



Donations	
<b>4:00pm Sat. Mass</b>	
Collection	Dec. 29th
Envelopes...	1657.00
Loose.....	130.00
Flowers/candles	12.00
Misc	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1799.00</b>
<b>8:15am Sun. Mass</b>	
Collection	Dec. 30th
Envelopes.....	397.00
Loose.....	644.00
Flowers/candles	12.00
Misc	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1053.00</b>
<b>10:30am Sun. Mass</b>	
Collection	Dec. 30th
Envelopes...	294.00
Loose.....	68.00
Flowers/Candles	0.00
Misc	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>362.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3214.00</b>



**Saint Cyril of Jerusalem's Story**

The crises that the Church faces today may seem minor when compared with the threat posed by the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Christ and almost overcame Christianity in the fourth century. Cyril was to be caught up in the controversy, accused of Arianism by Saint Jerome, and ultimately vindicated both by the men of his own time and by being declared a Doctor of the Church in 1822. Raised in Jerusalem and well-educated, especially in the Scriptures, he was ordained a priest by the bishop of Jerusalem and given the task during Lent of catechizing those preparing for Baptism and catechizing the newly baptized during the Easter season. There are conflicting reports about the circumstances of his becoming bishop of Jerusalem. It is certain that he was validly consecrated by bishops of the province. Since one of them was an Arian, Acacius, it may have been expected that his "cooperation" would follow. Conflict soon rose between Cyril and Acacius, bishop of the rival nearby see of Caesarea. Cyril was summoned to a council, accused of insubordination and of selling Church property to relieve the poor. Probably, however, a theological difference was also involved. He was condemned, driven from Jerusalem, and later vindicated, not without some association with and help from Semi-Arians. Half his episcopate was spent in exile; his first experience was repeated twice. He finally returned to find Jerusalem torn with heresy, schism and strife, and wracked with crime. Even Saint Gregory of Nyssa, who was sent to help, left in despair. They both went to the Council of Constantinople, where the amended form of the Nicene Creed was promulgated in 381. Cyril accepted the word *consubstantial*—that is, Christ is of the same substance or nature as the Father. Some said it was an act of repentance, but the bishops of the Council praised him as a champion of orthodoxy against the Arians.

**Food For Thought**

**No Room for a Farmer** ..... Anonymous

In the late 1700s, the manager of a large hotel in Baltimore refused lodging to a man dressed like a farmer. He turned the farmer away because he thought this fellow's shabby appearance would discredit the reputation of his distinguished hotel guests. The man picked up his bag and left without saying a further word to anyone. Later that evening, the innkeeper discovered that he had turned away none other than the Vice President of the United States, Thomas Jefferson! Immediately, the manager sent a note of apology to the famed patriot, asking him to come back and be his guest in the hotel. Jefferson replied by instructing the messenger as follows, "Tell him I have already reserved a room. I value his good intentions highly but if he has no room for a common American farmer, then he has no room for the Vice President of the United States." How often have you been so blind that you've pushed people aside because you disregarded their humble circumstances? They may seem to have so little to offer you in return, but, remember, we are exhorted to show a little kindness to the least of these.

**Confessions on the April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Blanchardville**

As we have begun season of Lent already and it's really an appropriate time for all of us to realize and recognize where we stand before God. Hence, let's all make use of the opportunity of the sacrament of Confessions for our parish on April the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Thursday at 6.30 pm in Blanchardville. There will be four priests assisting for confessions. I invite you all to come and participate in the communal penance, followed by confessions.

**Welcome to our Bishop Donald Hying**

Bishop Hying is coming to our Parish St. Isidore. We are all very happy to have our bishop and are all looking forward to His visit. He will be offering Holy Mass for the parish on April 26 at 10.30am in Hollandale, St. Patrick's Church, followed by felicitations and luncheon for the Bishop. Note that there is no 8:15 mass in Argyle on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Announcements**

**What is Lent?**  
Lent is the forty day period before Easter, excluding Sundays, beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on the evening of Maundy Thursday, making way for the celebration of the 'Triduum', the three most important days of the Church's year: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter. In the scriptures forty days is a traditional period of time for discipline, devotion and preparation as we see, for instance, in the Gospels when Jesus goes into the wilderness to prepare for his ministry. The early Church soon set aside the days before Easter as a time for preparing candidates for their baptism and for encouraging Christian people to pray, to give charitably and to fast. It is a fact that Christians have not always been as disciplined in such ways as people of the other faiths, but many are now reclaiming the spiritual insights and benefits of using Lent properly to discover God and self, more deeply. So, what can we do this Lent?  
**Worship:** Why not consider going to a weekday Mass? Lent may be a time for you to take worship a little more seriously during your working week.

**Stations of the Cross**  
During the Lenten season we will pray the Stations of the cross 30 minutes prior to all masses on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

**Mass Intentions** We are short of mass intentions. Intentions can be given for a stipend of \$10.00 per mass for deceased family members, Special Intentions for health, holidays, etc. Contact Fr Paul or the parish office if you would like to have a mass intention done.

**Lay Ministers Schedule**  
**Mar. 21 & Mar. 22**

**Immaculate Conception**  
Gifts: Robert & Virginia McGowan  
Reader: Bev Ryan  
Eucharistic: Anita Bohn

**St. Joseph**  
Servers: Steve  
Gifts: Terry & Susie Nelson  
Reader: Payton  
Eucharistic: Diana

**St. Patrick**  
Servers: Volunteers  
Gifts: Volunteers  
Reader: John Conway  
Eucharistic: Terri Carlson

**Pray For!**

<p><b>Our Church the Pope Diocese, Bishop, Priests Conversions Sick, Suffering &amp; Dying Jobs for our area Rel. freedom Judges Healing of abortion Family &amp; children Mary's Intentions Valley of Our Lady</b></p> <p>Betsy Gavigan Pat Flannery Jerome Tollakson Hailey Betthausen Ken Hardyman Duane Nelson Mary James Hank Frankowshi Mark Garvey Debbie Coffey Will Peterson Carrie Norder Lois Gifford Gloria Marhol Paul Davis Gerald Norton Dean Flannery Dennis Bartow</p>	<p>Sue Beckman Dan Tracy Larry Murphy Russell Moen Rose Silver Trina Williams Jack Smith Scarlett Rae Wyss Julia Arneson Duane Nelson Kim Furner Ritchie Snyder Hattie Clark Kane Burton Mary Jane Yedinak Ann Kelly Tim Sutter Kim Hartman Riley Sigg Walter "Doug" Chrism Maggie Hillson Caden Thiel Sophie Kollasch Teresa Swenson Maureen Burns Carol Tourdot Roger Tourdot Max Fox Bob Ihm</p>
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**March Intention: Catholics in China**  
We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.