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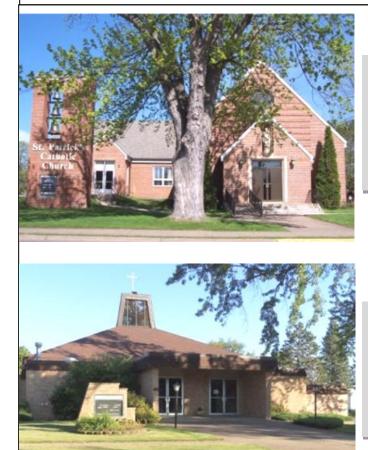
The 1st Sunday of Advent

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WELCOME

Welcome to St. Patrick's and St. Luke's Parishes and thank you for coming today! Whether you're a familiar face, from another part of our Diocese or State, we're happy to have you with us. If you would like to join our parish family, or if you have any questions about what we have to offer here at St. Patrick's or St. Luke's, please don't hesitate to call us.

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Joseph Sirba Pastor fathersirba@outlook.com Rev. Mr. Jim Mostek Deacon 952-221-1183 jimmostek@yahoo.com **Rev. Mr. Steve Odegard** Deacon 612-390-1369 stevemaryodegard@gmail.com Mary Hattenberger Secretary SP maryhstpats@q.com Nancy Mostek Secretary SL saintlukes@scicable.com **Bookkeeper SP** Mary Lange saintpatricks@scicable.com Rebecca Becker Youth Director 320-249-1266 rwuebkers@hotmail.com MASS SCHEDULE (12/4-10) Monday 8:30 am SP + Lee & Albina Hattenberger Tuesday 8:30 am SL **Special Intention** Wednesday 8:30 am SP + George & Bernie Sletten Thursday 8:30 am SL + Peter Niedzielski Friday 8:30 am SL **Special Intention** 6:30 pm Holv SP Parishioners Day Saturday 5:00 pm SP + Edward Von Rueden 8:30 am Sunday SP For Parishioners 10:30 am SL **Special Intention** ΔΟΟΒΔΤΙΟΝ

	ADDIVATION		
Thursday	7 - 8:00 PM	SL	
Friday	5 - 6:15 PM	SP	

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday	5-6:15 PM	SP
Saturday	10-11 AM	SL
Saturday	4-4:45 PM	SP
Sunday	8-8:20 AM	SP



Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase. ~Psalm 85:13



ADVENT A TIME OF DEVOUT AND EXPECTANT

DELIGHT Today, Advent begins, and with it, we Catholics begin our annual preparations for the celebration of Christmas. During Advent, I would encourage vou to spend extra time in prayer. Here are some suggestions. In your home, use an Advent wreath and say the prayers that go with it at your main meal of the day. Go to daily Mass. Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration (we have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 7 to 8 p.m. every Thursday at Saint Luke's and from 5 to 6:15 p.m. every Friday at Saint Patrick's). As you prepare for Christmas, perform some acts of penance and self-denial. Receiving the Sacrament of Penance before Christmas is a must. Asking God for pardon and mercy especially in Advent makes so much sense when you consider that Jesus came to save us from our sins. We will be having a Communal Penance Service at Saint Luke's on Sunday, December 17th at 2 p.m. and at Saint Patrick's on Monday, December 18th at 7 p.m. There will also be other times for individual confessions; these will be listed in coming bulletins. A good time to begin your decorating is on Gaudete Sunday, the Third Sunday of Advent. The word Gaudete means "rejoice." Begin putting up your Christmas decorations on Gaudete Sunday. Put some up on that day, and then continue to add a few more each day until Christmas Eve when all will be ready. Then you will be ready to enjoy your home throughout the Christmas Season. Also, keep your decorations up at least until Epiphany, the Feast of the Three Kings. Make your home a little church where what we celebrate on the Lord's Day is lived out during the week. By observing the seasons of Advent and Christmas at home, you will find that peace and joy Christ gives to all who follow Him.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYERS Advent Wreath Prayers are included with this week's bulletin. These prayers should be said at the main family meal. One tradition is that the father (who is the priest of the family) lead the prayers. Another is that the leader rotate among all the family members. Say the blessing before meals and then conclude with the Advent Prayer of the week. Light one candle during the first week; light an additional candle during the second week and so on. Note that the rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent (which is Gaudete Sunday).

