

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/2	10:30 AM	SP	All Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	11/3	8:30 AM	SP	Kathy McBroom
Wednesday	11/4	NO MASS		
Thursday	11/5	8:30 AM	SC	Joe & Diane Williamson (60th Anniversary)
Friday	11/6	8:30 AM	SP	+Ty Schoenbauer
Saturday	11/7	5:00 PM	SP	+Rose Ann and Randy Sticha
Sunday	11/8	8:30 AM	SC	For our People
		10:30 AM	SP	+Joe, John & Adeline Horejsi

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 7 & 8, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/7	None-COVID restrictions
	11/8	Don Pesta (choir)
Lector	11/7	Shelley Shepherd
	11/8	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	11/7	None
	11/8	None
Ushers	11/7	Volunteer
	11/8	Volunteer

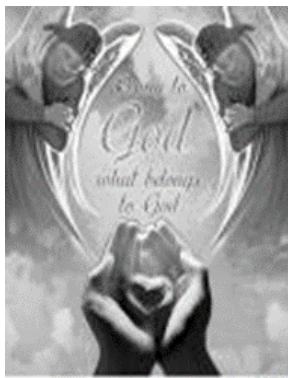
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/8	Joan Bruzek
Lector	11/8	Kathy Conway
Altar Servers	11/8	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	11/8	Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	11/8	Joe & Diane Williamson

*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!*

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Nov 2: Fr. Michael J. Miller, Nov 3: Fr. Matthew Bank,  
Nov 4: Fr. Ronald Bowers, Nov 5: Fr. Charles Brambilla,  
Nov 6: Fr. Peter Hofford, Nov 7: Fr. John Brandes,  
Nov 8: Fr. William Brenna.



**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

### *Memento Mori*



The Church begins the month of November, during which the Church year comes to an end, with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It does so in order to make us more aware of the realities that face us all. These realities are inescapable for every human person, and therefore should be everyone's greatest concern. They are called realities because they exist outside of our minds and our imaginations. They are real whether we believe in them or not. These realities have traditionally been referred to as the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

Death is the most indisputable of these four last things. No one can deny the reality of death, and no one can escape it. As St. Thomas More says in his trial in the Robert Bolt play, *A Man for all Seasons*, "Death...comes for us all, my lords. Yes, even for kings he comes." And as Benjamin Franklin famously wrote, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Though one may find a way escape taxes, no one can find a way to escape death. And yet, despite its universal presence, nothing causes more anguish to the human heart than death. The closer it comes to us the more anguish it causes. We hear of it everyday and may respond with a feeling of empathy, but when it is someone we love we respond with tears and sorrow of heart. We acknowledge that death is a part of nature, and yet, when it comes to ourselves and our loved ones, we experience an anxiety that points to a deeper reality – that something is wrong with it; something is not natural about it. We find the reason for this beautifully expressed in the book of Wisdom: "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living...for God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world"(Wisdom 1:13; 2:23-24). This happened through the original sin of Adam and Eve. "The consequences explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: man will 'return to the ground' (Gen 3:19), for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history" (Catechism, 400). Sin was the cause of death. Peter Kreeft, in *Fundamentals of the Faith* (pp. 153-155), identifies three erroneous responses to the problem of death. The first is to say that it is not a problem; that it is purely natural, and that there is no spiritual significance to its cause or its effect. The second is to look the other way and not *deal with it at all*, and the third is to jump to the solution without facing the problem. Only when we look at death in all of its aspects can we understand the meaning of our existence and the significance of the life, death, and

Resurrection of Jesus. We see then that life is not simply about enjoyment, pleasure, and success – eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die. But rather it is a gift that has been given by God, and is to be lived for Him and with Him for all eternity. This is made possible by Christ and our cooperation with His grace. Then “the sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality” (Funeral preface 1). Life does not end with death, but continues with God, or without Him. His judgment of how we lived determines which it will be. So “Memento Mori” – remember death, and live well.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

\*Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Flicek, Jim & Annette Frawley, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Brian & Renee Hartman, Adam & Kathleen Heimer, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Jonathan & Ashley Hentges, Adam & Julie Hertaus  
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*  
Sunday Collection October 25, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2870.67  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00  
Fuel Offering.....\$ 40.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:

Derek & Stacy Clarkin, Wayne & Joy Liebhard, Joseph & Katie Ludden.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*  
Sunday Collection October 25, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 891.05  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



### AUTUMN DINNER RAFFLE THANK YOU:

We would like to thank everyone who purchased an Autumn Dinner Raffle Ticket this year. You all helped make our fundraiser a huge success. We would especially like to thank Ron McBroom Insurance Agency for donating a \$300 cash prize and to Father Sebastien Bakatu and Deb Buss, who both donated their prize money back to St. Catherine’s Parish. The total profit was \$11,610. Thank you all again.  
*DeAnna Vochoska*

## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.  
+Please play for the repose of the soul of Fred Winker (former St. Catherine’s parishioner)

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. TURKEY BINGO:** Has been cancelled.

**ADORATION LIFE NIGHT:** We are beginning a monthly “Life Night” starting Thursday, November 12 after the evening mass at St. Catherine. These will provide great opportunities for adoration, reconciliation, praise and worship and family formation through personal prayer at both churches of our parish community. Please join us and reach out to DRE Erin with questions or an interest in helping. [religiusedatstpatricks@gmail.com](mailto:religiusedatstpatricks@gmail.com)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** There will be a second collection next weekend November 7th & 8th for fuel.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** If any parishioners would like to view the end of the fiscal year financial reports, please stop in at the parish office during normal office hours.

**PEACE CENTER:** The Peace Center Food Shelf is New Prague’s local food shelf, open and ready to serve those in need. If you are in need of food, or if you know someone who is, please call 952-758-4688. No referral is necessary.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass, Sunday morning at 8:10 before the 8:30 AM Mass, or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Oct. 28	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Nov. 1	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Nov. 4	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Nov. 8	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

