

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 16	6:30 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Tuesday	Jan. 17	8:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques
Wednesday	Jan. 18		NO MASS
Thursday	Jan. 19	8:30 AM (SC)	Sam Stehlik
Friday	Jan. 20		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Jan. 22	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 21 & 22, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/21	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	1/22	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	1/21	Anne Marie Weiers
	1/22	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	1/21	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	1/22	Bryce & Mason Deutsch, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	1/21	Dave Roach, Mark Rezac
	1/22	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	1/22	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/22	Rachel Friske, Deloris Friske, Barbara Lerschen, Frank Simons
Lector	1/22	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	1/22	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken, Tim Saarela (CB)
Ushers	1/22	Dennis Maciej, Dave Nelson
Greeters	1/22	Ken & Kathy Ceola

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting people 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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 16: Fr. Michael Becker, Jan. 17: Fr. Martin Beckman, Jan. 18: Fr. Terry Beeson, Jan. 19: Fr. Corey Belden, Jan. 20: Fr. Juan Miquel Betancourt, Jan. 21: Fr. Lawrence Blake, Jan. 22: Fr. David Blume.



Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I want to share the funeral homily that I preached for a truly great priest.

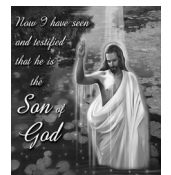
Funeral Homily for Father Alphonse M. Kubat (August 3, 1916 – January 2, 2006) St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, Minnesota. January 7, 2006



Archbishop Flynn, my brother priests, and my dear friends in Christ, I am grateful for the honor of delivering the homily at this Mass, and endlessly grateful for the honor of having had Fr. Kubat in my life as a priest, a confessor, and a friend. In my Christmas card to him this year I wrote, "You are one of my greatest inspirations, and heroes." It is deeply moving to be here in this church where my faith was born, and where I received all of the sacraments except Holy Orders, which I received from Archbishop Flynn in the Cathedral of St. Paul. The last time that I was in this pulpit was 9 and a half years ago as I celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving as a newly ordained priest. Fr. Kubat had a special role in that Mass, just as he did in my life, and in the lives of everyone who knew him. Concerning this homily he said, "No lies!" By this I'm sure he meant, "Do not say that I was a saint or a great priest." He was too humble ever to think of himself that way. But I can say it, and be faithful to his wish. "A truthful witness does not lie" (Proverbs 14:5). Like so many others, and speaking for them all, I have been given the grace to witness the inspirational faithfulness of this man, and to experience the saving power of Jesus Christ through his priesthood.

I was only 4 years old when I experienced it for the first time in 1969 when he came to this church as an assistant to Fr. Charles Jirik and then his dear friend Fr. Raymond Zweber. Though I do not remember him clearly from that time I grew, like everyone else in this area, to know who Fr. Kubat was, though I, and most others, had no idea what this man had suffered, and that in our midst was a living martyr. Most of us could not imagine the life he lived and the sufferings he endured. With the death of Pope John Paul II last April the world's memory was reawakened to the horrors of World War II and some of the darkest moments of the 20th century. The tributes brought to life the fear and danger of living in countries invaded by the Nazi's. They showed the persecution and loss of freedom of living under Communist rule. At the same time John Paul II was suffering in Poland, and the younger Benedict XVI in Germany, a young Alphonse Kubat was suffering in neighboring Czechoslovakia. When his native land was invaded by the Nazi's in 1938 he was forced to work in a wood plant making barracks. In 1940 he suffered an accident to his right hand. After that they did not want him any more and he was able to continue his education. He was ordained a priest on June 28, 1942 and spent the next two years as a parish assistant in Golcuv Jenikov after which he became an Administrator (Pastor). In 1948 the Soviet supported Communists occupied his country and the persecution of the Catholic Church began. It started with the bishops, then priests, and some laymen.

Those who would not pledge their loyalty to the Regime were incarcerated in an old Carthusian



monastery that was turned into a prison. It was named Kartouzy. Fr. Kubat's time came in 1953. He was ordered to report as a witness in some case; little did they know that he was and would always be a faithful witness to Christ and His Church. He knew this was not good and brought along his breviary and a toothbrush. He did not return to his parish but was sent to Kartouzy to become one of a thousand prisoners, 200 of whom were priests. A few years ago I asked him if he could say Mass there. He laughed and with a wave of his hand said, "Nooooo!" Only five times in those two years were they able to secure some bread and with some smuggled raisins from which they made a crude wine they offered Mass from memory using a spoon for a chalice. He risked his very life to have Jesus truly present through the Mass, a powerful witness to the greatest gift that Jesus gave to His Church. Six weeks of this time was spent in solitary confinement where he nearly died. His incarceration ended in 1955 and because he was considered unreliable by the Regime was assigned by the Work Bureau to manual labor in construction and in a steel factory. During this time his priestly work was done secretly and always at personal risk.

(to be continued) *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Michael Dudley, Eltra Dureza, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Craig & Kristin Flicek, Jim & Annette Frawley, Tom & Jessica Gallagher, Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Michael & Betty Hahn. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, January 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

GROUP I FISH FRY: Friday, February 24th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group I members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (23rd) night or Friday, (24th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Diana Schoenbauer @ 461-2817.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 18 & 19. We will be electing two members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 8, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,597.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$10,450.25

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Joseph & Erica Kroiss.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEMBERS: C.C.W. members who were not able to attend the Christmas party, please pick up your Christmas Angel wreath with you name on it located in the wicker basket on the entryway table.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 12th, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/child, 4 and under free. Please join us for some good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you wish to help out.

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Sunday Collection January 8, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,049.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

MARCH FOR LIFE AT STATE CAPITOL: Join thousands of Minnesotans at the State Capitol in St. Paul at 2:00 PM on Sunday, January 22nd for the 44th annual March for Life. The march commemorates the deaths of nearly 60 million babies killed by abortion since the 1973 U.S. Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion on demand for all nine months of pregnancy. There will be a bus leaving the parking lot of St. Michael Church in Prior Lake at 1:30 PM for the State Capitol. To sign up to take the bus, contact Jim Anderson at 612-817-2747 or jmande55304@aol.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 18	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Jan. 22	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Jan. 25	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Jan. 29	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 12	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Feb. 24	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry