

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 01	8:30 AM (SP)	+Louis & Philomina Gregory
Tuesday	Mar. 02	8:30 AM (SP)	+Randy Efta
Wednesday	Mar. 03	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence Scheffler
Thursday	Mar. 04		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 05	8:30 AM (SP)	+William Toner
Saturday	Mar. 06	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Mar. 07	8:30 AM (SC)	+Francis & Elizabeth Doyle
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Louis & Philomina Gregory

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 6 & 7

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/6	Evelyn Scheffler, Dave Roach, Dick Chodek
	3/7	Mike & Caryn Ryan, Adella Schmitt, Agnes DeGross
Lectors	3/6	Judie Cervenka
	3/7	Rena Bjerke
Acolytes	3/6	Erin & Andy Roach, Jed Kreuser
	3/7	Megan, Amy, and Gabby Ryan
Ushers	3/6	Steve Kreuser, Leonard Sticha
	3/7	Norm Sticha, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	3/7	Mike & Caryn Ryan

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/7	Gordy Giles, Rosemary Hatcher, Cindy Grolla, Kevin Mahowald
Lector	3/7	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	3/7	Helen Korbel, Samantha Muraski, Kristine Busse
Ushers	3/7	Francis Seuer, Joe Shea
Greeters	3/7	Phil O'Hern and Bonnie Theis

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting ladies time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish office in advance and ask for a parish bulletin to be mailed to you. Keep up on parish events!

**READINGS FOR MARCH 07, 2004
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1
 Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b-36

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 3	6:45 PM	Religious Education. Grades 1-10 Penance Service. Grades 3-10
Sun. Mar. 7	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Mar. 10	6:45 PM	Religious Education. Grades 1-10
Sun. Mar. 14	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

“The Passion of the Christ” field trip will be on March 3rd — (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th grades only)

ST. PATRICK

FEBRUARY 29, 2004

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Dick & Catherine Wornson, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, Wayne & Diane Whipps, Ronald & Connie Zabel, Robert & Suzanne Ziegler, David & Sandra Zweber, Mary Jo Andreasen, Donald & Susan Barlage.

PROPOSED ALTAR RENOVATION: We have placed an artist’s rendering of the proposed altar improvements in the back of St. Patrick Church. This is only a concept plan and is the first step with our proposed church remodeling project. The rendering will remain on display for 30 days. We encourage you to view it and would appreciate your comments on the slips provided. After the review period, modifications to the plans will be made pursuant to your comments. Estimates for the project & a budget & schedule will then be developed this spring.

ST. PATRICK MASS HELPERS & CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULES:

These are in the back of church. Make sure to take them home with you to save the expense of mailing them. **NEEDED:** We are in need of mass helpers on Saturday evenings (Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers). If you can help out please contact the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DAN CERVENKA for accepting the position of Maintenance Committee Chair.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING PARISH COUNCIL

ELECTIONS There are two positions available. Elections will be held the 3rd Sunday in March (20 & 21). All nominees have to be published in the bulletin the 2nd Sunday in March.

2004/2005 BUDGET: The Finance Committee will be working on the 2004/2005 budget soon. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requests to the parish office by March 9th. If you have questions, please contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF FRANCES

FRANEK “Everyone was so kind and helpful in assisting us with Mom’s funeral, and the with the lunch after the services. A special thank you to Ted Jirik for his help with the service and to Terri & Group #3 for bringing food and taking care of the kitchen. It was a wonderful feeling knowing that everything would be taken care of. We still know that St. Patrick is a great place to call home.” God Bless you All, Mike & Marge Duffy, Don & JoAnn Seavers

THANK YOU TO GROUP 1 We want to thank Group I members for all their hard work in making our “Fish Fry” a success. We served about 550 people. God Bless you, Ken & Marge Sticha; Jan & Mike Sticha

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection February 22, 2004

Received this week.....	\$ 1,536.02
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,601.00

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Kenneth & Kathleen Ceola, James & Barbara Lerschen, Shawn & Cheri O'Hern, Tom & Wendy Hesse, Bruce Brumm.

ST. CATHERINE MASS HELPER SCHEDULES are available in the back of church. If you are a Mass Helper, please be sure to take one home with you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Catherine C.C.W. Spring Luncheon and Style Show will be Saturday, March 20, 2004.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held March 21. There are two positions available. Anyone interested, please contact Cathy Ceola @ 440-6740 or Gordy Giles @ 461-2555.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 22, 2004

Received this week.....\$ 1,678.00

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Anna Sandey, Mathew Odette (grandson on Don & Virginia Odette), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), George & Charolette Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Ronald Greger (brother of Diane Williamson), Mary Jane Keep, Lawrence Simek and Silverius Becker who is in intensive care at North Memorial Hospital.

