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THE HOLY FAMILY

After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. - Lk 2:46-47

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PASTOR: Father Michael Powell, OMI 651 774-8675

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: 954 552-3262

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR: Christina Klein 651 774-8675

BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday 8:30-10:30 am

FAITH FORMATION COORDINATOR: Linda Radtke 651 774-8675

MAINTENANCE: Martin Silva

PARISH REGISTRATION:
Please call the Parish Office at 651 774-8675

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
Saturday 4 pm (Alternating with St. Casimir) — Sunday at 10:45 am

WEEKDAY MASS: Wednesday and Friday 8:30 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 3:30-3:50 pm

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE:
For Sacrament preparation, please call the Parish Office at 651 774-8675

ST. CASIMIR CHURCH: Phone: 651 774-0365

Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 4 pm (Alternating with St. Patrick) — Sunday 9 am

SAINT PATRICK

MASS INTENTIONS December 25 – January 2

Sat.	10:45 am	Mueller Family
Sun.	10:45 am	†Katherine & John R. Scheller
Wed.	8:30 am	†Lois Cihlar
Fri.	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Casimir
Sat.	10:00 am	†Alvin & Myra Peterson
	4:00 pm	Mass at St. Casimir
Sun.	10:45 am	†Helen Merth

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

Friday, December 31 - St. Casimir 4 pm | Office closed
Saturday, January 1 - St. Patrick 10 am

Eggs and Rice Blessing for the New Year on Sunday, January 2, 2022

We give thanks to God for a successful year of harvest and for keeping us healthy and at peace. This is a time of rest, discernment about God's will going forward, reflection on our accomplishments and pray for a new coming year full of abundant blessings, full of health, love, prosperity, peace and joy.

The blessing of "Eggs and Rice" is part of Hmong's way of life: They spent a whole year caring for their crops and their rice. At the end of the harvest season, they collect everything from their farm to their home. Then they offer the very first and best grain to the Lord before they start consuming the rest. It is also a time of petition, asking the Lord to bless their labor and crops throughout the years.

Along with the crops, they raised domestic animals for their family consumption, for their celebration, for their festivities. The eggs represent all domestic animals they raised. At the celebration, they ask the Priest to offer their sacrifice and labor to the Lord and to ask the Lord to bless the Rice and Eggs. The blessed Eggs and Rice will be the very first thing they consume for the New Year.

Everyone is welcome to take home a bowl of rice and egg from the blessing. Please bring an empty bottle to fill Holy water to bless your home.

WEEKLY COLLECTION REPORT

12-12-21 \$1,952.70
Thanks for your support!

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, December 25 - 10:45 am

Micheal Danielson *Dorothy Bartell

Sunday, December 26 - 10:45 am

Gary Heaser *Karen Berres

Lectors Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, January 1 - 10:00 am

Kathy Mueller *Karen Berres

Sunday, January 2 - 10:45 am

Micheal Danielson *Kou Vang

JANUARY INTENTION

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.



BIBLE IN A YEAR PODCAST

The *Bible in a Year* podcast helps Catholics read the entire Bible in 365 days and you can start anytime. Encounter the Word of God! Just Google bible in a year.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND

Are you homebound? Would you like Communion brought to you? Please call the Parish Office at 651-774-8675 to make arrangements.

PATRICK'S PANTRY

We give donations of food and personal hygiene products to Merrick Center. **We cannot accept clothing.** If you are in need of help, please contact Micheal Danielson at 651-341-5532, Jeanne Driscoll at 651-771-2500 or the Parish Office.

POP CAN TABS & CARDS

Please place pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House in the box located near door 1 to the church and any cards you receive in the mail as a gift from solicitors. Cards and pop can tabs will be picked up by Sheila Weiss.

SATURDAY 4 PM MASS SCHEDULE

January 1 - St. Casimir

January 8 - St. Patrick

January 15 - St. Casimir

January 22 - St. Patrick

January 29 - St. Casimir

**A Walk Through the Mass:
A Step-by-Step Explanation**

After the readings, we move to the table. As at a meal in the home of a friend, we 1) set the table, 2) say grace and 3) share the food (we eat and drink). At Mass these ritual actions are called 1) the Preparation of the Gifts, 2) the Eucharistic Prayer, 3) the Communion Rite.

Preparation of the Gifts: The early Christians each brought some bread and wine from their homes to the church to be used for the Mass and to be given to the clergy and the poor. Today a similar offering for the parish and the poor is made with our monetary contributions. Members of the parish will take up a collection from the assembly and bring it to the priest at the altar with the bread and wine to be used for the sacrifice. The priest places the bread and wine on the table. He then mixes water with the wine and washes his hands to help us think of the Last Supper. (Mixing water with wine and washing hands are things all Jews did at meals in Jesus' day.) Finally, he invites us to pray that the sacrifice be acceptable to God. We respond "Amen" to the Prayer Over the Gifts and stand to participate in the central prayer of the Mass.

PRAYER PARTNERS

Would you like to pray for someone you don't know? Would you like someone to pray for you? I would like to invite everyone to consider becoming a Prayer Partner. In the back of Church is a basket with the names of our faith formation students (first name only). There are also blank slips of paper to add your name to the basket, if you would like to have someone pray for you. Please take one (or more) names and then pray for him/her for the next year. Contact Linda in the office with any questions.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Deryl Cunningham, John Driscoll, Kitty Francy-Payton, Monica Lorang, Mike McCann, Jim Nagel, Howard Olson, Dan Printon, Randy R., Bernice Stroeing, Shirley Weiss, Jim & Gwen West.

FOR THE CHILDREN...

Sharing the Gospel

When Jesus traveled to Jerusalem as a 12-year-old young man, he felt completely at home in the Temple. He enjoyed talking to the teachers about his Father in heaven. His questions and his answers showed how much he loved God.



Coming Back to Church

Question: I have been away from the Church for a few years and really want to get active again, not so much for me, but for my children. Is this a bad reason to come back to Church?

Answer: If you are on your way to the supermarket, and you are forced to detour from your usual route because of road work, does the food you buy taste different? Is the meal less filling? Are the vegetables less tasty? Of course not. In our faith journey, there are many detours called sin. Some are greater than others, some are even a bit longer. But God's grace comes to us in ways we understand and recognize and need. Your children leading you back to the Church is not as important as the fact that you are back. This is an opportunity for you to renew, strengthen, and deepen your faith. Regardless of how we get to Church, or what draws us closer to God, the fact is we are there. Do what you need to do to get right with God and the Church. Go to confession, begin good family religious practices, and be involved in the ministries your parish offers. Be more than a lukewarm parishioner. Be the kind of Catholic you want your children to be.

"We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become."

- St Clare of Assisi

HEAVENLY HOUSEKEEPERS

St Pat's is in need of 2 Heavenly Housekeepers. Cleaning is done the weeks when both Sat/Sun Masses are scheduled. With 2 extra helpers, everyone would be cleaning 3 times a year. If interested in helping, please call the office. New scheduling begins January. Thank you!

Joe Duellman



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