

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 2	NO MASS
Tuesday	Oct. 3	NO MASS
Wednesday	Oct. 4	6:00 PM (SP) St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Oct. 5	8:30 AM (SC) +Lester Maciej
Friday	Oct. 6	4:30 PM (SP) +Virginia Odette
Saturday	Oct. 7	5:00 PM (SP) +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Oct. 8	8:30 AM (SC) +RoseMarie Fredrickson 10:30 AM (SP) For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 7 & 8, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/7	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Green
	10/8	Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Dan Cross, Dan Cervenka
Lectors	10/7	Lynne Hoffman
	10/8	John Cassady
Acolytes	10/7	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	10/8	Bella & Lily Schulte, Bryce Deutsch
Ushers	10/7	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	10/8	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/8	Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	10/8	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	10/8	Maggie & Monica Muelken
Ushers	10/8	Rick Sirek, Frank Simons
Greeters	10/8	Paul & Linda Torgesen

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Oct. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Oct. 3: Fr. Timothy Norris, Oct. 4: Fr. Matthew Northenscold, Oct. 5: Fr. Andrew Brinkman, Oct. 6: Fr. Peter Nosbush, Oct. 7: Fr. James Notebaart, Oct. 8: Fr. Bruno Nwachukwu.



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

Guardian Angels

October 2 is the feast of our Guardian Angels. It is important for us to remember the beautiful and comforting truth that we each have a guardian angel. "From its beginning until death, human life is surrounded by their watchful care and intercession. 'Beside each believer stands an angel as protector and shepherd leading him to life.' Already here on earth the Christian life shares by faith in the blessed company of angels and men united in God" (Catechism, 336). Before becoming Pope, Benedict XVI was asked how could we believe that each of us has a guardian angel. He said, "That is a belief that has developed in the Church and that is well-founded. No one is obliged to believe it. It does not have the same degree of certainty as the declarations about Christ or about Mary. But it is one of the inner convictions that have grown up in Christian experience, that God somehow gives me a companion who is especially attentive to me and to whom I should turn for help. Of course, it will not be equally easy for everyone to be inwardly aware of this" (*God and the World*, p. 123). As he points out there are some people who are more aware of their guardian angel's presence. St. Pio (Padre Pio) spoke to his guardian angel frequently, and we should as well by invoking his protection and guidance. The prayer that we should have learned as children is an effective way to do so: "Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here. Ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, to guide."

It would be grossly inaccurate to think of angels, good or evil, as entities belonging to the realm of children's mythology. They are quite real indeed. They are part of the invisible creation of God: "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually call 'angels' is a truth of faith. The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition" (Catechism, 328). "God has filled the world with other spiritual entities who are close to us because His whole world is in the end one single place. They are also an expression of His fullness, of His greatness, of His goodness" (*God and the World*, p. 122).

It would be remarkably foolish to think of angels as being inferior to us. They are pure spirits and their intellects are far superior to ours. They do not have to plod through the reasoning process, as we do, in search of truth – they see it immediately. The least angel would brightly outshine the smartest human being. And yet they are infinitely unequal to God, and they know it. That is why they love and serve Him (the fallen angels refused to do this). "With their whole beings the angels are servants and messengers of God. Because they 'always behold the face



of my Father who is in heaven' (Matt. 18:10) they are the 'mighty ones who do His word, hearkening to the voice of His word'" [Ps 103:20] (Catechism, 329). Part of their service is to help us on the way of salvation. How exactly they have done this we will not know until we can see them. But when we do, I think we will be surprised to see how often they did. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 24, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 873.30
 Weekly budget requirement..... \$ 944.00
 Fuel Collection.....\$ 519.10



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

*Tim & Barbara Sonnek, Doug & Jan St. Aubin, Jeff & Kerri Sticha, Ken & Marge Sticha, Mike & Jan Sticha, Norm & Denie Sticha, Rob Sticha, Travis & Amanda Sticha, Brian & Beck Szyszka, Brian & Shannon Theis. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT

AUCTION: Friday, October 6, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$12 for 12 oz. top sirloin OR 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage. \$2 kids hot dog meal available.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies Thursday evening 6:00-7:30 PM. Contact Lisa DeGross @ 952-461-4213 or Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 with silent auction items.

NOTE: St. Patrick's will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event.

CONGRATULATIONS! David & Tracy Luchsinger on the baptism of their son, Jack Logan Luchsinger, on Sept. 24, 2017.

THANK YOU: Dear St. Patrick C.C.W., Thank you for the generous gift of gas money. Thank you also for your support. I very much enjoy being at St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's. Know of my prayers for you. Sincerely, *John Hayes*

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 24, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,310.40
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
 Fuel Collection.....\$ 586.50



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Greg & Deb Horejsi, Joel & JoAnn Erickson, Jason & Gabriella Erickson.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: There will be a baby bassinet in back of St. Catherine's Church. Items needed: infant clothes, blankets, and diapers. Cash donations or check donations made to: ICU Mobile (Image Clear Ultrasound) formerly Alpha Women's Center in Prior Lake.

ST. CATHERINE 32ND ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Tuesday, October 10th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be sold after Mass Sunday. \$100/dinner for 2 and a raffle ticket.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, November 5th—St. Catherine C.C.W. Turkey Bingo.

THANK YOU to Dave Nelson and Frank Simons for removing the old florescent lights in the women's and men's bathrooms and installing recessed cans with LED bulbs.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Steve Kreuser, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

R.C.I.A PROGRAM COMING SOON: If you want to become Catholic. If you haven't been baptized or confirmed. This is for people wanting to join the Catholic Church. Details to follow.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are still in need of a few people who would be willing to substitute if a teacher is sick. The volunteer(s) must attend a safety class to be eligible to substitute. *Juli Volk*

Wed. Oct. 4	6:45-8:00 PM	Class grades 1-9
Wed. Oct. 11	6:45-8:00 PM	Class grades 1-9
Sun. Oct. 15	10:30 AM	Entrada Mass at St. Patrick

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Oct. 6	S.P.	Group III Steak & Chicken Dinner
Tue. Oct. 10	S.C.	Autumn Dinner—V.F.W. Prior Lake
Sun. Nov. 5	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Fri. Nov. 10	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Festival, Sun. Oct. 1 at St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Pork Dinner starts at 11:00 AM. \$12/adult, \$5/child-hot dog.

Annual Bazaar, Sun. Oct. 1 at Church of the Holy Family in Silver Lake. Pork Chop & Bologna Dinner 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

French Toast Breakfast, Sun. Oct. 8 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Serving 7:30 AM-noon. Free will offering. A portion of the profits going to the K.C. "Adopt a Seminarian Program".

Aug. 25, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
 "Dear children! Today I am calling you to be people of prayer. Pray until prayer becomes a joy for you and a meeting with the Most High. He will transform your hearts and you will become people of love and peace. Do not forget, little children, that satan is strong and wants to draw you away from prayer. You, do not forget that prayer is the secret key of meeting with God. That is why I am with you to lead you. Do not give up on prayer. Thank you for having responded to my call."