

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Oct. 24 | 8:30 AM (SP) | +Elsie Svoboda |
| Tuesday | Oct. 25 | 8:30 AM (SP) | Priest's Personal Intentions |
| Wednesday | Oct. 26 | | NO MASS |
| Thursday | Oct. 27 | 8:30 AM (SC) | +Dennis Sharkey |
| Friday | Oct. 28 | 8:30 AM (SP) | +Harold & Ed Schmitt |
| Saturday | Oct. 29 | 5:00 PM (SP) | The Thoele Family |
| Sunday | Oct. 30 | 8:30 AM (SC) | +Francis & Elizabeth Doyle |
| | | 10:30 AM (SP) | For Our People |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 29 & 30

St. Patrick

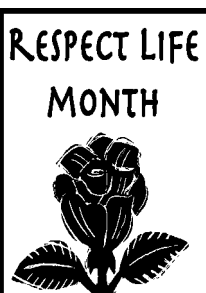
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| Extraordinary Ministers | 10/29 | Ron & Rosie Ryan, Jim DeGross |
| | 10/30 | Leo & Gloria Jacques, Barbara Lewis |
| Lectors | 10/29 | Jim DeGross |
| | 10/30 | Tim Sonnek |
| Acolytes | 10/29 | Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Megan Ryan |
| | 10/30 | Alex & Zachary Schoenbauer, Travis Sticha |
| Ushers | 10/29 | Roman Stepka, Dick Chodek |
| | 10/30 | Rob Sticha, Leo Jacques |
| Greeters | 10/30 | Gerry Sandey |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 10/30 | Dave & Rosie Nelson Dan & Deb Norman |
| Lector | 10/30 | Claire Robling |
| Acolytes | 10/30 | Kristine Busse, Billy Muraski, Phoebe Muraski |
| Ushers | 10/30 | Ken Ceola, George Doheny |
| Greeters | 10/30 | Dick & Vera Taylor |

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 ladies 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!

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 30, 2005, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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First Reading: Malachi 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10
 Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 23:1-12

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TO GIVE AWAY: 2 VCRs. Contact the parish office.

WANTED: Used lite-pro for the Religious Education Program. Contact Deb Norman.

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| Wed. Oct. 26 | 6:45 PM | Religious Education, grades 1-10. |
| Sat. Oct. 29 | 9:00 AM | Bridging-Confirmation Class. |
| Sun. Oct. 30 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School, pre & K. |
| Sun. Oct. 30 | 1:00 PM | Halloween Party at Social Hall. |
| Wed. Nov. 2 | 7:00 PM | Family C.C.D. Mass at S.P. Church. |
| Sun. Nov. 6 | 10:30 AM | Sunday School, pre & K. |

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: *Jack & Karen Keenan, Steven & Susan Johnson, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Michael & Deborah Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Rick & Vickie Lawrence. Altar Linens: Evelyn Scheffler.

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS: The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. OFFICER: The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons if you can help!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection October 16, 2005



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| Received this week..... | \$ 1,219.00 | |
| Weekly budget requirement..... | \$ 1,758.00 | © Annika Nelson |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 150,500.00 | goal |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 100,251.00 | pledged to date |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 89,798.00 | collected to date |

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

OCTOBER: *Jim & Barbara Lerschen, JoAnn & Joel Erickson, Steven & Maureen Rief, Joe & Diane Williamson, Gene Zephirin.

ST. CATHERINE DONUT SUNDAY: October 23, 2005.

FUNERAL LUNCHEONS: We are looking for someone to oversee Funeral Luncheons. Contact JoAnn Erickson if you are interested @ 461-7979.

TURKEY BINGO: St. Catherine's Turkey Bingo will be on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 PM. \$5.00 per card for the afternoon; \$1.00 for each of the two coveralls. Families with last names beginning N-Z are asked to bring one dozen (double) sandwiches and are asked to help set up after mass on November 6th. Families with last names beginning A-M are asked to bring a pan of bars and to stay to help clean up after the Turkey Bingo. We need everyone to bring the food for the bingo. Without everyone's help we will not have enough to serve all the people. The C.C.W. also is looking for door prize donations and assistance working in the kitchen. If you are able to help out, please call Ann Korbel @ 447-1454.

