

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/24	6:30 PM	SC	+Carlton Miller
Tuesday	1/25	8:30 AM	SP	Steve Kreuser
Wednesday	1/26	6:00 PM	SP	Todd Tobin
Thursday	1/27	NO MASS		
Friday	1/28	NO MASS		
Saturday	1/29	5:00 PM	SP	Will & Jed Kreuser
Sunday	1/30	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	Ron & Kathy McBroom

LITURGICAL MINISTERS January 29 & 30, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/29	Kelley DeGross
	1/30	Kristi Schulte
Lector	1/29	Jim DeGross
	1/30	Shelley Shepherd
Altar Servers	1/29	Volunteer
	1/30	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	1/29	Mark Simek
	1/30	Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

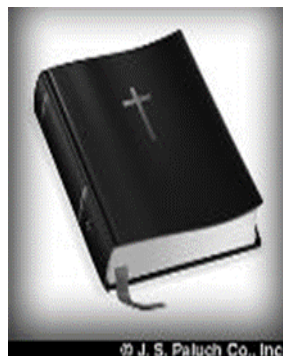
Extraordinary Ministers	1/30	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	1/30	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	1/30	Volunteer
Ushers	1/30	Shawn O'Hern, Frank Simons
Greeters	1/30	Joe & Diane Williamson

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. 23: Fr. Ronald Bowers, Jan. 24: Fr. Charles Brambilla, Jan. 25: Fr. Peter Brandonhoff, Jan. 26: Fr. John Brandes, Jan. 27: Fr. William Brenna, Jan. 28: Fr. Andrew Brinkman, Jan. 29: Fr. James Burns.

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

The Gateway to Life in the Spirit

The greatest treasure that Christ gave His Church are the seven sacraments. They are the ordinary channels of His grace, each having an effective power, and purpose, of their own. "The seven sacraments touch all the stages and all the important moments of Christian life: they give birth and increase, healing and mission to the Christian's life of faith. There is thus a certain resemblance between the stages of natural life and the stages of the spiritual life" (Catechism, 1210). They can be divided into three different kinds: Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist), Healing (Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick), and Mission and Service (Holy Orders, Marriage).

The first sacrament to be received is Baptism. "Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments" (1213). When Jesus was baptized by John, He was revealed as God's Son. When we are baptized, we are adopted as God's sons and daughters. At the end of the rite of baptism the priest or deacon says, "Dearly beloved, this child has been reborn in baptism. He (she) is now called the child of God, for so indeed he (she) is." Child of God: it is the greatest and most dignified title that we can ever receive. It is also one that we must constantly strive to live up to. Through Baptism we are also freed from sin, and become members of the Church, sharing in her mission. This sacrament imprints a spiritual mark, or character, on our souls, which can never be erased. Therefore, it is only received once, and can never be repeated. It remains effective throughout our entire lives, so long as we do not reject it or render it ineffective through serious sin.

That is why it is important to understand what we have received in this sacrament. The rite has many symbols, which reveal the different aspects of Baptism. I will go through each one of these in other articles. But it is also important to remember that baptism is the beginning of the Christian life. It is not a guarantee of eternal life, but it is the gateway to life in the Spirit. It is something that must be renewed and lived each day, by rejecting sin and professing our faith in Jesus Christ. We formally do this every Easter Sunday. What our parents and godparents promised on our behalf must be the way we live each day: "You must make it your constant care to bring him (her) up in the practice of the faith. See that the divine life which God gives him (her) is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his (her) heart."

~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.

SAVE THE DATES: Fish Fry is Friday, February 25, 2022 and the Festival is Sunday, July 24, 2022. More info to come.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
1/16/22 Collection:	\$ 2,029.81
1/16/22 Parking Lot Donation:	\$ 100.00



ST. CATHERINE

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

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
1/16/22 Collection:	\$ 1,779.00
1/16/22 Initial Offering:	\$ 5.00



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 Schlink, 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.

2022 ENVELOPES: Parishioner offering envelopes are available in the back of church to be picked up.

NEW PRAGUE KC- "Pies For Life" FUNDRAISER:

Choose from Pecan, Cherry, Apple, Blueberry & French Silk pies- \$15.00 each. Proceeds will benefit area Pro-life Organizations. You may order with Jack Puncocchar in the back of St. Patrick Church on 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.

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Join us for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Feb. 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. This is Valentine's weekend as well as world marriage day; what a great time to give the gift of a weekend to each other. For more information, call Brent and Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at twincitieswwme.org.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT & SPIRITUALITY

CENTER: The Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake is offering a women's retreat February 25-27 with a retreat theme of, "Hope Rising: Revisioning Our Dream." To register or for more information, call 952-447-2182 or franciscanretreats.net.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	1/26/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	1/30/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM
Wednesday	2/2/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	2/6/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

SAVE THE DATE: We are partnering with St. Wenceslaus Parish for the 2022 Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) on June 20-24 for the Kid's Program and June 19-23 for the Teen's Program. More info to follow.



A job well done by the religion students at the Christmas Program 2021.