

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 16	6:30 PM (SP)	MacGyver Dunham
Tuesday	Oct. 17		NO MASS
Wednesday	Oct. 18	8:30 AM (SP)	+Lester Maciej
Thursday	Oct. 19	8:30 AM (SC)	+Tim Tierney
Friday	Oct. 20		NO MASS
Saturday	Oct. 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Oct. 22	8:30 AM (SC)	+Norm Theis & +Gene VonBank
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 21 & 22, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/21	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	10/22	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	10/21	Anne Marie Weiers
	10/22	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	10/21	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	10/22	Bryce & Mason Deutsch, Sam Schoenbauer
Ushers	10/21	Dave Roach, Mark Rezac
	10/22	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncoschar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/22	Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska, Dave Nelson, Pat Schroeder
Lector	10/22	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	10/22	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	10/22	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	10/22	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! 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. 16: Fr. Anthony O'Neill, Oct. 17: Fr. Bryan O'Rourke,
Oct. 18: Fr. Fernando Ortega, Oct. 19: Fr. Roger Osborne,
Oct. 20: Fr. David Ostrowski, Oct. 21: Fr. Humberto Palomino,
Oct. 22: Fr. Brian Park.



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

A Council to be Rediscovered

On December 8, 1965, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, the fourth and final session of the Second Vatican Council was brought to an official close. After Pope Paul VI said, "In the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ, go in peace!" the Council Fathers and the crowds cheered as the bells of St. Peter's rang. The last four of its sixteen documents were promulgated the day before and the Church seemed poised to fulfill the hope of John XXIII: "The greatest concern of the Ecumenical Council is this: that the sacred deposit of Christian doctrine should be guarded and taught more efficaciously" (Opening Speech of the Council, October 11, 1962). Pope John XXIII died after the first Session and his successor, Paul VI, guided the Council to its completion. "In no way was it the intention" of either of them "to bring up for discussion a deposit of faith which was viewed by them as undisputed and already assured" (Benedict XVI, *The Ratzinger Report*, p. 35).

Like John Paul II (then Bishop Karol Wojtyla), Benedict XVI (then Fr. Joseph Ratzinger) was present at all four sessions of the Council. He continues, "I should like to say that Vatican II surely did not want 'to change' the faith, but to represent it in a more effective way. If they thought they could open themselves with confidence to what is positive in the modern world, it was precisely because they were sure of their identity, of their faith" (pp. 36-37). These observations, made 20 years ago, are very important for the correct understanding of Vatican II, historically and today. Something happened after the Council that was never intended. Rather than the flowering of faith that was expected there emerged a crisis of faith from which we have not yet emerged. In 1975, Ratzinger observed, "It is incontestable that the last ten years have been decidedly unfavorable for the Catholic Church. Developments since the Council seem to be in striking contrast to the expectations of all, beginning with those of John XXIII and Paul VI. Christians are once again a minority, more than they have ever been since the end of antiquity. What the Popes and the Council Fathers were expecting was a new Catholic unity, and instead one has encountered a dissension which – to use the words of Paul VI – seems to have passed over from self-criticism to self-destruction" (p.29).

On June 29, 1972 Paul VI publicly descried this crisis that was deepening at an alarming rate. The negative reaction to his statements revealed how far the crisis had already advanced as he assigned ultimate blame to the enemy of Man himself: "I have the feeling that the smoke of Satan has penetrated the Temple of God through some crack or other. Since we find reference to this enemy of



mankind so frequently in the mouth of Christ in the Gospel," he believed "in something supernatural that has come into the world to destroy and strangle the very fruits of the Ecumenical Council and to stop the Church from breaking out into a hymn of joy, by sowing doubt, uncertainty, problems, unrest and discontent" (General Audience). Not even seven years had passed since he had thrown both arms high in the air dismissing the Council with such hope and joy. What happened?

(To be continued...) *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

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 Szyzka, Brian & Shannon Theis. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, October 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection October 8, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,599.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM.

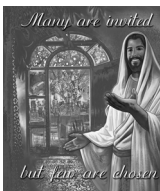
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, November 5th— St. Catherine C.C.W. Turkey Bingo.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection October 8, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 966.27
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Jonathan Perry, Amelia Cross, 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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roberta Ludowese, St. Catherine parishioner.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Don Yackley, son-in-law of Ted and Lorraine Simon.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to their families and friends.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM: The R.C.I.A. Program will start in November and continue until Easter. Sessions will be held weekly on Mondays, starting at 6:30 PM. The Program is designed to educate catechumens in the Catholic Faith and to prepare them for full initiation into the Catholic Church. Parishioners interested in attending to learn more about the Faith are welcome to join. Please contact the parish office to sign-up.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: There will be a baby bassinet in back of St. Patrick & St. Catherine Churches. 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, Oct. 21 & 22, we will have a second collection for World Mission Sunday.

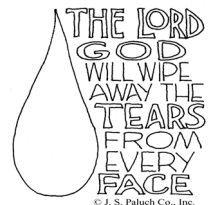
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Oct.18	6:45-8:00 PM	NO Class grades 1-9 (MEA)
Wed. Oct.25	6:45-8:00 PM	Class grades 1-9
Wed. Nov. 1	6:45-8:00 PM	All Saints Day Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Nov. 5	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Fri. Nov. 10	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. Nov. 19	S.C.	S.C. Feast Day & Welcome Sunday
Tue. Dec. 5	S.C.	C.C.W. Christmas Party
Fri. Dec. 29	S.C.	Make & serve @ Ronald McDonald House

St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's Parishes have received hundreds of dollars in grants from the **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA)**. The FCSLA offers life insurance, annuities, and prepaid funeral plans. If interested, call Ron McBroom @ 952-758-2408.



Sept. 25, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children! I am calling you to be generous in renunciation, fasting and prayer for all those who are in temptation, and are your brothers and sisters. In a special way I am imploring you to pray for priests and for all the consecrated, that they may love Jesus still more fervently; that the Holy Spirit may fill their hearts with joy; that they may witness Heaven and Heavenly mysteries. Many souls are in sin, because there are not those who sacrifice themselves and pray for their conversion. I am with you and am praying that your hearts may be filled with joy. Thank you for having responded to my call."