SOME WAYS YOU CAN PROMOTE CHRISTMAS Send Christmas cards with a clear reference to the Nativity of

our Lord. Use religious Christmas stamps for your mail. Wish people a "blessed Christmas" instead of "happy holidays." Put an outdoor nativity scene in front of your home instead of reindeer. Get a nativity scene and set it up in your home or in your place of work (while most stores only carry a limited selection of nativity sets, there are many beautiful sets available online). Remember, Jesus is the reason for the season. Remind others of this by what you say and do and by the decorations you set up.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 8th, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. All Catholics must attend Mass on that day. Our Blessed Lady under her title of the Immaculate Conception is patroness of the United States. Her feast this week reminds us that she was conceived free from Original Sin. She was given this special grace from God in advance of Christ's great redemptive act on the cross. This was both necessary and appropriate in order that she could be a pure and holy vessel for God's Son. Other than Adam and Eve, Mary is the only human being to receive this great gift from God. Our Lady's purity and freedom from all sin is what inspired the poet William Wordsworth to write of her, "Woman! Above all women glorified, our tainted nature's solitary boast ..." Mass for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be at Saint Luke's at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning and at Saint Patrick's at 6:30 p.m. Friday evening.

ARE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH? If you are new to our area, please join us and become part of our parish family. We value your time, treasure and talents. Contact the parish office to get a parish census form. Please do so this week as we are updating our records in preparation for the new year.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (Symbolon) We will be meeting again on the 9th of December from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at St. Patrick's in Hinckley. This month our study will be on "The Bible" and "The Story of Salvation". Don't forget your workbooks. I have ordered more workbooks for those that did not get them last month. Coffee and donuts/rolls will be provided. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Steve at 1-612-390-1369.

EVANGELIZATION AND OUTREACH We will not be meeting this month because our normal pot luck would have been on New Year's Eve. We will have our next meeting on the 28th of January at 6:00 P.M. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Steve at 1-612-390-1369.

FAMILY PATHWAYS FOOD SHELF would like donations of a package of stuffing mix from each family in our parishes for Christmas meals by Dec. 12th. Please help our local food shelf, located in Sandstone, MN. 320-245-2485. Hours are 9-6 Mon-Fri & 9-noon on Saturdays. We have totes at the main entrance of the church for donations.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO LET US KNOW if you have moved, changed phone numbers (cell or landline) or changed addresses by calling your parish office or sending an email.

<u>A NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING</u> free introductory session will be held at Cloquet Community Memorial Hospital on Monday, Dec. 18th at 7 pm. *FertilityCare*[™] is a scientifically proven way to achieve or avoid pregnancy. Register by the Friday, prior to the session. Call Kathy, 218-786-2378 or 800-842-0279.

BULLETIN ITEMS are due by 9 AM on Thursday. Please call your parish secretary, or email: <u>saintpatricks@scicable.com</u> or <u>saintlukes@scicable.com</u> (**SP MINISTRY SCHEDULE INFO** is due by 9 AM on the 15th for the next month.)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of Advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available Weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN.. Early registration is recommended. For more info contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org; call 888-455-3496 or go to northmnwwme.org.

RETREAT OPPORTUNITIES: Check out Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center, 16385 Saint Francis Lane, Prior Lake MN 55372. For information call 952-447-2182 or online at <u>www.franciscanretreats.net.</u>

ST. MARY'S CHURCH MORA, ANNUAL HOLIDAY FAIR

will be held next Friday, Dec 8^{th} , at St. Mary's Parish Center. There will be homemade rolls and coffee 8-10:30 am for \$2.50; 10:30 am – 1 pm there will be chicken wild rice soup with buns, bars and beverage for \$6; There will be holiday craft items, bake sale and many other items/booths in the lower level. All are welcome to attend!

YOUTH NEWS By Rebecca Becker rwuebkers@hotmail.com

(320-249-1266)

For more info on upcoming events, please contact me. Check out our Youth Website Page!

ROADMAP Due to a poor response throughout the diocese, this has been cancelled.

ADVENT JOYS With the beginning of Advent, we draw our focus to the celebration of the Nativity of Jesus Christ. Check out our Youth website to prepare the direction of our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and also to the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. **TODAY**, **Sunday**, at **both parishes** we will be teaching about the traditional Catholic devotions to help you prepare spiritually for the birth of Jesus with the whole family during elementary religious education classes.

SOUL ON FIRE: YDISCIPLE FOLLOW ME We all follow someone. Who do you follow? And if, we choose to follow Jesus how does that look and at what cost? Come and discuss these and similar questions at **Soul on Fire Wednesday** night before religious education at **5:15 PM**. All families are encouraged to join in the meal and the *Follow Me* series to feed your physical and spiritual hunger. Bring a side dish to share if possible. <u>Volunteers Needed</u>: anyone that would like to prepare main course, please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board in St. Patrick's basement. Are you willing to choose to follow Jesus?

RESPECT LIFE ESSAY CONTEST The Diocese of Duluth strives to promote the ability of middle school students as well as high school students to articulate the argument for respecting life. Contestants are to write, type and provide an original respect life essay on the theme, "**Be Not Afraid**". Must be 250-300 words in length and typed double spaced. **Only 6 entries** may be entered from our parishes in **grades 5-12** and are due **Wednesday, December 6th** to Rebecca Becker. Further contest details are on Youth Event website. Contact Betsy Kneepkens at 218-724-9111 or bkneepkens@dioceseduluth.org after viewing contest details. CHILDREN'S MASS A reminder that the Children's Mass at St. Luke's is on Sunday, December 10th for all grade levels.

