

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	2/1	NO MASS		
Tuesday	2/2	NO MASS		
Wednesday	2/3	6:00 PM	SP	Mel & Kathy Gregory
Thursday	2/4	8:30 AM	SC	+ Brandon Bruzek
Friday	2/5	8:30 AM	SP	+Ty Schoenbauer
Saturday	2/6	5:00 PM	SP	+Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	2/7	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 6 & 7, 2021

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/6	Tony Jirik
	2/7	Ron McBroom (choir)
Lector	2/6	Lynn Hoffman
	2/7	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	2/6	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	2/7	Sara Bjerke
Ushers	2/6	Volunteer
	2/7	Volunteer

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/7	Rachel Eicher
Lector	2/7	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	2/7	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	2/7	Lloyd Friske, George Doheny
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!*

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Jan. 31: Abp. Benard Hebda, Feb. 1: Pope Francis, Feb. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Feb. 3: Fr. Robert Grabner, Feb. 4: Fr. George Grafsky, Feb. 5: Fr. Gerald Grieman, Feb. 6: Fr. Daniel Griffith.

**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

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



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 FEBRUARY:** \*Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, John & Andrea Lehman, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Kevin & Meghann Malecha, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Gregory & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Matthew & Krysta Neisen  
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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org).

### Stewardship of Treasure

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
1/24/21 Collection	\$ 1,562.26



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY:** Dennis Maciej, Pat Schroeder, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Allen & Cathy Svoboda

**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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETINGS:** There will be no meetings held in February and March.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
1/24/21 Collection:	\$ 681.65



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Jack Mallaro, 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.

**~Please pray for the repose of the souls of John Sirek (brother of Matt Sirek) and Betty Zanmiller (mother of Pat Schroeder).**

**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. Don’t reply to the text as it is a scam.

**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.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION:** There will be a Lenten study on the Consecration of St. Joseph. It will start on Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 PM at either St. Catherine or St. Patrick depending on the interest. To sign up or for more information please contact Dave Nelson at [dmanang2@gmail.com](mailto:dmanang2@gmail.com) or 952-492-3402.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 3rd	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Feb. 7th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Feb. 10th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Feb. 14th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER :** Feeling disconnected? Every married couple deserves the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next virtual weekends in this area will be held February 12-14, 2021 and February 18-28, 2021. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit the website at [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.