

DECEMBER 15, 2024

3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. PATRICK'S & ST. LUKE'S PARISHES

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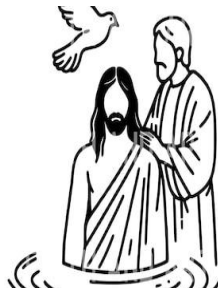
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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

HINCKLEY, MN

Office Hours:
Wednesday 9 am – Noon



ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

SANDSTONE, MN

Office Hours
Tuesday 9am - Noon



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MASS SCHEDULE (12/16 – 12/22)

Monday	8:30am	SP
	+ Marie Opsahl	
Tuesday	8:30 am	SL
	+ George & Marie Watrin	
Wednesday	8:30 am	SP
	+ Fritz & Elaine Kuhlman	
Thursday	8:30 am	SL
	Celebrant Intentions	
Friday	6:30 pm	SP
	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory	
Saturday	5:00 pm	SP
	+ Bob Pope	
Sunday	8:30 am	SP
	Parishioners	
	10:30 am	SL
	+ Jake & Frances Waletzko	

ADORATION/EXPOSITION

Thursday	9 am – 8 pm	SL
Friday	7am - 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:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

- Isaiah 35:4

WELCOME

Welcome to St. Patrick's and St. Luke's Parishes, and thank you for coming today! Whether you're a familiar face, or 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.

FROM THE PASTOR

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The opening prayer for Mass on the Third Sunday of Advent comes from Saint Paul's letter to the Philippians. That prayer is "Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near (Phil 4:4-5)." For that reason, this Sunday is called "Gaudete Sunday." That name comes from the Latin word "gaudete" meaning "rejoice." In English we could call this day "Rejoice Sunday." So why this name? Because Advent is coming to an end, and our time to prepare for Christmas is growing short. The rose candle on the Advent Wreath which is lit today is a combination of the purple of Advent and the white of Christmas. It is a sign of our joy. So as Advent draws to a close this week, let us rejoice with the whole Church because the Lord is near.

SAINT LUKE'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Our Christmas pageant will be immediately after our 10:30am Sunday Mass today. Come and watch our children as they reenact the Christmas miracle.

EXTRA TIMES FOR ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Penance is a gift from Jesus to us. In this Sacrament, we have both an opportunity and obligation to receive God's forgiveness and mercy. Make sure you receive this Sacrament and go to Confession before Christmas. Times for Confessions before Christmas are listed below:

12/17	Tues.	9:00 to 10:00am	Confessions (SL)
		4:30 to 5:30pm	Confessions (SL)
12/18	Wed.	4:30 to 6:00pm	Confessions (SP)
12/20	Friday	5:00 to 6:15pm	Regular Confessions (SP)
12/21	Saturday	10 to 11am	Regular Confessions (SL)
		4:00 to 4:45pm	Regular Confessions (SP)
12/22	Sun.	8:00 to 8:20am	Regular Confessions (SL)
		**4:00 to 5:00pm	Immaculate Conception (Pine City)
12/23	Mon.	6:00 to 7:00pm	Two priests hearing (SP)
12/24	Tues.	9:00 to 9:30am	Confessions (SL)

ENVELOPES AND CALENDARS FOR 2025 ARE READY

Church support envelopes and calendars for 2025 are ready and available. Please pick yours up. If you cannot find your envelopes or if there is some mistake, please call the parish office so that we can correct the problem.

DECORATING OUR CHURCHES FOR CHRISTMAS

We will be decorating Saint Patrick's on Monday, Dec 23rd after Mass. We will be decorating Saint Luke's on Sunday, Dec 22nd after Mass. All are welcome to join us as we make our final preparations for the great feast of Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Mass schedule will be at 5pm on Christmas Eve at Saint Patrick's and 8:30am on Christmas Day at Saint Patrick's and 10:30am on Christmas Day at Saint Luke's.

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 register. It will be very helpful if you do so this coming week as we are updating our parish records in preparation for the new year.

Adoration Intentions:

Holy Father' monthly intention:

For those who have lost a child, that they find peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit and support in their community.

Parish monthly intention:

For the repose of the souls of all our departed parishioners and for the deceased priests and deacons who have served our parish over the years.

PARISH ARK SMALL GROUPS

St Patrick's

MILITIA OF THE IMMACULATA (open to all)

Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on the 1st Friday from 3:40– 5:00pm. Contact: Janice Gustafson 320-245-2566

LAY CARMELITES (open to all)

Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on the 3rd Monday at 9am. Contact: Gail Von Rueden 320-384-7305 or Kathy Worlickey 320-775-5929

BOOK CLUB (women of all ages)

Book Club will be gathering at Donna Sutton's home on Saturday, December 21st @ 10 a.m. for prayer, conversation, & discussion of the book "This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival" by Bishop Robert Baron. If you are interested in joining us and would like a copy of the book, please contact Kelly Lenzen at 320-267-5526.

