

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	10/25	6:30 PM	SC	+ Julie Berg
Tuesday	10/26	8:30 AM	SP	+ Ty Schoenbauer
Wednesday	10/27	6:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	10/28	8:30 AM	SC	+ Paul Lemke
Friday	10/29	NO MASS		
Saturday	10/30	5:00 PM	SP	+Lawrence & Gladys Simek
Sunday	10/31	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners and Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR October 30 & 31, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/30	Kelley DeGross
	10/31	Kristi Schulte
Lector	10/30	Jim DeGross
	10/31	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	10/30	Ian DeGross
	10/31	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	10/30	Mark Rezac
	10/31	Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/31	Rosie Nelson
Lector	10/31	Donna Wright
Altar Servers	10/31	Volunteer
Ushers	10/31	Dave Koller, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	10/31	Joe & Diane Williamson

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Oct. 24: Fr. Vincent Au, Oct. 25: Fr. Dennis Backer, Oct. 26: Fr. Albert Backmann, Oct. 27: Fr. William Baer, Oct. 28: Fr. Sebastien Bakatu, Oct. 29: Fr. Neil Bakker, Oct. 30: Fr. Brad Baldwin.

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.

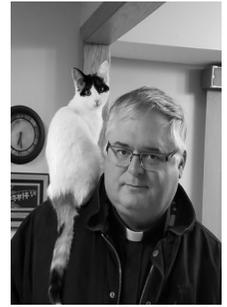


World
Mission
Sunday

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FROM THE PASTOR

Nature Never Forgives



Thirty years ago nature pulled an unforgettable Halloween trick. Just four days after the Minnesota Twins won their last World Series, we were hit with a massive blizzard that left us buried under two to three feet of snow. If you lived through it, you remember it. I had just started my last year at St. Thomas College. I had something going on that kept me there until 8:00. I barely made it the three miles to my apartment, and there was no sign that this was going to let up. I was the caretaker of the apartment building, so it was my job to shovel the snow. I thought that I would get a head-start by shoveling the sidewalks, front and side, when I got home. The next morning, I had to do it all over again. My roommates and I were determined to get to Mass for All Saints Day, so we jumped on a bus that somehow made it to Nativity parish.

The rest of the time was spent shoveling and trying to move cars. That is when one of my roommates asked me a question: "Mike, can you take your car and push mine out of the snow drifts?" Exhausted from shoveling out the corner building twice, I said, "Yes, I can, but no I won't." "Why not?" "Because I don't want to break a headlight." "Fine, I'll find someone else," he huffed as he left the room. A couple of hours later he came back into the apartment in quite a different mood. "Well, how did it go?" "Well, my friend broke a headlight." Trying to avoid the gloating phrase, "I told you so," I said something like, "I thought that might happen." He then got mad at me and said, "You know, you could have a little confidence in my judgment." "But I knew that would not work," I calmly responded. "Look," he said (with a little more indignation than he was entitled to), "All you had to do was push my car with yours, and if you broke a headlight, then you could call me a fool!" In a reply which amused me much more than it did him, I said, "I decided to skip that step."

This episode illustrates a fundamental difference between Man and Angels, and, of course, Man and God. We do not always see the consequences of our actions, though someone else who is observing might see it more clearly. The internet is filled with examples of this. Many times I have watched these videos and said to myself, "This is not going to end well." The great philosophy teacher, Dr. Richard Connell, said in class one day, "The human intellect is the lowest possible form of intelligence." We must reason our way through things and because of this we are prone to error. "The angelic intelligence is quite different from the human intelligence. The human mind at birth is very much like a blackboard. It is only in the course of time, and thanks to sensible experience, that ideas are written on the human intellect. But the angel does not receive its knowledge from things. Rather, ideas are poured into the angel by God" (Archbishop Fulton Sheen, *Thinking Life Through*, chapter 4). This is why the fallen angels cannot be forgiven. They knew the consequences of their decision.

