

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	1/31	NO MASS		
Tuesday	2/1	8:30 AM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Wednesday	2/2	6:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	2/3	8:30 AM	SC	+Russ Egan
Friday	2/4	8:30 AM	SP	Evelyn & +Joe Scheffler
Saturday	2/5	5:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	2/6	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+ Carlton Miller

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 5 & 6, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/5	Rita Ryan
	2/6	Dan Cervenka
Lector	2/5	Shelley Shepherd
	2/6	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	2/5	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	2/6	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	2/5	Matt Sirek
	2/6	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

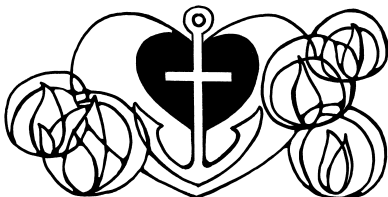
Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Donna Wright
Lector	2/6	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	2/6	Volunteer
Ushers	2/6	Ken Ceola & Lloyd Friske
Greeters	2/6	Kathy Conway & Margaret Sharkey

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. 30: Fr. Harrold Bury, Jan. 31: ABP. Bernard Hebda, Feb. 1: Pope Francis, Feb. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Feb. 3: Fr. John Byron, Feb. 4: Fr. Aloysius Callaghan, Feb. 5: Fr. Theodore Campbell.

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 Great Plunge

As I continue to cover the Sacrament of Baptism, I turn now to the meaning of the word. It is from a Greek word meaning “to plunge” or “immerse”. If we ask what we are plunged into we may instinctively answer, water. But water is only the sacramental sign, which, with the words, “I baptize you . . .” etc., brings about the reality of the sacrament, namely, that we are adopted as God’s children, freed from sin, configured to Christ by an indelible character, and are incorporated into the Church. In short, we are really immersed into the faith of the Church, and the realities and promises of that faith. That is why immediately before the sacrament is given there is a renunciation of sin and a profession of faith. When baptizing an infant the priest or deacon says to the parents and godparents, “If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility (of bringing their child up in the practice of the faith), renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptized.”

They are then asked, “Do you reject Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?” Then they are asked if they believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, in the Church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting – the Apostles’ Creed. After responding “yes” to each of the questions the priest or deacon says, “This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.” The child is then baptized, or immersed in the faith. The Church has done this since the very day of Pentecost. “Indeed St. Peter declares to the crowd astounded by his preaching: ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.’ . . . Always, Baptism is seen as connected with faith: ‘Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household,’ St. Paul declared to his jailer in Philippi. And the narrative continues, the jailer ‘was baptized at once, with all his family’ (Catechism, 1226).

St. Paul goes even further by saying that Baptism unites us to Christ’s death, and therefore to His resurrection: “Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3-4). We have been plunged into a great gift: the very life of Christ. We can see then how important it is to continue to dive more deeply into our faith: to believe more firmly, to live what we believe more faithfully, and daily be immersed in the faith in which we were baptized.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: *Brian & Renee Hartmann, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Flicek, Jim & Annette Frawley, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Bob & Maria Hanson, Adam & Kathleen Heimer, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Jonathan & Ashley Hentges, Adam & Julie Hertaus.
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 @ seleped@gmail.com.

GROUP I FISH FRY: Fish Fry is Friday, February 25, 2022 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids: (ages 4-12) \$6 (ages 3 and under) free. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church or you can sign-up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-stpatricks1. There will be set up on Thursday, February 24 at 7 pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
1/23/22 Collection:	\$ 1,857.81



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Dennis Maciej, Pat Schroeder.

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.

THANK YOU: Thanks to the grace and generosity of Jane Lorsung, St. Catherine's has a bequest and several ideas to make our church even more beautiful. Currently we are getting quotes and will put together scenarios for Jeff Lorsung's review. Once we have identified a path, detailed plans and timelines will be shared with the parishioners.

MINUTES/REPORTS: Parishioners interested in the minutes of Parish Council meetings and monthly financial reports may request copies from the parish office.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parishioners interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

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. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
1/23/22 Collection:	\$ 764.00



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.

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 Puncocar 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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

SERVE AS A TOTUS TUUS MISSIONARY: College age men and women, would you like a summer job while making a difference in young lives? Serve as a Totus Tuus missionary. This is a two-month commitment (June 3-July 30). Missionaries receive a \$2,520 stipend for the summer and lodging is provided. Apply at archspm.org/totustuus or contact the Totus Tuus Coordinator at 651-291-4489 or totustuus@archspm.org. The deadline is Tuesday, February 1, 2022.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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
Wednesday	2/9/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	2/13/2022	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.