

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Jan. 23	6:30 PM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
Tuesday	Jan. 24	8:30 AM (SP)	+Arla Ronayne
Wednesday	Jan. 25	6:00 PM (SP)	Jed Kreuser
Thursday	Jan. 26		NO MASS
Friday	Jan. 27		NO MASS
Saturday	Jan. 28	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	Jan. 29	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Todd Tobin

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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 28 & 29, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/28	Barb Lewis, Kelley DeGross, Dave Roach
	1/29	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	1/28	Jim DeGross
	1/29	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	1/28	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	1/29	Bella & Lily Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	1/28	Steve Kreuser, Matt Sirek
	1/29	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	1/29	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/29	Kevin Mahowald, Bonnie Theis, Joel Vochoska, Pat Schroeder
Lector	1/29	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	1/29	Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska, Deanna Vochoska (CB)
Ushers	1/29	Shawn O'Hern, Rick Sirek
Greeters	1/29	Frank & Cathy Simons

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. 23: Fr. Daniel Bodin, Jan. 24: Fr. Steven Borello, Jan. 25: Fr. Ronald Bowers, Jan. 26: Fr. Charles Brambilla, Jan. 27: Fr. Peter Brandenhoff, Jan. 28: Fr. John Brandes, Jan. 29: Fr. Andrew Brinkman.



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

This continued until August, 1968 when in response to the Prague Spring the Soviet Army moved in to crush the faint hopes of freedom. Realizing that things would not be getting better he left his beloved homeland and crossed the border into Austria. He was appointed as a parish assistant at the Church of St. Nicholas in Inzersdorf in the 23rd district of Vienna. There he sought to immigrate to the United States and was accepted in June 1969. He came to the New Prague area because his uncle, Fr. Alphonse Kotouc had served here, and by whom his mortal body will rest until "The Lord Himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thess. 4:16 2nd reading).

At the age of 53 Fr. Kubat began a new life in a new country. Though many of the names were familiar and there were those with whom he could speak his native Czech, it was new. The freedom must have been exhilarating to him, and his understanding of it greater than our own. John Fitzgerald of New Prague helped him to become a citizen and his citizenship certificate was always proudly displayed on his wall. Perhaps his greatest joy was finally being able to act as a priest freely and without fear. And so he did. In 1974 he was appointed Pastor of Most Holy Trinity church in Veseli which he called his new family. Also caring for St. Nicholas church in New Market for a while, he was finally able to be who he was: a priest of Jesus Christ. That was the most important reality in his life. He knew what a priest was, and he lived up to it. Having been deprived of exercising his priesthood for most of his life gave him an appreciation of it from which we can all learn. Perhaps that is why he was so joyful.

Just this past Advent I cited him as an example of true joy. He was the most joyful person that I have ever met. I think it was because he knew Christ, not as a concept, but as a person. He knew that his priesthood united him to Christ and in his sufferings he had shared in the sufferings of Christ, which lead to the joy of the Resurrection. He lived what St. Peter described in his 1st letter: "In this you rejoice, although you may have to suffer through various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith, more precious than gold that is perishable even though tested by fire, may prove to be for praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Although you have not seen Him you love Him; even though you do not see Him now yet believe in

Him, you rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, as you attain the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls” (1 Peter 1:6-9). One would not be able to guess that this man had suffered what he did. He did not talk about his past unless you asked him. Once you came to know him it was evident that in his own life the words of the prophet Daniel in the first reading had been fulfilled: “It shall be a time unsurpassed in distress since nations began until that time. But the wise shall shine brightly like the splendor of the firmament, and those who lead the many to justice shall be like the stars forever” (Daniel 12:1,3).

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

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Michael Dudley, Elltra 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.

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.

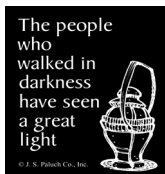
PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

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 15, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,319.00
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 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.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 15, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 854.45
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Danny Theis, Anne Kelhofer, 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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vera Smet (mother of Darlene Meurer).

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Herman Beuch (husband of Virginia Beuch).

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.

UPCOMING ADULT FAITH-FORMATION FILM

SERIES: Beginning the first week of Lent, join fellow parishioners for a five-session video and faith sharing journey titled “*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*”. In this dramatic film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God's merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** For a preview of this upcoming series, go to: <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 25	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Jan. 29	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Feb. 1	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
		Confirmation Concert at St. Michael. No class for 6th grade.
Sun. Feb. 5	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