

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/14	NO MASS		
Tuesday	11/15	8:30 AM	SP	+Julie Toner
Wednesday	11/16	6:00 PM	SP	Kathy McBroom
Thursday	11/17	8:30 AM	SC	+Arthur Torgesen
Friday	11/18	NO MASS		
Saturday	11/19	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	11/20	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+Dick & Nan Eischens

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 19 & 20, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/19	Bill Weiers
	11/20	Don Pesta
Lector	11/19	Kerri Sticha
	11/20	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	11/19	Jack Sticha
	11/20	Scott, Ethan & Ben Luchsinger
Ushers	11/19	Matt Sirek
	11/20	Rob Sticha

#### St. Catherine

Lector	11/20	Donna Wright
Altar Servers	11/20	Monica Muelken
Ushers	11/20	Petro Tsarehradsky, Dave Koller
Greeters	11/20	Lloyd & Deloris Friske

**Bulletin Deadline:** Tuesday at 10:00am. (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!

#### PRAY FOR A PRIEST:

11/13	Fr. Raymond Rickels
11/14	Fr. Cory Rohlfing
11/15	Fr. Steven Rohlfs
11/16	Fr. Pietro Rossitti
11/17	Fr. Michael Rudolph
11/18	Fr. Timothy Rudolphi
11/19	Fr. James Rutten



**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 6<sup>th</sup>, 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 750 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 NOVEMBER:** Brian & Becky Szyszka, \*Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Jon & Debbie Tonkin, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Bryan & Hailey Tupy, Joe & Amy Tupy, Tim & Lisa Velishek, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk  
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

**MEN'S CLUB THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make the Euchre Tournament a success this past weekend! Your help is greatly appreciated.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, November 21st at 7:00pm in the social hall.

**Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/6/22**  
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ 1,901.00
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ 828.69
Holy Day:	\$ 70.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER:** Petro Tsarehradsky & Colleen Thoresen, Paul & Linda Torgesen

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

**TURKEY BINGO THANK YOU:** Our Bingo was a huge success with record sales. Lots of people, 20 turkeys, 2 coveralls, tasty light supper and LOTS OF FUN. Tons of gratitude to all that made it great; Bingo Callers, Kitchen Helpers, Confirmation Students, Door Prize Contributors, Check in Table Workers and of course the Happy Bingo Players that came to PLAY! - St. Catherine CCW

**ST. CATHERINE FEAST DAY/NEW PARISHIONERS:** On Sunday, November 20, we will be celebrating the feast day of our patron Saint, St. Catherine of Alexandria. We will also meet our new parishioners; Gary Boegemann and Michael & Patricia Engler. Please join us after Mass for refreshments and fellowship.

**ST. CATHERINE CCW BAKE SALE:** Sunday, December 11 after the 8:30am Mass. Please bring baked items or store bought items to Church basement on Saturday, December 10 from 9-11am, so we can price and arrange on the tables for Sunday. Please mark items if they are gluten free or if the item contains nuts. Any questions call Diane Williamson at 952-447-6404.

**Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/6/22**  
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ 1,097.00
Holy Day:	\$ 271.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Rose Cross, Kathy McBroom, Ethel Pieper (Emily Sandey's mom), Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, 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, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

### NEW PRAGUE PEACE CENTER– WINTER CLOTHES

**DRIVE:** We will once again be collecting winter clothes for the New Prague Peace Center. They are especially in need of coats and gloves in all sizes. Please place your new or gently used coats, snow pants, gloves, hats, scarves and boots in the back of the Church labeled for this collection. We will deliver to the NPPC the week before Christmas.

Collection dates: 11/13– 12/18.  
THANK YOU!



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	11/16/22	Grades 1-8 Class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	11/20/22	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM Ages 3-5

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**LEADING WITH FAITH AWARDS BANQUET:** Join the greater Archdiocesan community and help celebrate those individuals who lead with their Catholic faith and model holiness and leadership in the workplace. Monsignor Shea, president of University of Mary, author and speaker, will give the keynote address. Archbishop Hebda will present the award to this year's honorees.

Date: Tuesday November 22nd

Location: St. Peter in Mendota

Cost: \$24 (Clergy are free)

Time: Social hour begins at 5:30pm, Dinner at 6:30

RSVP at <https://www.sjbusinessguild.com/> by November 15

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** You have celebrated a few anniversaries... maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb 10-12, 2023 in Buffalo, MN and May 5-7, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-234-7440.