

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/25	6:30 PM	SC	+Deceased members of the Feldmeier Family
Tuesday	1/26	8:30 AM	SP	Greg Olson
Wednesday	1/27	NO MASS		
Thursday	1/28	8:30 AM	SP	Kreuser Family
Friday	1/29	NO MASS		
Saturday	1/30	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard Pexa
Sunday	1/31	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	SP	+Gloria Wagner

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR January 30 & 31, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	1/30	None-COVID restrictions
	1/31	Gloria Jacques (choir)
Lector	1/30	Rob Puncocchar
	1/31	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	1/30	None
	1/31	None
Ushers	1/30	Volunteer
	1/31	Volunteer

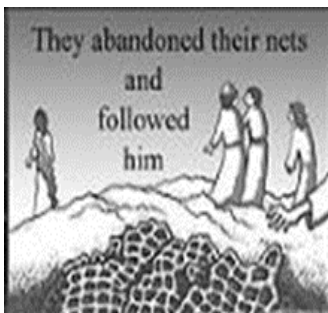
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	1/31	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	1/31	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	1/31	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	1/31	Dennis Maciej, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	1/31	Joe & Diane Williamson

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 24: Fr. Paul Gitter, Jan. 25: Fr. Nels Gjengdahl, Jan. 26: Fr. Edmund Goldbach, Jan. 27: Fr. Ralph Goman, Jan. 28: Fr. Cyril Gorman, Jan. 29: Fr. Harrold Patrick, Jan. 30: Fr. Gerald Goulet.



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

On the Solemnity of Epiphany I spoke about Father Kubat, who gave me the great honor of delivering the homily at his funeral. It will be reprinted here for the next four weeks.

Funeral Homily for Father Alphonse M. Kubat (August 3, 1916 – January 2, 2006) St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, Minnesota. January 7, 2006 (Part 1)



Archbishop Flynn, my brother priests, and my dear friends in Christ, I am grateful for the honor of delivering the homily at this Mass, and endlessly grateful for the honor of having had Fr. Kubat in my life as a priest, a confessor, and a friend. In my Christmas card to him this year I wrote, “You are one of my greatest inspirations, and heroes.” It is deeply moving to be here in this church where my faith was born, and where I received all of the sacraments except Holy Orders, which I received from Archbishop Flynn in the Cathedral of St. Paul. The last time that I was in this pulpit was 9 and a half years ago as I celebrated a Mass of thanksgiving as a newly ordained priest. Fr. Kubat had a special role in that Mass, just as he did in my life, and in the lives of everyone who knew him. Concerning this homily he said, “No lies!” By this I’m sure he meant, “Do not say that I was a saint or a great priest.” He was too humble ever to think of himself that way. But I can say it, and be faithful to his wish. “A truthful witness does not lie” (Proverbs 14:5). Like so many others, and speaking for them all, I have been given the grace to witness the inspirational faithfulness of this man, and to experience the saving power of Jesus Christ through his priesthood.

I was only 4 years old when I experienced it for the first time in 1969 when he came to this church as an assistant to Fr. Charles Jirik and then his dear friend Fr. Raymond Zweber. Though I do not remember him clearly from that time I grew, like everyone else in this area, to know who Fr. Kubat was, though I, and most others, had no idea what this man had suffered, and that in our midst was a living martyr. Most of us could not imagine the life he lived and the sufferings he endured. With the death of Pope John Paul II last April the world’s memory was reawakened to the horrors of World War II and some of the darkest moments of the 20th century. The tributes brought to life the fear and danger of living in countries invaded by the Nazi’s. They showed the persecution and loss of freedom of living under Communist rule. At the same time John Paul II was suffering in Poland, and the younger Benedict XVI in Germany, a young Alphonse Kubat was suffering in neighboring Czechoslovakia. When his native land was invaded by the Nazi’s in 1938 he was forced to work in a

wood plant making barracks. In 1940 he suffered an accident to his right hand. After that they did not want him any more and he was able to continue his education. He was ordained a priest on June 28, 1942 and spent the next two years as a parish assistant in Golcuv Jenikov after which he became an Administrator (Pastor). In 1948 the Soviet supported Communists occupied his country and the persecution of the Catholic Church began. It started with the bishops, then priests, and some laymen.

Those who would not pledge their loyalty to the Regime were incarcerated in an old Carthusian monastery that was turned into a prison. It was named Kartouzy. Fr. Kubat's time came in 1953. He was ordered to report as a witness in some case; little did they know that he was and would always be a faithful witness to Christ and His Church. He knew this was not good and brought along his breviary and a toothbrush. He did not return to his parish but was sent to Kartouzy to become one of a thousand prisoners, 200 of whom were priests. A few years ago I asked him if he could say Mass there. He laughed and with a wave of his hand said, "Noooo!" Only five times in those two years were they able to secure some bread and with some smuggled raisins from which they made a crude wine they offered Mass from memory using a spoon for a chalice. He risked his very life to have Jesus truly present through the Mass, a powerful witness to the greatest gift that Jesus gave to His Church. Six weeks of this time was spent in solitary confinement where he nearly died. His incarceration ended in 1955 and because he was considered unreliable by the Regime was assigned by the Work Bureau to manual labor in construction and in a steel factory. During this time his priestly work was done secretly and always at personal risk.

(to be continued)

-Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: *Jeff & Katie Kneip, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Mitchell & Megan Kreuger, Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Lucas & Erica Landry, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

FISH FRY: Group 1 Fish Fry has been cancelled due to COVID.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
1/17/21 Collection	\$ 1,896.82



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JANUARY: Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Jody & Jane Timm

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.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: We will not be having our pancake breakfast this year due to COVID.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
1/17/21 Collection:	\$ 1,093.54



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Doug Cross, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn 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, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.

TEXT SCAM: We have been notified that some parishioners have received a text message looking like it is from Father Miller. The text states Father is wanting you to purchase some gift cards for him; not the case. Don't reply to the text as it is a scam.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Jan. 27th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Jan. 31st	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Feb. 3rd	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Feb. 7th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER RETREAT: 2020 has been incredibly difficult on all of us and marriages have suffered. Commit to 2021 being the year you to find enrichment, joy, and hope in your relationship. Register for the February 13-14 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mount Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit www.marriages.org for additional information or call 651-454-3238.