MISSION QUILTING: Has been discontinued on Wednesdays for the rest of the year. Thanks to all that have participated and/or contributed to making the mission and festival quilts. Thank you again, Cecilia Becker.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: GENESIS Genesis will meet at 7:00 PM every Thursday evening in the St. Patrick Social Hall (through April 1st).

ATTENTION PARENTS: If you have a senior graduating this year, please contact Ann Korbel @ 447-1454. The graduation mass will be on Sunday, May 16th.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: *Quiet your mind--knit or crochet a "Prayer Shawl." Share your work with a parishioner who will find comfort knowing the shawl was made, stitch by stitch, with a prayer just for them. *Readers needed to tape parts of the Bible for homebound & visually handicapped parishioners. *Can you cook? Share a meal or part of a meal periodically with an ill parishioner. Contact Margaret @ 461-2214 for more info.

COMMUNITY

Bingo, every Tuesday at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. 7:15 PM.

Catholic Coming Home, Confused Catholic? Inactive Catholic? Alienated Catholic? An invitation to "Come Home for Easter."

A 6-week series beginning Feb. 24 at the Basilica of St. Mary. For more info. or to register contact Carrie Kemp @ 651-457-5427

Women's Retreat, Feb. 27-29 & Mar. 5-7 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Diaconate Vocation Evenings, Mar. 2 & 4 from 7-9 PM. For more information, call 651-251-7722.

STEWARDSHIP—*The choicest of the first fruits of your ground you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. Exodus 23:19*

K.C. Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 5, 4:30-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. \$7.00/Adult, \$3.00/Child.

Morning of Reflection, Sat. Mar. 6 for Eucharistic Ministers. 9:30-11:30 AM at St. Luke Church in St. Paul. 651-290-1625.

Trinity II, World Champions of Irish Dance, Sat. Mar. 6, 8:00 PM at O'Shaughnessy Auditorium, St. Catherine College in St. Paul. Benefit for Cradle of Hope. For more info, 651-690-6700.

Married Couples Retreat, Mar. 12-14 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Veseli Holy Trinity Men's Club—Annual 'all you can eat' pancake and sausage breakfast. Sunday, March 7, serving 8:00 AM—12:15 PM., Veseli Church basement. Adults—\$5; Children 3-12—\$3; Under 3 free.

St. John's Church of Union Hill will hold a sausage and egg breakfast and bake sale on Sunday, March 7, at the KC Hall in New Prague. Serving will be from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

Mala Strana Health Care Center is hosting an in-service about Alzheimer's Disease on Tuesday, March 9th. Jamie Pennington, Regional Center Director for the Alzheimer's Assn. will be presenting information on Tuesday, March 9th, 2004 at Mala Strana. Refreshments and a light supper will be served at 5:00 pm with the presentation to follow from 5:30 -6:30 pm in the Great Room. Please RSVP to Mala Strana at 952-758-2511.

March 13, 2004, please join us for the **Annual Twin Cities Gather Benefit dinner to support our Sister Parish, Our Lady of Perpetual Help**. Fr. Jack and Sister Peggy, from Chimbote, Peru, will be here to share the great strides they are making because of your generosity. Mass will be held at St. Michael's Parish in Prior Lake at 5 pm. Social hour, followed by dinner will begin at 6:15 pm in the Archangels Hall. Please make reservations by March 5th with Brooke Hoerkamp—612-306-8425 or Jan Resop—952-447-5961. Freewill offerings are being accepted, donations will be accepted through the parish office if you are unable to attend. Childcare will be available upon request.

Arlington United Methodist Church presents Joel Hanson & Band, Sunday, March 14th, 7:00 PM at the Arlington Community Center, 204 Shamrock Dr., Highway 5, Arlington, Mn. Tickets—\$12.00 available thru itickets.com or call toll free (800) 965-9324. Some tickets available locally, call (507) 381-3754 for more info.

Serenity Retreat for People in AA, March 16-18 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 447-2182.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: Help your children avoid the TOBACCO TRAP! Provide the facts: smoking means less stamina for sports, stained teeth, bad breath, smelly hair and clothes. If your child reaches 18 without smoking, it's very likely, according to BC/BS he/she will NOT smoke as an adult. Smoking causes people to get more wrinkles. Cigarettes are highly addictive. Chewing tobacco can cause cancer of the mouth, voice, box, and esophagus. Let's be honest with ourselves and our children.