This is why God is so merciful to us because He knows how we are made, and that He is the One who made us. Therefore, we should always ask God and our Guardian Angels to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide us, so that we may not chase after things that will bring us harm, but rather trust in God who will never lead us astray. There is an old saying that goes, "God

always forgives (when we repent); Man sometimes forgives; but Nature never forgives. We are all subject to the Natural Law, especially the laws of physics. When we see someone about to break those laws we are not surprised when it does not turn out well for them. The same is true in the spiritual realm. When we are tempted to break God's commandments we should not be surprised when things do not go well for us. Thankfully, unlike Man and Nature, God always forgives.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Curt & Tracy Anderson, May 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

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

PARKING LOT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT:

St. Patrick Church will be partnering with the St. Patrick's Tavern to improve and pave the parking lot at the front entrance to the church. The work will take place on both the East and West sides of the township road. It will include drainage improvements as well as asphalt paving and striping. The St. Patrick's Tavern has graciously offered to perform some of the drainage improvements to the church property, prior to paving. This contribution will save the church significant dollars seizing this opportunity today versus, in the future. This work will begin immediately in October. If you wish to donate money to this Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project, please mark this on a check, designated "Parking Lot Project" and drop it in the collection at church. Or, if you would like to donate electronically, you can specify donations to "Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project" through Vanco electronic portal found our website: <http://www.stpandc.mn.org/>. We will give periodic updates on this project as it proceeds. Thank you for your contribution to St. Patrick Church! This project will continue to improve our church campus and is a great investment in our parishes future vitality and success. For more information, contact the church office.

ST. PATRICK'S BONIN FIELD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: The St. Patrick Athletic Association (SPAA) has a capital campaign going to raise funds for lights and field improvements at Bonin (Baseball) Field. Please consider a donation. Thank you! www.gofundme.com/f/st-patrick-bonin-field or contact Mike B. Sticha at 612-298-3682.

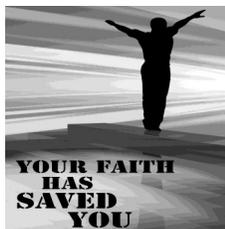
ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB MEETING AND EUCHRE

TOURNEY: There will be a Men's Club meeting Monday, October 25th at 7PM in the Social Hall to discuss the upcoming Euchre Tourney on Nov. 12th at 6:30. Please join us if you can; we welcome old and new parishioners.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
10/17/21 Collection:	\$ 1,906.74
10/17/21 Parking Lot Donation:	\$ 3,200.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR OCTOBER: Jeffrey Lorsung, Joe & Diane Williamson

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, October 25 at 7:00pm.

AUTUMN DINNER WINNERS:

Dan & Jennifer Tomaschko- \$500	John Kane- \$50
Colleen Friendshuh- \$250	Donna Wright- \$50
Jeff & Kerri Sticha- \$250	Vi Chromy- \$50
Mike & LaVonne Jacques- \$50	Rachel Eicher- Split the Pot (\$360)
Rich & Jan Schultz- \$50	Rich Schultz- Meat Cooler
Dan Theis- \$50	

TURKEY BINGO: Join in the fun for adults and children at the St. Catherine Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 7 at 2pm in the St. Patrick Social Hall Basement. The CCW is looking for volunteers to work the event, so please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church. Parishioners with last names (A-M) bring 24 bars/cookies and last names (N-Z) bring one dozen sandwiches cut in half. Light supper with beverages included. Questions contact Rachel at 952-738-2948 (call/text) or email at kandreicher@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
10/17/21 Collection:	\$ 775.38



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Janice Lane, Tom & Jean O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, John Mullenmeister, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer, Shelby Perry.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: We would ask our parishioners to support our local ALPHA Women's Center with their Mobile Medical Ministry by donating checks to; ALPHA Women's Center or cash. Donations can be mailed to: ALPHA Women's Center, P.O. Box 435, Savage, MN 55378

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: Baby bottles were handed out after masses to collect donations for Alpha Women's Center's mobile medical clinic. Alpha Women's Center is a prolife organization that provides free medical services and shows the love and compassion of Christ to women with pregnancy needs. Please fill your bottle with cash, change, or checks and return to the collection box in church next weekend. Your gift makes it possible for a woman to choose life!

FINANCIAL REPORTS: If any parishioners would like to view the end of the fiscal year financial reports, please contact the office.

TURKEY BINGO: It's time for St. Catherine's annual Turkey Bingo. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 PM for fun and fellowship. For \$10, you can play all 20 games to win a turkey, plus two \$50 coveralls for \$1 per card. Light supper with beverages included. Questions contact Rachel at 952-738-2648(call/text) or email: kandreicher@gmail.com

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	10/27/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	10/31/2021	CGS Class 9:15-10:15 AM Confirmation class-Entrada Mass (SP)- 10:30AM