

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Nov. 12		NO MASS
Tuesday	Nov. 13	8:30 AM (SP)	Doris Mielke
Wednesday	Nov. 14	6:00 PM (SP)	+Marge & Jack Casey
Thursday	Nov. 15	8:30 AM (SC)	+Carolyn Rausch
Friday	Nov. 16		NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 17	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Nov. 18	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/17	Barbara Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross,
	11/18	Don Pesta, Jan St.Aubin, Kristi Schulte
Lector	11/17	Mike Puncochar
	11/18	Juli Volk
Altar Servers	11/17	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Mason DeGross
	11/18	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	11/17	Roman Stepka, Dave Roach
	11/18	Leo Jacques, Darryl Volk

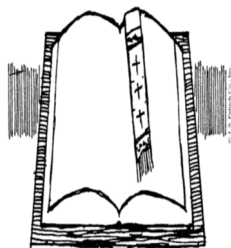
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/18	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Linda Torgesen, Barbara Lerschen
Lector	11/18	Kevin Mahowald
Altar Servers	11/18	Karley Vochoska, Monica Muelken
Ushers	11/18	Paul Torgesen, Tim Saarela
Greeters	11/18	Gary & Ann Korbel

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?

Nov. 12: Fr. Benjamin Little, Nov. 13: Fr. James Livingston,
Nov. 14: Fr. John Long, Nov. 15: Fr. Kenneth Ludescher,
Nov. 16: Fr. Erik Lundgren, Nov. 17: Fr. Curtis Lybarger,
Nov. 18: Fr. Brian Lynch.



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

When We See God

It is always impressive to see a very intelligent person in action. It is amazing to see what can be stored within the human mind and with what ease disparate bits of information can be recalled when needed. We have probably all felt the pangs of envy and the homage of admiration in the presence of such people. On December 6th, 1273 such a person was at the peak of his intellectual powers. Everyone knew St. Thomas Aquinas and if there was a question to be debated they wanted him on their side. Even a cursory perusal of his works reveals a mind of gigantic stature showing why 730 years later he is still regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. But before he completed his greatest work, the Summa Theologiae, “something happened (it is said while he was celebrating Mass) the nature of which will never be known among mortal men. His friend Reginald asked him to return to his regular habits of reading and writing, and following the controversies of the hour. He said with a singular emphasis, ‘I can write no more. I have seen things which make all my writings like straw’” (G.K. Chesterton, St. Thomas Aquinas, ch. 5).



It is believed that St. Thomas was given a vision of heaven: he saw God. When he saw God, he could write no more – not that his writings were incorrect, but because he saw that no human words can really do justice to the beauty, goodness, and truth of God. Recalling Isaiah 64:3, St. Paul says, “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). Here on earth “we walk by faith, not by sight,” (2 Cor. 5:7). “At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known” (1 Cor. 13:12). “Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God ‘face to face,’ ‘as He is’” (Catechism, 163). We shall be like the angels (Luke 20:36) who look upon the face of the heavenly Father (cf. Matt. 18:10).

This is what characterizes heaven above all else: we shall see God as He is. We will no longer need faith for we will see what we believe. We will not need hope for we will have all we can hope for: eternal salvation, light, happiness, and peace. When we see God there will be no illusions, no fantasies, no error, and no falsehood. We will be in the presence of truth itself and we will see that nothing we could ever imagine is more beautiful and good. We will see God’s action in our lives; how He has blessed us; forgiven us; loved us. We will see how we have failed to return that love; how we have been

ungrateful, untrusting. That is why we may spend some time in Purgatory that we may be purified of these things. But when we are ready, we will enter into our heavenly Father's house and say, "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!" (Isaiah 25:9). That is the joyful hope our faith gives us. It leads us through life and is only fulfilled when we see God.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

NOVEMBER: *Mike & Stephanie Rossi, Tim & Susan Rousseau, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan, Rollie & Maureen Ryan, Ron & Rose Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ST. PATRICK ADVENT BAKE SALE: Saturday & Sunday, December 8 & 9. Proceeds will benefit New Prague Peace Center, New Prague Hope House, Scott County CAP Agency. Parishioners please donate your favorite homemade holiday goodies. Drop off baked items at Church (wrapped in plastic) Saturday 9:00 AM-noon or before either Mass.

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: We will be collecting food for the Peace Center through the month of November. Please drop off items in the wooden box in the back of church. Contact Gail Cassady for more information.

PARISH LED LIGHTING PROJECT: Have you noticed? The interior lighting in the church was converted over to new LED lamps in July prior to the festival. The new LED package was installed to provide uniformity of light in both color (Kalvin) and brightness (Lumens). LED lighting is not only very efficient, but it also has very long burn times and will save on long term maintenance costs. The total cost of the interior Lighting conversion was \$2700. We received a lighting rebate from MVEC in the amount of \$740.

Steeple Lighting (Phase II)

We will also be replacing the interior light inside of the steeple and wiring the fixture with separate permanent switching. We will also be installing LED lighting to accent the exterior of the steeple and light the Cross. We anticipate a very nice lighted presence on top of the hill for St. Patrick's Church. The budget for the Phase II Steeple work is \$4500.

Parking Lot / Campus Lighting (Phase III)

With the expansion of the handicapped and senior parking area, we recognize the need for better lighting at the lot to the North of the church. Simultaneously, night lighting on the Parish Office building and the Social Hall will be upgraded to LED lamps and fixtures as needed. This may include the addition of parking lot poles and LED fixtures. Budget range \$3500 - \$8500.

We have received some generous donations toward the LED project. If you would like to donate towards the LED project, please place donations in the collection basket and note LED Project on the envelope or check. You can also contact the parish office to arrange payment. We thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL &

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, November 19th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 4, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 2,421.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
LED Lighting Project collected.....	\$ 5,500.00
LED Lighting Project goal.....	\$ 15,700.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 167.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 60.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

TURKEY BINGO: St. Catherine C.C.W. Turkey Bingo Committee thanks all that participated, donated, and volunteered for the success of another fun filled afternoon. It was great to see returning players and many new guests who said that they would return. The light supper was delicious and filling. We are gratefully saying God bless you all for your support of our annual fundraiser.
Rosie Nelson and Rachel Eicher

COOKS FOR KIDS: The Ronald McDonald *Cooks for Kids* event is hosted by the St. Catherine C.C.W. and this year the date is Saturday, December 1st from 4:00-8:00 PM. We invite all parishioners to be involved in this wonderful opportunity to help prepare a meal for families whose children are being treated at the U. of M. hospital. If you would like to join us, please sign up in the back of church. If you have any questions, contact Laura Saarela.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 4, 2018

Received this week.....	\$1,377.46
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 164.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 65.00

Christ was offered once to take away sins



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PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Nov. 14	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick.
Wed. Nov. 14	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Nov. 21	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving Break.
Wed. Nov. 28	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sat. Dec. 1	S.C.	"Cooks for Kids", U. of M. hospital meal
Dec. 8 & 9	S.P.	C.C.W. Advent Bake Sale
Fri. Mar. 1	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry



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