

DECEMBER 22, 2024

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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

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ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

HINCKLEY, MN

Office Hours:
Wednesday 9 am – Noon



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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH

SANDSTONE, MN

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Tuesday 9am - Noon



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MASS SCHEDULE (12/23 – 12/29)

Monday 8:30am SP
+ Fritz Kuhlman

Tuesday 8:30 am SL
Celebrant Intentions

Christmas Eve 5pm SP

Christmas Day 8:30 am SP
+ Don Thom

Christmas Day 10:30 am SL
Thursday 8:30 am SL

+ Mary Ann Geraghty
Friday 6:30 pm SP

+ Deceased Lay Carmelites
Saturday 5:00 pm SP

+ Helen & Harold Reiser
Sunday 8:30 am SP

+ George & Marie Watrin
10:30 am SL

Parishioners

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:

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

- Isaiah 7:14

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our preparations for the celebration of Christmas are almost complete. Today, the Church reminds us of those events which took place just prior to our Lord's birth. In the Holy Gospel, the Blessed Virgin travels to be with her kinswoman, Saint Elizabeth. She in turn greets Mary with these words, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb." In her humility, Saint Elizabeth then asks, "How does this happen that the mother of my Lord should come to me?" On Christmas, Jesus will come to us as well. Humbly, let us adore Him.

MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS

Mass times for Christmas will follow the regular Sunday schedule. Saint Patrick's will have Mass at 5 pm Christmas Eve and 8:30 am Christmas Day, and Saint Luke's will have Mass at 10:30 am Christmas Day.

REMAINING TIMES FOR CONFESSIONS

Remaining times for Confessions are as follows:
Sunday 12/22 (today) from 4:00 to 5:00pm. at Immaculate Conception in Pine City
Monday 12/23 from 6:00 to 7:00pm at Saint Patrick's (Two priests will be hearing confessions)
Tuesday 12/24 (Christmas Eve) from 9:00 to 9:30 am at Saint Luke's.

NO ADORATION THIS WEEK

Because of Christmas, there will not be Adoration this Thursday (12/26) at Saint Luke's. Saint Patrick's Adoration will be begin at 5 pm this Friday (12/27).

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.

MINISTRIES APPEAL (UCA)

Saint Patrick's has received \$23,778 or 83.3% of its goal of \$28,559. Saint Luke's has received \$12,967 or 82.5% of its goal of \$15,727. Thanks to all who have given for 2024!

THE ORIGIN OF THE CANDY CANE

The shape of the cane is that of a shepherd's staff because Jesus is the good shepherd. The cane is made of white candy to symbolize the purity of Christ. The red stripe symbolizes that Christ shed His blood for us, and the three thinner stripes represent the scourging Jesus received from the Roman soldiers. The bold stripe also symbolizes the one true God and the three thinner stripes symbolize the three persons of the Holy Trinity.

A BLESSED CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you a very blessed and happy Christmas and to thank you for your many kindnesses, cards, gifts and prayers. May the blessings of the Christ Child be with you and your families now and throughout the coming New Year. --Fr. Sirba

JUBILEE YEAR KICKOFF

Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year to commemorate the 2025th anniversary of the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Jubilee Year will begin with our Holy Father opening the holy doors at Saint Peter's Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve. Throughout the coming year, there will be events and opportunities for pilgrimages and indulgences. For more information, go to <https://www.iubilaeum2025.va/en.html>.

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

POLKAS & PRAISE 5

Sunday, Jan 5th 1pm – 4pm. Admission – FREE
St Isidore's RC Church, 3145 Laketown Rd, Sturgeon Lake.

Music & Dancing – a gift to you from the K of C and the polka musicians. Be there & help us wrap up the Christmas season!

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

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"

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Dec 28 - 29

ST. PATRICK'S

LECTOR

5:00 PM Kevin Bitton
8:30 AM Mark Sanford

MHC

5:00 PM Chris Opsahl
8:30 AM Deacon Jim

SERVERS

5:00 PM Brackenburys
Ethan Cabak

8:30 AM Veronica Bork
Josef Justen
*Charlotte Bork

ST LUKE'S

LECTOR

Kathy Jensen

MHC

Mike Bennett

SERVERS

Wyatt Henshaw
Michael Watrin

USHERS

Kayla & Mary

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

ST. PATRICK'S PARISH

FINANCE COUNCIL

Treasurer Trustee:

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Nancy Liebelt
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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

12/14- 12/15 [72 - 104]

Adult \$2,435.13 Plate \$711.00
Ministry Appeals \$100.00 Special \$60.00
Auto Giving \$

St. Luke's

12/8 + 12/15 [102 +107]

Adult \$2,125/\$986 Plate \$182.00/\$160
Ministry Appeals \$50/\$65 Special \$195
Auto Giving \$270.00/\$180.00

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

"O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams."
— St. Augustine

PRAYER LIST

NAMES WILL BE ON PRAYER LIST FOR ONE MONTH
(You may resubmit if need be)

St. Patrick's: 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, Steve Marudas

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

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 22 - Fr Michael Lyons
 23 - Fr Kristoffer McKusky
 24 - Fr Matthew Miller
 25 - Fr Brandon Moravitz
 26 - Deacon Jim Mostek
 27 - Fr Dale Nau
 28 - Fr Nicholas Nelson

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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