

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 21	6:30 PM (SP)	+Rick Schmitt
Tuesday	Jan. 22	8:30 AM (SP)	Sam Stehlik
Wednesday	Jan. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	Jed Kreuser
Thursday	Jan. 24		NO MASS
Friday	Jan. 25		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 26	5:00 PM (SP)	+Francis Roach
Sunday	Jan. 27	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Brandon Bruzek For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 26 & 27, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/26	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Tony Jirik
	1/27	Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lector	1/26	Shelley Shepherd
	1/27	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	1/26	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross
	1/27	Wyatt Giesen, Aycia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	1/26	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	1/27	Rob Sticha, Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/27	Barb Lerschen, Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	1/27	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	1/27	Conner Anderson, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/27	Ken Ceola, Rick Sirek
Greeters	1/27	Volunteers

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. 21: Fr. Bryan O'Rourke, Jan. 22: Fr. Fernando Ortega,
Jan. 23: Fr. David Ostrowski, Jan. 24: Fr. Humberto Palomino,
Jan. 25: Fr. Brian Park, Jan. 26: Fr. John Parkos,
Jan. 27: Fr. William Paron.



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.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Born of Water and the Spirit

The primary symbol used in the sacrament of Baptism is water. It is one of the most important elements on this earth, for without it life cannot exist. Hence, it is most appropriate that it is used in the sacrament which is the gateway to life in the Spirit. From the very beginning of the world, through the Old Testament, to Jesus it is a symbol of life. As the blessing of the baptismal water states: "Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In Baptism we use your gift of water, which you made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament." Genesis 1:2 speaks of the Spirit of God sweeping over the waters at the very dawn of creation. Not only does water bring life; it also brings death as in the great flood. "The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of Baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness." Moses bringing the people through the Red Sea is another important prefigurement of Baptism. "Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism." "Finally, Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the People of God received the gift of the land promised to Abraham's descendants, an image of eternal life. The promise of the blessed inheritance is fulfilled in the New Covenant" (Catechism, 1222).

All of these prefigurations of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ. He begins His public life by submitting to John's baptism and ends it by pouring out His blood upon the cross. "In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from His side as He hung upon the cross" (blessing). His final command to His disciples was to "go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). The Church has been obedient to this command ever since. The Church uses the rich symbol of water to bring about the tremendous gift that we receive in Baptism. As we end the blessing we pray, "by the power of the Holy Spirit give to this water the grace of your Son, so that in the sacrament of baptism all those whom you have created in your likeness may be cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by water and the Holy Spirit."

Water seems so common and ordinary and yet we see the extraordinary things God has done with it throughout salvation history. And yet the greatest thing of all is that through it He has adopted us as His own children, born of



water and the Spirit.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

PARISHIONERS CORNER

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Cyril & Natalie Simon, Anthony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Joe & Maria Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Tim & Barbara Sonnek. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

MASS HELPERS: We are in need of more Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Acolytes, Ushers, & Greeters, especially on Saturday evenings. It would only be every 4 weeks or more, depending on the number of volunteers. Contact the parish office or Shelley Shepherd at seleseped@frontiernet.net for more information.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all the people that stayed after Mass last weekend and helped take down the Christmas decorations!
Liturgy Committee

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, January 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 13, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,542.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
LED Lighting Project collected.....\$ 9,110.00
LED Lighting Project goal.....\$ 15,700.00

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 10th from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/adults, \$4.00/child, age 5-12. Kids 4 and under are free. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church if you wish to help out.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY COMMITTEE: The Cemetery Committee is looking for additional committee members. If interested, contact Bill Dillingham @ 952-212-2529.

C.C.W. NEWS: St. Catherine C.C.W. new officers for 2019 are, President: Linda Torgeson, Secretary: Deloris Friske, Treasurer: Joan Bruzek. **We are still in need of a Vice President. Please consider this position.** Thank you to outgoing president Margaret Sharkey and Vice President Kathy Ceola who served the past two years. With the combined efforts of all the women, it was a productive and rewarding time.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, January 28th at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 13, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 772.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Elaine Suilmann (aunt of Vickie Cross), Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Theis (uncle of Dan Theis, father of David Theis).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 23 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Jan. 30 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-8.
Confirmation Class at St. Michael's.
Wed. Feb. 6 5:30 PM Spaghetti Dinner.
Wed. Feb. 6 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 10 S.C. Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Mar. 1 S.P. Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 5 S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 6 S.C. C.C.W. Spring Luncheon
Sun. July 21 S.P. Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

M.C.C.L. Walk for Life, Please join us for the M.C.C.L. Walk for Life and the Archdiocese's Prayer for Life at the Cathedral on Tue. Jan. 22nd. Jan. 22, 2019 marks the 46th year since the landmark decision of Roe v. Wade making abortion legal in the United States. Since 1973 it is estimated that nearly 61 million babies have been aborted in the United States. On Tue, Jan. 22 at 9:30 AM parishioners from local parishes will be taking a bus from the St. Michael 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 2:00 PM. For additional information or to sign up to take the bus contact Joe Meurer @ 952-402-0689 or Meurer55378@msn.com

Catholics at the Capitol 2019, Are you tired of divisive angry politics? As a Minnesota Catholic you can begin to transform politics in our state. Join thousands of Catholics from across the state for a day of prayer and advocacy in St. Paul that will inspire you and teach you how to put your faith into action! On Tuesday, February 19 we're coming together for life and dignity. Visit www.CatholicsAtTheCapitol.org for details and to register! Space is limited so don't delay! Transportation options are available.

C.C.W. Bingo, Sun. Jan. 27 at Immaculate Conception Civic Center in Lonsdale. Lunch served starting at 11:00 AM, Bingo starts at noon. \$3.00 cover charge, extra cards .50 each.