WEDNESDAY MORNING PEACE & PRAYER GROUP

(open to all) Meets in the Parish Hall every Wednesday after Mass. Group will meet this week, but not again until after the new year. Contact: Kathy Worlickey 320-775-5929

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (single high school graduates)

Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on the 2nd & 4th Fridays at 7pm. Contact: Father Sirba 320-384-6313

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST GROUP (open to all) The group will meet in the Parish Hall on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays from 7:30 to 8:30am. Contact: Barb Rabe 612-390-8532

SUNDAY EVENING GROUP (open to all)

Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on the 2nd & 4th Sundays from 6 – 7pm. Contact: Chuck Dillenburg 320-629-3105

MOMS GROUP (moms with young children)

Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on 1st Friday at 7pm. Contact: TBD.

PATERFAMILIAS CATHOLICA GROUP (dads with young children) Meets in the Faith Sharing Room on the 3rd Friday at 7pm. Contact: Father Sirba

St Luke's

MENS CLUB (men of all ages from both parishes)

Meets in the Rectory on the 2nd Tuesday at 5pm.

Contact: Deacon Jim Mostek 952-221-1183

TUESDAY MORNING GROUP (open to all)

Meets in Church hall every Tuesday morning after mass.

Group will meet this week, but not again until after the new year. Contact: Mike Swegle 218-343-5640

SUNDAY EVENING GROUP (open to all) Meets in the

Rectory on the 1st & 3rd Sundays from 6 to 7pm.

Contact: Tim McClain 320-207-8370

SPANISH LANGUAGE GROUP (open to all)

Meets in the Rectory on the last Saturday from 9 – 10am.

Contact: Deacon Jim Mostek 952-221-1183

ST. MONICA CLUB – OPEN TO ALL (focused on families

who are away from the Catholic Church) This new Ark

group will meet on the last Saturday of the month at

9:00am in the basement of St Lukes. Please contact

Nancy Mostek @ 763-226-5103.

YOUTH CHOIR (open to students grades 4 to 12)

St. Luke's Youth Choir will resume this fall. The first rehearsal will be Sept 25 at 5pm. We will meet at 5:00-5:30 each night that St. Luke's Family Faith Formation is in session. Let's encourage all our youth to "sing with all their skill to the Lord serving Him with gladness" as the Psalms tell us.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD SHELF NEEDS

The Food Shelf in Sandstone serves a significant number of people. Let's fill up our parish bins before Thanksgiving & Christmas with non-perishables! One suggestion for food would be **baking & cooking staples** such as: oils, sugar, flour, salt, etc. God Bless you for your generosity!

BULLETIN ITEMS are due for the coming bulletin on Wednesdays by 10am. Please call your parish secretary, or email us at: saintlukesmn@gmail.com or saintpatricksmn@gmail.com. (Saint Patrick's MINISTRY SCHEDULE INFO is due by the 15th for the next month.)

ST PATRICK'S

CHRISTMAS CAROLING ON WEDNESDAY, DEC 18th

We will leave to carol right after pizza, approximately 4:45pm. We will take a wagon, weather permitting & be caroling both inside & outside, so dress appropriately. We will be back for hot chocolate by 6:30pm. Hope may can join in the fun!! Young & Old welcome.

IN NEED OF MONEY COUNTERS

We are in need of someone to stay after Sunday mass to help count the church offerings about once a month. Contact the office with questions or if interested.

MASS INTENTIONS

The stipend for a Mass is **\$10** per Mass. If a check is written, it should be made out to Father Sirba. Please give the name of the person, whether 'deceased' or 'living', and your name, and put in an envelope marked '**Attention M Bramer**'. You can drop this in collection or mail it to St. Patrick's, PO Box 490, Hinckley, MN 55037.

ST LUKE'S

ST LUKE'S ADULT AND YOUTH CHOIR

All men & women are invited to sing with the youth choir at St. Luke's 10:30 Mass on Christmas Day. We will also sing Christmas carols for 15 minutes before Mass begins. There will be one rehearsal, December 18th, from 5:00-6:00pm. If more information is needed, contact Nancy 612-390-8769. Youth choir will not be rehearsing December 11th.

MASS INTENTIONS

The stipend for a Mass is **\$10** per Mass. If a check is written, it should be made out to Father Sirba. Please give the name of the person, whether 'deceased' or 'living', and your name, and put in an envelope marked '**Attention NMostek**'. You can drop this in the collection or mail it to St Luke's, P.O. Box 644, Sandstone, MN 55072.



Jen Kordiak, Youth Director 320-385-0503 or
jen11kordiak@gmail.com

MORE INFORMATION ON OUR WEBSITE UNDER
"YOUTH" TAB "WHAT'S HAPPENING"

Christmas Nativity Performance at St. Luke's after
mass on December 15th!

Where: St. Luke's @11:30pm downstairs

TOBIT RETREAT WEEKEND - JANUARY '25

registration is now OPEN! @Camp Sandy.

Calling all 9th-12th graders.

COST \$175- includes lodging and meals!

Join us for a winter weekend retreat as we delve deep into Pope St. John Paul II's teaching on Theology of the Body. We will delve into some of the deepest questions of human existence, Discover God's plan for LIFE and LOVE.

