

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 20	6:30 PM (SP)	Will Kreuser
Tuesday	Jan. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	Jed Kreuser
Wednesday	Jan. 22	8:30 AM (SC)	+Ludmilla Bruzek
Thursday	Jan. 23		NO MASS
Friday	Jan. 24		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 25	5:00 PM (SP)	Sam Stehlik
Sunday	Jan. 26	8:30 AM (SC)	For our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 25 & 26, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/25	Kelley DeGross, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	1/26	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Joan Nelson
Lector	1/25	Brianne Jirik
	1/26	Juli Volk
Altar Servers	1/25	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	1/26	Ben & Claire Meyer, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	1/25	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	1/26	Rob Sticha, Darryl Volk

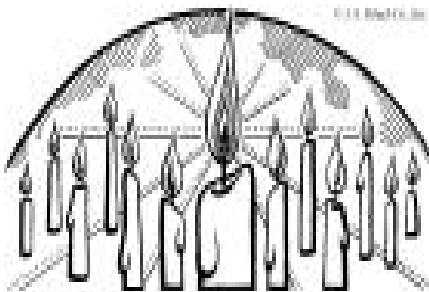
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/26	Bonnie Theis, Deanna Vochoska, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	1/26	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	1/26	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/26	Dave Nelson, Frank Simons
Greeters	1/26	Kathy Prochaska, Janet Ryan

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. 20: Fr. Michael Krenik, Jan. 21: Fr. Thomas Krenik,
 Jan. 22: Fr. Ronald Kreul, Jan. 23: Fr. Paul Kubista,
 Jan. 24: Fr. Michael Kueber, Jan. 25: Fr. Joseph Kuharski,
 Jan. 26: Fr. Allen Kuss.



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

THE SENSE OF INCENSE

Anyone who was at my Masses from Christmas to Epiphany could see and smell that I was using incense. Some may wonder why is it used, and what does it mean?



"Signifying prayer, sacrifice, and reverence for people and sacred objects, incense is one of the richest liturgical signs in the Rites of the East and West" (Ceremonies of the Modern Roman Rite, p.78). It was part of the daily offerings of the Old Testament (Leviticus 6:8); Moses was instructed to build an altar for incense to be offered in the morning and evening (Exodus Ch. 30). In the book of Sirach, wisdom is compared with "The odor of incense in the holy place" (24:15). Psalm 141, speaks of it as a visual and olfactory image for prayer: "Let my prayer arise before you like incense" (Verse 2). That incense is a symbol of prayer is also found in the Book of Revelation: "An angel stood before the face of God, thurible in hand. The fragrant incense soaring aloft was the prayer of God's people on earth" (Rev. 8:4).

The sweet scent is symbolic of the reality that our prayers are pleasant in God's sight. The fact that the smoke rises is a visual symbol of these prayers rising to God. The incense is burned and consumed as a symbol of our total sacrifice to God, and of Christ's sacrifice for us. Incense was one of the three gifts offered to Jesus by the three kings as a symbol of His divinity. Incense is offered to God also as a sign of reverence, and likewise, to all things made holy by God, and those things that He uses to make us holy. It indicates a certain presence of Christ. That is why we incense the altar, the gospel, the gifts of bread and wine, the cross, the priest, the baptized, the Blessed Sacrament, (His full and true presence) and the bodies of the deceased at a funeral. Each one of these things or persons has been touched by Christ and deserve respect and reverence. Incensing them is a visible way of showing this.

Incense can be used at any Mass. But usually it is used at more important feasts and solemnities. I realize that there are probably some that do not like the "smoky" aspect of it, or may even have some allergic reaction to it. The celebrant may need to make some adjustments to help everyone enjoy its use, either by using less, or finding a kind of incense that does not cause a reaction. The size of the church

has to be taken into account as well as where the thurible is kept in between uses. Hopefully, there is some place in the church that someone who has an allergy can pray without being affected by it while still being able to appreciate its visible symbolism.

There are several different kinds of incense, the most famous of which is frankincense. Like so many aspects of the liturgy, a deeper understanding of the full significance of incense will help promote a greater appreciation of its rich and enduring symbolism, and intensify our prayer, sacrifice and reverence.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Nicholas & Bobbie Reak, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking lectors and servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. Please call the parish office or Shelley Shepherd @ 952-492-3571 to volunteer.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, January 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 12, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 1,194.58
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm, Jeffrey & Jane Lorsung.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 27th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 9th, from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM in the church basement. \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child (5-12 yrs.), free/4 yrs. & under. Sign-up sheets and flyers are in the back of church.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 12, 2020

Received this week.....\$1,121.87
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 22	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Jan. 26	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Jan. 29	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Feb. 2	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Sun. Feb. 2		Confirmation Retreat in Montgomery

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 9	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please join us for the **M.C.C.L. Walk for Life** and the Archdiocese's Prayer for Life at the Cathedral on Wed. Jan. 22. Jan. 22 marks the 47th year since the landmark decision of Roe vs. Wade making abortion legal in the U.S. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 61 million babies have been aborted in the U.S. On Wed. 22nd at 9:30 AM parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael parking lot in Prior Lake to the Cathedral and State Capitol for a prayer vigil and rally to show our support to end abortion. The bus will return at 2:30 PM. For additional information or to sign-up to take the bus contact Joe Meurer @ 952-402-0689 or meurer55378@msn.com

Restorative Justice & Reconciliation, Thur. Jan. 23, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM at Holiday Inn & Suites, 8511 Hudson Blvd. Lake Elmo. This conference is open to all victim/survivors, and anyone who has been impacted by clergy sexual abuse. Ramsey County Attorney John J. Choi and Archbishop Bernard Hebda extend an invitation to all. No fee to attend, however space is limited. tom.ring@co.ramsey.mn.us or call 651-291-4429 for more information. Registration deadline in Jan. 20, 2020.

A.C.C.W. Legislative Day, Sat. Feb. 8, 8:30 AM—noon at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Cost \$15 (\$20 after Jan. 22) Morning refreshments, speakers, legislative information. Register at www.archspm.org/accwleg2020