

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 3	NO MASS
Tuesday	Oct. 4	8:30 AM (SP) S.P. C.C.W. members
Wednesday	Oct. 5	6:00 PM (SP) +Laura Ryan
Thursday	Oct. 6	8:30 AM (SC) For All Grandchildren
Friday	Oct. 7	8:30 AM (SP) +Richard Chodek
Saturday	Oct. 8	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Oct. 9	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP) +Janet Rezac

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Guardian Angels

October 2 is the feast of our Guardian Angels, and even though it is liturgically superseded by Sunday it is important for us to remember the beautiful and comforting truth that we each have a guardian angel.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."



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 8 & 9, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/8	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan
	10/9	Amy Henry, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Dan Cross
Lectors	10/8	Mike Puncochar
	10/9	John Cassady
Acolytes	10/8	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Blake Simon
	10/9	Lily & Bella Schulte, Bryce Deutsch
Ushers	10/8	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	10/9	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	10/9	Dan & Deb Cervenka

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/9	Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska, Dave Nelson, Pat Schroeder
Lector	10/9	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	10/9	Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy, Mary Kay Mahowald (CB)
Ushers	10/9	Rick Sirek, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	10/9	Frank & Cathy Simons

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. 3: Fr. Edward Sthokal, Oct. 4: Fr. Martin Stillmock, Oct 5: Fr. William Stolzman, Oct. 6: Fr. James Stromberg, Oct. 7: Fr. Andrew Strueve, Oct. 8: Fr. Aloysius Svobodny, Oct. 9: Fr. Ralph Talbot.



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.

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

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

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

ST. CATHERINE 31ST ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Is your calendar marked for the October 11th Autumn Dinner at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake? Tickets will be on sale after Mass today. Raffle items this year include the following packages: American Girl Doll, \$100 at Rock Hard Landscape, 3 rooms carpet cleaning from South Metro Carpet, Dinner for 4 with Fr. Miller, Dessert of the Month, Raffle tickets will be on sale the night of the event. \$5.00 for one ticket. Something new will be the "Meat Cooler" raffle. A cooler of meat from Pekarna's Meat Market! Tickets will be \$1.00 each.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II:

Jason Erickson & Gabriella Mora.
BANNS OF MARRIAGE III: Benjamin Rancher & Shasteana (Wikenheiser) Rancher.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection September 25, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 537.82
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

YEAR OF MERCY: As the Extraordinary Year of Mercy will be soon drawing to a close, St. Catherine's parishioners are making plans to visit the Cathedral in St. Paul on Sunday, October 9, to pass through the Holy Doors and pray for God's mercy on our nation in this election year. Parishioners of St. Patrick and anyone else who wants to take part in fulfilling the requirements to obtain a Plenary Indulgence are welcome to join us. We will meet at St. Catherine Church between 2:45 and 3:00 p.m. to carpool to the Cathedral and plan to return to St. Catherine around 5:00 p.m. to pray the Patriotic Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our nation, followed by a potluck supper in the church basement. Please refer to the yellow flyer in the bulletin (Or on the table in back of church) for details on the requirements for receiving the Holy Door Indulgence in this Year of Mercy. For more information, please call Mary Kay Mahowald (952) 447-3970.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Oct. 5 6:45-8:00 PM Classes, grades 1-9.
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, October 7	S.P.	BBQ Chicken/Steak, Silent Auction
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
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

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

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.

C.C.W. SOUTHWEST DEANERY MISSION EVENT:

Thursday, October 13 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your address labels for the raffle. Flyer coming soon.

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

FSCLA SPONSORED STEAK/CHICKEN COOKOUT & SILENT AUCTION:

(First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association) Friday, October 7, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$12.00/person for 12 oz. top sirloin steak or 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, garlic bread, & dessert. \$2.00/child-hot dog & chips. Come, see, and bid on the silent auction items. We thank FSCLA for a \$600.00 matching grant.

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

Note: This is the Group III Steak/Chicken Cookout, but by having FSCLA sponsored we get a \$600.00 grant.

DONUT SUNDAY: Join us Sunday, October 9 to welcome our new parishioners. Coffee & donuts will be served after the 10:30 AM Mass in the back of Church.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE II: Megan Ryan & Tyler Green.

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

CONGRATULATIONS! Travis & Amanda Sticha on the baptism of their daughter, Leah Jean Sticha, on September 18, 2016 at St. Patrick.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection September 25, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 3,746.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00

Increase Our Faith Increase



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