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

ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER: Thank you to Steve & Jude Boeser and Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson for chairing the Autumn Dinner this year. It was a fun and successful event. Thank you also to Ron McBroom for giving us some humor. Thank you to door prize donators: Jim Keeler, Shawn O'Hern, & Prior Lake VFW. Prize winners: \$1000-Cindy Grolla, \$250-Phil O'Hern, \$250-Chad & Emily Sandey, \$100-Dan & Deb Cervenka, Mahowald Sports, Larry & Colleen Friendshuh, Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Ballard-Sunder Funeral Homes, Lucille Schmitz, Michael & Kathryn Wilcox, Al Shimota, Jeff & Laureen Tonsager, Karen Klindworth. Special thanks to Ballard-Sunder Funeral Homes for donating back their \$100 to St. Catherine's.

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Received this week.....\$ 736.90



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen, MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Richard Greger (father of Diane Williamson), Benoite Stepka, Jack Keenan, Mark Ryan (father of Mike Ryan).

A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE BABY SHOWER:

The shower will be going on through October, Respect Life Month. Items needed are: cash, gift certificates, newborn & large diapers, newborn sweater sets, newborn boys clothes, Johnson & Johnson products; lotion, shampoo, etc. There will be a playpen at St. Patrick and a bassinet at St. Catherine to drop off items.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASSES will be volunteering at Bridging, a non-profit organization that provides household goods to the needy. The class is collecting items in the next two weeks to be donated. Bridging needs at this time include towels, silverware, pots & pans, glassware, bedding (sheets/blankets/pillows), dishes & bakeware. Drop off items at the social hall before November 5th.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH: There will be a second collection this weekend, October 22 & 23, for World Missions.

HALLOWEEN PARTY: St. Catherine & St. Patrick C.C.W. are sponsoring a Halloween Party on Sunday, October 30th, 1:00-3:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall for all children of both parishes. There will be games, a pumpkin decorating contest, prizes for best costumes, and lots of fun! Come join us!

C.C.W. SOUTHWEST DEANERY MISSION EVENT: Thursday, October 27 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague, 7:00 PM. Admission is a bar of soap (please bring lots). Also, bring Christmas gifts for Appalachian Missions. Items must be new for infants, youth, and adults, unwrapped. For more information or car pooling, call Sue Kempf @ 952-447-5426.

We believe in the home. We believe in transportation. We believe in education. There they are; an obvious presence in our checkbooks and significant among our cancelled checks.

But where is the evidence of our faith in our checkbooks?

When called for an audit by the IRS, many seek documentation for financial support of the church. When it is suggested that they consult their cancelled checks, the universal reply is: "We don't write checks for anything small." Follow the offertory proceedings in hundreds of local churches. Nowhere in the world does the dollar march with greater dignity than in the Christian church. It is interesting how large a dollar bill appears behind stained glass windows. We say: We believe! Christ is the answer! Christ is the hope of the world! But where is the evidence of that faith, that hope, in our checkbooks?

In developing nations, and in areas in need to be developed within our nation, the church is our only hope! Yet, its resources are inadequate to minister as it must. Never have the opportunities for mission been as great. Never have resources been as inadequate. We tend to be overly impressed by what we give; not because we give much, but because we give often. **Where is your treasure?** Jesus' words in the Sermon on the Mount were these: "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." The home? Of course. The automobile? Surely. Education? Certainly. The Church? Well, hardly. We simply do not fund adequately the mission of Christ in these times.

Let us look back to our checkbooks. Review your priorities. Examine your faith. Give the work of our blessed Savior a proper place in your fiscal concern. How deep is your commitment to Christ? His church? The answer: in your cancelled checks.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Happenings Books available. Call Mary Frost @ 952-758-4222. Proceeds go to M.C.C.L. (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life).

Bingo, every Tuesday at 7:15 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague.

Italian Dinner, Sat. Nov. 5, 5:00-7:30 PM at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, sponsored by Hymnus Choir of New Prague. Spaghetti & meatballs, garlic bread, salad, dessert, and beverage. Only \$6.00, children under 5-free! Door prizes too. For tickets, call LuVerne @ 952-758-3546 or Mary @ 952-758-2604.

STEWARDSHIP—Stewardship of Health—of body and mind. God gave human beings superior minds to be used to fullest capacity in discovering God's plan, in understanding self and others. We were also given bodies in which to accomplish God's work, bodies to be treated with respect, not abused. We present our bodies and we renew our minds as offerings to God.