Mass - Talks - Adoration - Praise & Worship - Fun-Confession - Games - Sledding - Bonfire - Friends - Scholarships available if needed! Just ask Jen K.

DONATIONS NEEDED!

Our Annual cookie drive is approaching fast. (Wedn, Dec 18th) To make this event successful, we need your help!

NEEDED:* Baked traditional Christmas cookies {for our community cookie trays} *Christmas candy, *Candy canes(red and white) and *Christmas cards w/envelopes!

Any questions? direct them to Jen 320-385-0503

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 21 - 22

ST. PATRICK'S

LECTOR

5:00 PM Kevin Bitton

8:30 AM Jonathan Horbacz

MHC

5:00 PM Chris Opsahl

8:30 AM Dick Prenovost

SERVERS

5:00 PM Brackenburys

8:30 AM Krystell Mancilla
Rolando Mancilla

ST LUKE'S

LECTOR

Joan Hoverson

MHC

Deacon Jim

SERVERS

Carson Watrin

Avery Johnsen

USHERS

Roger Jensen Family

ST PATRICK'S & ST. LUKE'S PARISH CONTACTS

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

FINANCE COUNCIL

Treasurer Trustee:

Barb Rabe 320-384-6168

Secretary Trustee:

Dick Prenovost 320-384-0207

Chuck Dillenburg

Janice Gustafson

Ed Hattenberger

Father Sirba

Women's Group

Lana Nolan 320-322-5164

Knights of Columbus

Michael Bramer 715-558-1084

Ed Hattenberger 320-384-7785

Militia of the Immaculata

Janice Gustafson 320-245-2566

Lay Carmelites

Kathy Worlickey 320-775-5929

Gail Von Rueden 320-384-7305

ST. LUKE'S PARISH

FINANCE COUNCIL

Treasurer Trustee

Mike Bennett 320-245-2370

Trustee

Matt Watrin 320-245-2090

Nancy Liebelt

Matt Ludwig

Chad Johnson

Carie Olstead

WOMEN'S GUILD

Deb Ludwig 320-245-2487

MEN'S CLUB

Deacon Jim 952-221-1183

St. Joseph Cemetery, Finlayson

Nancy Liebelt 320-216-5166

Dave Auchter 612-390-6640

Dennis Liebelt 320-216-5166

Pete Miller 320-279-3808

ATTENDANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

St. Patrick's

12/7- 12/8 [74 - 124]

Adult \$1,080.00

Plate \$412.73

Ministry Appeals \$130.05

Special \$480.00

Auto Giving \$

St. Luke's

12/1 [102]

Adult \$

Plate \$

Ministry Appeals \$

Special \$

Auto Giving \$

MEETING NOTICES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS (5101) 7 pm, 2nd Monday SP or SL

CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays 5-6pm **SP**

FAMILY CHOIR PRACTICE Wednesdays 4:45-5:15pm **SP**

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: HINCKLEY Saturdays, 8 pm, at **First Lutheran Church**. Bron, 384-0770; or Annette, 320-336-9177.

SANDSTONE Saturdays, 10:30am & Sundays 7 pm at **city hall**. Bonnie 320-216-5475;

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm on last Monday of the month, North Pine Government Center. (CHANGE OF LOCATION) Julie 320-279-2707

*"In everything, whether it is a thing sensed or a thing known,
God Himself is hidden within."*

— St. Bonaventure

PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE ON PRAYER LIST FOR ONE MONTH

(You may resubmit if need be)

St. Patrick's: Steve Marudas, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, Kieran Kloss, Susan Rynearson, Carey Rossow, Teresa Kalb, Jeanne Holmes, Pat Lee, Deb Prenovost, Isaiah Masek, Logan Hovanetz, George Watrin, Natasha Starr, Joan Scharf, Patti Roberts, Hayden Erickson & family, Amber-Rose Kordiak

St. Luke's: Bonnie Vander Schaegan, Dennis Liebelt, Darlene Merimonte, Josephine Voldrich, Mag Sebald, Ruth Ann Ecklund, Dennis Pinoitt, Roy Sebald, Alison Judd, Alice Watrin, Alaina Becker

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.

***Please pray for all those in the military & their families.
Pray for all those whose job it is to serve and protect us.***

Please pray for our diocesan priests and our parish deacons:

December 15 - Fr Bogumil Kosciesza
16 - Fr Richard Kunst
17 - Fr Kuriacose (KK) Nediakala, MCBS
18 - Fr Steven LaFlamme
19 - Fr Peter Lambert
20 - Fr Timothy Lange
21 - Fr Steven Langenbrunner

For our pastor, Fr. Sirba; Deacon Jim Mostek; Sr. Maria Semper Virgo (Ellie) Dutcher; our Prayer Advocate Sister Donna Schroeder. Seminarians: Blake Ducharme, Michael Fitzpatrick, Zavior Franck, Charles Gibeau, Isaac Golen, Hunter Messner, John Paul Narog, David Ringhand, Benjamin Sundie, Nolan Thiesse, Jacob Tschida and all priests, deacons & religious of our diocese.

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 them to the prayer list before you submit their name.
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