Please try to adjust your schedule so that they have a chance to take an active role in the church.

NATIVITY SCENE PROGRAM Once upon a time in a little town of Bethlehem.... Be a part of the true Christmas story! This is a great way to get into the spirit of the Advent season. Through participating in this nativity scene after Mass, listen to Christ's story and sing along with them to live on this holy day. St. Luke's Nativity Scene Program is Sunday, December 17th with practice the week before on the December 10th during Religious Ed. Contact Kayla Nelson for questions at: 612-741-2287. St. Patrick's Program is Sunday, January 7th (Epiphany) with practice the day before on Saturday, January 6th at 10 a.m. Contact Christina Keller for questions at: 320-515-9601. Youth must participate in practice in order to be in either pageant.

YOUTH COOKIE BAKE Let's celebrate and spread the Advent season with cheer on Wednesday, December 20th! Help bake some classic Christmas cookies to share with the community. Along with sharing our time to sing a few classic carols with others. What a great way to share and demonstrate one of the true meanings of Christmas with the Youth Cookie Bake. <u>Volunteers needed</u> to join in the caroling or cookie baking. Please contact Rebecca Becker.

STEUBENVILLE YOUTH CONFERENCE – Rochester Steubenville is an outreach of the Franciscan University of Steubenville, that has a series of 25 conferences across North America that help teens encounter the love of Christ every summer. Our mission is to build the Church by evangelizing, equipping, and empowering God's children to become radical and joyful disciples. **Rochester's campus** and 2018 theme, **"Revealed"** takes place **Thursday, July 12th** till the **15th**. Open for **15 students** in **grades 9-12th**, with 8th grade exception if spots still available. Registration **deadline** is **Wednesday, December**

27th. For more general information about the Steubenville Conferences, visit <u>steubenvilleconferences.com</u>.

ST. LUKE'S

FOOD SHELF DONATION: St. Luke's parishioners collected 22 lbs. of food for Family Pathways. Thank you!

ST. PATRICK'S

THANK YOU to all those who helped in any way with the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. A special thank you to John and Dianne Ksiazek, Lana Nolan, Pat Dunsmore, the Youth Group and to all who donated money, turkeys, pies or helped prepare the food on Tuesday evening or worked on Thanksgiving Day. The dinner was a huge success with over 200 Thanksgiving meals served or delivered.

<u>SQUIRES</u> meets 4 pm Saturday, Dec 16th (before Mass).

<u>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS:</u> Anyone wishing flowers in memory or in honor of a loved one should place **\$15.00** in an envelope labeled, "Christmas Flower". Include name to be remembered and donor name. Put in collection basket.

<u>CHRISTMAS PARTY</u> Former members of both St. Bernadette's and St. Catherine's circles are invited to our potluck Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 7, at noon at the home of Reta Diedrich, 705 Spring Lane, #8, Hinckley. Please bring a few (3-5) wrapped, inexpensive (\$2.00 or under) gifts for game prizes. Please RSVP to Reta at 320-384-6039.

YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE is now 3:15 pm on Mondays.

PRAYERS FOR THE ADVENT WREATH

(To be said by the family at the main meal of the day)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at His coming, so that, gathered at His right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Almighty and merciful God, may no earthly undertaking hinder those who set out in haste to meet your Son, but may our learning of heavenly wisdom gain us admittance to His company. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY):

O God, who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity, enable us, we pray, to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made know by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Advent wreath represents that period of time between Adam and Christ. The three purple candles are lit on Apenitential Sundays. The Rose candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent and reminds us that we look forward to Christ's coming with A joyful expectation. Together, the four candles mark off the four weeks of Advent. Their flames symbolize Jesus Christ who is the light of the world. The greenery of the wreath symbolizes new life in Christ, that new life we receive in baptism. The wreath is in the shape of a circle which, like God, has no beginning or end.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Rebecca Becker

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St. Patrick's

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St. Luke's 11/26/2017 [81]

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For our pastor, Fr. Sirba; Deacon Jim Mostek; Deacon Steve Odegard; Matthew Miller (seminarian) Ellie Dutcher (religious novice); and for all deacons, seminarians & religious of our diocese. Pray for the home-bound and for all those in nursing homes, and continue to pray for those who have been on the prayer list in the past.

To add a name to the prayer list call 384-6313 ext. 3 or send email. Please give me your name and phone number so I can call you if I have questions. If the person is other than a close family member, ask the person's permission to add their names to the prayer list before you submit their name. saintpatricks@scicable.com or saintlukes@scicable.com