

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/17	6:30 PM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Tuesday	1/18	8:30 AM	SP	Sam Stehlik
Wednesday	1/19	6:00 PM	SP	+Bob Geditz
Thursday	1/20	8:30 AM	SC	+Dale Bukovsky
Friday	1/21	NO MASS		
Saturday	1/22	5:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Sunday	1/23	8:30 AM	SC	Fr. John Hayes
		10:30 AM	SP	+Victor Kremer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 22 & 23, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/22	Bill Weiers
	1/23	Joan Nelson
Lector	1/22	Rob Puncoschar
	1/23	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	1/22	Ian DeGross
	1/23	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	1/22	Mark Rezac
	1/23	Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

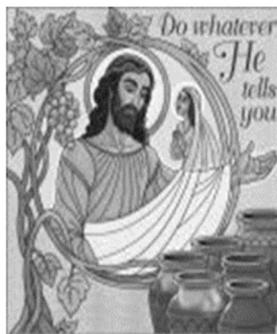
Extraordinary Ministers	1/23	Frank Simons
Lector	1/23	Kathy Conway
Altar Servers	1/23	Volunteer
Ushers	1/23	Dave Nelson, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	1/23	Bonnie Theis & Lee Hesse

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 16: Fr. Terry Beeson, Jan. 17: Fr. Corey Belden, Jan. 18: Fr. John Berger, Jan. 19: Fr. James Benard, Jan. 20: Fr. Lawrence Blake, Jan. 21: Fr. David Blume, Jan. 22: Fr. Daniel Bodin.

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

Facing the Future with Faith



The beginning of a new year marks a moment in time where the events of the last year are completed and recorded to have occurred in that Year of the Lord. But the effects of these events come with us into the New Year. Their trajectory can cause fear and anxiety as we do not know how they unfold until we are at this point next year. At the threshold of 2022, on many different fronts, it seems that Isaiah's prophesy is once again fulfilled, "See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds covers the peoples" (60:2).

First, we are still dealing with the Covid virus and its effects. Rather than spending time and money on effective treatments and therapeutics the federal government continues to hector it citizens with the mantra "get vaccinated" as though that is only way to become free of this scourge. As the latest variant has shown, that is not the answer. And threatening people with restrictions of their freedoms and livelihoods for not getting "the shot" is not only a violation of their consciences and rights, it is not the only way out. I am not saying that they do not have a place in this battle, I am saying that they are not the only weapon, and should not be forced. Even more deadly than the virus or any new variant will be the negative effects that are and will be manifested in the future because of the actions already taken. People are now seeing the damage that was done to children by keeping them locked up for a significant and developmental portion of their young lives. Then there is the division of people, especially family members, over vaccines and masks that may take a very long time to heal.

Directly related to this, and made worse by various political decisions, is the economy. Inflation itself will have terrible effects that will show themselves in the coming year that will affect most people including the Church. And if a collapse or depression happens be prepared for more than a year of great difficulties. And on top of this we have international situations that could turn very dangerous, especially with China, Russia, and Iran. As one historian put it, "It feels like it did in 1938." And even worse than all of these things is "the global dictatorship of ostensibly humanist ideologies. Contradicting them means being excluded from the basic social consensus...Modern society is formulating an anti-Christian creed and opposing it is punished with social excommunication" (Benedict XVI, *A Life*, vol.2, Peter Seewald, p.534).

I could go on, but the point of the article is how do we face these dark threats with faith? First, we must remember the next part of Isaiah's prophecy: "But upon you the Lord shines, and over you appears His glory" (60:2). God not only made the world, He entered into it through the Incarnation of His Son. That is why we call each year since

then Anno Domini – in the year of the Lord. The future is not irrevocably set. It is determined by our choices in the present. We can become very depressed and anxious if we only look at the evil and darkness around us. It is important to know what is happening, but it is more important to recognize the limitations of what we can do about it and to look to the Light of the World (Jn. 8:12); and to have faith and confidence in Him, remembering that, “In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world” (Jn. 16:33); and “By the might of His glory you will be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast, even to endure joyfully whatever may come” (Colossians 1:11).

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Kevin & Lisa DeGross, Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Jon & Angela Deutsch, Thomas & Jody Deutsch, *Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta.

Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

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.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, January 17th at 7:00pm in the social hall.

SAVE THE DATE: Festival is Sunday, July 24, 2022.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the Parishioners and Confirmation Students for your help in setting up and taking down the Christmas decorations in our Church. Your help was greatly appreciated. The Liturgy Committee: Rosie Ryan, Lisa DeGross, Rita Ryan

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
1/9/22 Collection:	\$ 3,523.27
1/9/22 New Years Offering:	\$ 15.00
1/9/22 Initial Offering:	\$ 22.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Tim & Connie Sandusky.

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

ST. CATHERINE’S ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 13th from 9:30am-12:30pm. Adults \$8.00, kids (ages 5-12) \$4.00, (ages 4 and under) free.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
1/9/22 Collection:	\$ 1,010.00
1/9/22 Initial Offering:	\$ 20.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Brandon Witt, Mary Lou Delaney, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlank, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2022: January 22, 2022 marks the 49th year since the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade making abortion legal in the United States. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 62 million babies have been aborted in the United States. Please join us for the MCCL Walk to Life and the Archdiocese’s Prayer for Life at the Cathedral on Saturday, January 22 at 9:30am. Parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael’s parking lot to the Cathedral and State Capital for a prayer vigil and rally to show our support to end abortion. The bus will return at 2:00pm. Please note that masks are required on the bus. For additional information or to sign up to take the bus, please contact Joe Meurer @ 952-402-0689 or Meurer55378@msn.com.

NEW PRAGUE KC- “Pies For Life” FUNDRAISER: Choose from Pecan, Cherry, Apple, Blueberry & French Silk pies- \$15.00 each. Proceeds will benefit area Prolife Organizations. You may order with Jack Puncochar in the back of church January 29/30 and February 5/6, online at NewPragueKC.org or by calling 612.226.8378. Please place your order by February 6th. Orders will be available for pickup Saturday, February 12th, 8am-noon at the New Prague KC Hall.

Our Lady of Medjugorje’s annual apparition to Jakov Colo on December 25, 2021. Our Lady came for nine minutes with little Jesus in Her arms and gave the following message:

“Dear children, You are, and you are called, *children of God*. If only your hearts would feel that immeasurable love which God has for you, your hearts would adore and give thanks to Him at every instant of your life. Therefore, little children, today, on this day of grace, open your hearts and implore the Lord for the gift of faith; so that you could truly become worthy of the name ‘*children of God*’ who, with a pure heart, give thanks to and honor their Heavenly Father. I am beside you and am blessing you with my motherly blessing.”

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	1/19/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	1/23/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM