

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 17	6:30 PM (SP)	+Laura Ryan
Tuesday	Oct. 18	8:30 AM (SP)	+Fr. Marvin O'Connell
Wednesday	Oct. 19	6:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Thursday	Oct. 20	8:30 AM (SC)	+Ron Grossman
Friday	Oct. 21		NO MASS
Saturday	Oct. 22	5:00 PM (SP)	+Ken Ley
Sunday	Oct. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 22 & 23, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/22	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	10/23	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	10/22	Anne Marie Weiers
	10/23	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	10/22	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	10/23	Bryce Deutsch, Samantha Schoenbauer, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	10/22	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	10/23	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	10/23	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/23	Paul & Linda Torgesen, Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham
Lector	10/23	Molly O'Hern
Acolytes	10/23	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Molly O'Hern (CB)
Ushers	10/23	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	10/23	Bonnie Theis, Ann Timmerman

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. 17: Fr. Eugene Tiffany, Oct. 18: Fr. Michael Tix, Oct. 19: Fr. Patrick Tobin, Oct. 20: Fr. Rolf Tollefson, Oct. 21: Fr. Jon Bennet Tran, Oct. 22: Fr. Paul Treacy, Oct. 23: Fr. Vaughn Treco.



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'S DESK

The Great Harvest

My favorite part of farming was the harvest. Nothing can match the joy of bringing in the long awaited crop on a perfect fall day. The Scriptures speak of this often: "Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy" (Ps. 126:5). The joy is so great because it is the fulfillment of an equally great hope. From the moment the farmer plants the seed in the ground he lives on hope which is accompanied by worry. There are so many things that must, and must not happen, most of which are out of his control: timely rain, ample sunshine, time enough to grow to maturity without being cut short by an early frost, or damaged by hail, insects or disease. The harvest is so joyful, especially when it is abundant, because it is the end of these worries; the farmer has what he hopes for.

It is significant that Jesus uses this image to speak about us. "The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest" (Matt. 9:37-38). As He plants each one of us in this world, He also plants within us a seed of grace that is to grow and transform us making us ready for heaven. With us too there are many dangers that can prevent us from coming to full maturity, though physical age is not one of them. One can be ready for heaven at any age. Like the farmer there is something that is out of God's control, and this is the source of danger: our freedom. A farmer's crop cannot choose to drink in the rain or the sunshine or expose itself to danger, but God's harvest can. We have the power to obey His will or not, to accept His grace or to reject it, and that choice makes all the difference. The prayer in the Mass following the Our Father expresses our need very well: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ."

It is also significant that Jesus tells us that we need to ask Him to send laborers to gather in His harvest. This is why we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Each works in a special way with God to bring in the Great Harvest. The priesthood is not a career, it is a calling ("vocation" comes from the Latin word vocare – to call). These vocations are born in families made holy by spouses faithful to their vocations. They are nourished in parishes made holy by priests being faithful to the Church and the call they once received. All of this is



supported by our prayers for one another. In every vocation there is sacrifice. We need God's help and the faithful support of one another to help each other make them. Eleven years ago my family auctioned off the equipment we used to gather in our harvest. It was a direct result of my vocation. And though I miss that harvest every year, I am humbled beyond words, and grateful without regret, that God chose me to be one of the laborers of the Great Harvest that is His.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

*Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ACCL BUNDLES OF LOVE: St. Patrick Parish will be doing *Bundles of Love*. See the poster in the playpen in church.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, October 17th at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

CONGRATULATIONS! Megan Ryan & Tyler Green on their wedding at St. Patrick on October 14, 2016.

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Sittings are still available Oct. 28 & 29 at St. Patrick.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection October 9, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,364.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$12,937.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Gregory & Deborah Horejsi, Joseph & Katie Ludden, Thomas & Janet Ryan.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, October 24th at 7:00 PM.

WARRIOR MOM'S BABY BAGS: This year the Pro-life baby bassinet, which is located at the entrance of St. Catherine Church, will be filled with items for the "Warrior Mom's Baby Bags" through the women's veterans program-maternity services at the Minneapolis VA. They are in need of baby blankets, bibs, burp cloths, shampoos, etc. Won't you help fill the basket? Questions, contact Diane Williamson @ 952-447-6404 or any C.C.W. member.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MINUTES: Minutes from the September 18th meeting are available in the back of church.

TURKEY BINGO: Be sure to join in the fun for adults and children at St. Catherine Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 6 at 2:00 PM in the church basement. We are looking for help to work this event, so please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of church. If you have anything you'd like to donate as a door prize, contact Rosie Nelson at 952-492-3402.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Saturday, December 3rd C.C.W. dinner at Ronald McDonald House.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Tuesday, December 6th C.C.W. Christmas Party at Diane Williamson's.

CONGRATULATIONS! Jason Erickson & Gabriella Mora on their wedding at St. Catherine on October 15, 2016.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection October 9, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,002.00
Received October 2 (correction).....\$ 1,173.64
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), 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, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, 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.

+Our parish community is saddened by the death of Benoit Stepka. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend, October 22 & 23, we will have a second collection for World Mission Sunday. Please use the envelope attached to your bulletin this weekend for that collection. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun. Oct. 16	10:30 AM at S.P.	Entrada Mass for Confirmation.
Wed. Oct. 19		NO CLASSES.
Wed. Oct. 26	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Wed. Nov. 2	7:00 PM	Mass at S.P.—All Souls Day
Wed. Nov. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday, November 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Friday, November 11	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, December 3	S.C.	Dinner at Ronald McDonald House
Tuesday, December 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Xmas Party at D. Williamson's