

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 1	6:00 PM (SC)	+Fr. Paul Ardolf
Tuesday	Feb. 2	8:30 AM (SP)	+Virginia Thomas
Wednesday	Feb. 3	6:00 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Feb. 4		NO MASS
Friday	Feb. 5		NO MASS
Saturday	Feb. 6	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Feb. 7	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Peggy Bukovsky For our People

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

*Steven & Jennifer Olson, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Randy O'Connor, John & Ann Oellrich, Steve & Ester Olson, Robert & Donna Patton. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY? Feb. 1: Pope Francis, Feb. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Feb. 3: Fr. Gerald Grieman, Feb. 4: Fr. Patrick Griffin, Feb. 5: Fr. Daniel Griffith, Feb. 6: Fr. Jose Gutierrez, Feb. 7: Fr. Jerome Hackenmueller. *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.*

ELECTRONIC GIVING: St. Patrick is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings. Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church.

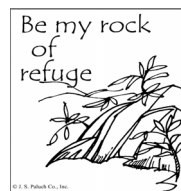
GROUP I FISH FRY: Friday, February 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group I members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off on Thursday, (4th) night of Friday (5th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Diana Schoenbauer @ 461-2817.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 19 & 20. We will be electing two new 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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection January 24, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,357.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$17,837.00



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan
	2/7	Aimee Henry, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Dan Cross
Lectors	2/6	Mike Puncchar
	2/7	John Cassady
Acolytes	2/6	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	2/7	Lily & Bella Schulte, Braden Flicek
Ushers	2/6	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	2/7	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	2/7	Dan & Deb Cervenka

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/7	Rachel Friske, Barbara Lerschen, Deloris Friske, Dave Nelson
Lector	2/7	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	2/7	Addey & Karley Vochoska, Molly O'Hern
Ushers	2/7	Joel Vochoska, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	2/7	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

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!

**READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2016
5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY:

Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson, Joseph & Erica Kroiss.

BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: The eviction, abatement of all guano and insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating will cost a total of \$13,645.80. A capital campaign has been initiated to cover these costs. If you wish to donate, please place your contribution in the collection basket over the next couple of weeks and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Bat Removal"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbel, or Tim Saarela.

STATUS “BAT EVICTION UPDATE”: That portion of the project involving the church attic is complete. The bats are gone, the mess has been vacuumed out, the entire attic area has been sprayed with chemicals to sanitize and deodorize, and the attic has been insulated to comply with the energy code, R-38. The remaining portion of the project is the Bell Tower, which also has to be cleaned out and sealed. We have delayed completion until early Spring. We have had difficulty accessing the Bell Tower and with the Winter weather we have decided to delay until milder weather. The Bat Eviction Capital Campaign is ongoing. We are within \$5,000.00 of reaching our goal of \$13,646.00 Thanks to everyone who has been so generous in supporting this project. *Parish Pastoral Council*

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 14 (Valentine’s Day) from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Tickets prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids ages 5-12. Kids 4 and under are free. Please join us for some good food and fellowship.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection January 24, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 583.50
 Weekly budget requirement..... \$ 1,101.00
 Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....\$13,646.00
 Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining.....\$ 5,121.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis’ sister), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncochar & Jim Cavanaugh’s dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner’s uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, February 5	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Sunday, February 14	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, March 11	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9.
Sun. Feb. 7	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Feb. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Ash Wed. Mass.
Sun. Feb. 14	10:30 AM	NO Sunday School.
Wed. Feb. 17	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Reconciliation—grades 4, 5, & 6.
Sun. Feb. 21	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

The Outward Sign of our Christian Dignity

Continuing my series on Baptism, I move on now to another symbol that is used in the rite: the white garment. After the anointing with chrism oil a white garment is put on the child as the priest or deacon says these words:

(Name), you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

These words and the white garment especially symbolize two things. First, that in the sacrament we are changed. We have become a “new creation”, not physically, but spiritually. We are adopted as God’s children. As St. Paul puts it, “For through faith you are all children of God in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:26-27). The white garment is a symbol of putting on, or being clothed in Christ. Secondly, It is white because this color symbolizes purity. In the Transfiguration this color describes the purity and glory of Christ: “And He was transfigured before them; His face shone like the sun and His clothes became white as light” (Matt. 17:2-3). This is the same as Daniel’s vision of the Ancient One, “His clothing was snow bright” (Daniel 7:9). In the book of Revelation the twenty-four elders that surround the throne of God are dressed in white garments (Rev. 4:4). The white garment is also a symbol of victory and joy, which are both accomplished in the fullest way in Christ’s Resurrection. Those who have been clothed in Christ have shared in the power of His Resurrection, i.e., they have been raised with Him. In the book of Revelation there is another vision of heaven: “I had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes, and holding palm branches in their hands . . . These are the ones who have survived the great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:9, 14).

This is a fulfillment of the prophecy of Isaiah, “Come now, let us set things right, says the Lord: Though your sins be like scarlet, they may become white as snow; though they be crimson red, they may become white as wool” (Is. 1:18). It is sin that stains the purity of our Christian dignity, of which the white garment is an outward sign. Happily, Jesus gave us the sacrament of Reconciliation to take away sin, thus purifying our souls again. As Lent approaches, let us honestly examine how sin has stained our souls, and through the sacrament of Reconciliation, let them be made white again in the blood of the Lamb, that we may bring the dignity we received in Baptism unstained to the everlasting life of heaven.

