

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Oct. 9	NO MASS
Tuesday	Oct. 10	NO MASS
Wednesday	Oct. 11 6:00 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Oct. 12 8:30 AM (SC)	For All Grandchildren
Friday	Oct. 13 8:30 AM (SP)	+Virginia Odette
Saturday	Oct. 14 5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Oct. 15 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 14 & 15, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/14	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	10/15	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Joan Nelson, Don Pesta
Lectors	10/14	Shelley Shepherd
	10/15	Confirmation Students
Acolytes	10/14	Blake Simon, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	10/15	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Ben Simon
Ushers	10/14	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	10/15	Norm Sticha, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/15	Barbara Lerschen, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	10/15	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	10/15	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	10/15	Shawn O'Hern, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	10/15	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. 9: Fr. Robert Nygaard, Oct. 10: Fr. Lawrence Ober,
Oct. 11: Fr. Thomas O'Brien, Oct. 12: Fr. Marvin O'Connell,
Oct. 13: Fr. Stephen O'Gara, Oct. 14: Fr. Kenneth O'Hotto,
Oct. 15: Fr. Jules Omba Omalanga.



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

The Beauty of Fall

We just entered what I think is the most wonderful time of the year: the season of fall. It is a time when the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Trees that we have hardly noticed all summer suddenly astound us with their beautiful color. Ordinary green gives way to flaming red, orange, and yellow. Sounds and sights of the harvest fill the air. The sky is more blue, the air more crisp, and insects that have bugged us all summer are gone. One is compelled to go outside and drink it all in. It is very important, spiritually, that we do. For it is not just pleasurable to experience fall, its beauty actually draws us closer to God: "For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their author, by analogy, is seen" (Wisdom 13:5). In a message to artists, Pope John Paul II commented on this: "The brilliance of contemplated beauty opens the spirit to the mystery of God. Beauty has its own pedagogical force to introduce knowledge of the truth effectively. In fact, it leads to Christ, who is the Truth. Indeed, when love and the search for beauty spring from a dimension of faith, one can penetrate the depth of things and come into contact with the One who is the source of everything that is beautiful. It is evident that nature, things, people, are able to cause astonishment because of their beauty. How is it possible not to see, for example, in a sunset in the mountains, in the immensity of the sea, in the features of a face something that is attractive and, at the same time, compels one to know more profoundly the reality that surrounds us?" This beauty that draws us into the mystery of God is not limited to created things but is shown even more in human actions: "Suffice it to think of the power of spiritual attraction exercised in an act of justice, a gesture of forgiveness, sacrifice for a great ideal lived with joy and generosity."

With all of the evil in the world, and the ugliness, which is its fruit, it is so very important to remember and experience the beauty that shows the goodness of God. He surrounds us now with this beauty in the season of fall. It is all around us. As we enjoy it, let us all observe it more deeply, and consciously acknowledge the One who made it all. Doing so can help us to become more aware of the beauty of the other seasons: the blossoming of new life in spring; the fullness of that life in summer; the quiet rest of winter. We can become alive to the beauty of even the most simple things. "Creation is a book proclaiming the Creator" (Fr. Thomas Dubay, The Evidential Power of Beauty, p. 163). Let us remember too, that the beauty of our actions is a sign to others of God's goodness, which may draw them into the mystery of His life. "Truth is perceived in the beautiful, which attracts to itself through the unmistakable fascination that springs from great



values. Thus feeling and reason find themselves radically united in an appeal addressed to the whole person. Reality, with its beauty, makes one feel the beginning of the fulfillment and seems to whisper to us: ‘You will not be unhappy; the desire of your heart will be fulfilled, what is more, it is already being fulfilled’” (John Paul II, message to artists).

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.

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 1, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,515.00
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 32ND ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Tuesday, October 10th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake.
\$100/dinner for 2 and a raffle ticket, \$50.00/raffle ticket.

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 1, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,377.96
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: 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.

R.C.I.A PROGRAM COMING SOON: If you want to become Catholic. If you haven't been baptized or confirmed. This is for people wanting to join the Catholic Church. Details to follow.

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.

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.

October is designated by the ACCW as “**Clergy Appreciation Month**”. We encourage you to extend your appreciation and gratitude in a special way to our pastor Fr. Michael Miller.

Archbishop Bernard Hebda has designated Sunday, October 15th as the “**Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Recognition Sunday**”. It's a wonderful opportunity to recognize the dedicated women in our parish who offer so much. We especially want to thank Vickie Cross—S.P. C.C.W. President, JoAnn Beuch—S.P. C.C.W. Secretary/Treasurer and Margaret Sharkey—S.C. C.C.W. President, Kathy Ceola—S.C. C.C.W. Vice President, Deloris Friske—S.C. C.C.W. Secretary, Kathy Prochaska—S.C. C.C.W. Treasurer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Oct. 11	6:45-8:00 PM	Class grades 1-9
Sun. Oct. 15	10:30 AM	Entrada Mass at St. Patrick
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

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Tue. Oct. 10	S.C.	Autumn Dinner—V.F.W. Prior Lake
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

Sept. 2, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children, who could speak to you about the love and the pain of my Son better than I? I lived with Him; I suffered with Him. Living the earthly life I felt pain because I was a mother. My Son loved the thoughts and the works of the Heavenly Father, the true God. And, as He said to me, He came to redeem you. I hid my pain through love, but you, my children, you have numerous questions. You do not comprehend pain. You do not comprehend that through the love of God you need to accept pain and endure it. Every human being will experience it to a lesser or greater measure. But with peace in the soul and in a state of grace, hope exists; this is my Son, God, born of God. His words are the seed of eternal life. Sown in good souls they bring numerous fruits. My Son bore the pain because He took your sins upon Himself. Therefore, you, my children, apostles of my love, you who suffer, know that your pain will become light and glory. My children, while you are enduring pain, while you are suffering, Heaven enters in you and you give a piece of Heaven and much hope to all those around you. Thank you."