to care, to share, to participate in the wholeness of life.
Stewardship is the responsibility of the Christian life, making our prayers, worship, study of the Scriptures, Christian action truly sincere.