

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Nov. 19	6:30 PM (SP)	For the Church
Tuesday	Nov. 20	6:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Wednesday	Nov. 21		NO MASS
Thursday	Nov. 22	9:00 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
Friday	Nov. 23		NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 24	5:00 PM (SP)	Fr. Gregory Abbott
Sunday	Nov. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 24 & 25, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/24	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	11/25	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross
Lector	11/24	Lynne Hoffman
	11/25	Phillip Scheiber
Altar Servers	11/24	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross
	11/25	Wyatt Giesen, Ben Meyer, Aly Volk
Ushers	11/24	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	11/25	Don Pesta, Darryl Volk

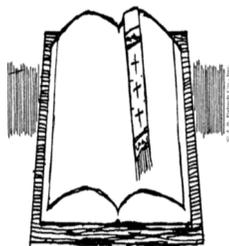
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/25	Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Rachel Eicher, Dave Nelson
Lector	11/25	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	11/25	Conner Anderson, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	11/25	George Doheny, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	11/25	Ken & Kathy Ceola

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. 19: Fr. Stanley Mader, Nov. 20: Fr. Kevin Magner,
Nov. 21: Fr. Sean Magnuson, Nov. 22: Fr. Richard Mahoney,
Nov. 23: Fr. Michael Malain, Nov. 24: Fr. Matthew Malek,
Nov. 25: Fr. John Malone.



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

It is Right to Give Him Thanks

Sometimes we can get so lost in the hectic pace of life that we lose sight of the fact that life, the people we love, and the many things we enjoy, are a gift. As with any gift we know that there is a giver, and our response to the giver is gratitude. That is why Thanksgiving is such a good holiday. It is a time to pause and recognize the blessings that we have been given, to rejoice in those blessings, and to thank the one who has given them to us. If we do not do this, it is very easy to take these blessings for granted and to sink into an attitude of ingratitude. "Gratitude is surely not as common as it ought to be. People are more likely to complain about what they do not have than be grateful for their blessings. They are more apt to grumble about the thorns on roses than give thanks for the roses among thorns. They are especially unappreciative when things come to them without fanfare and in an accustomed manner. They simply take most things – from sunlight to sunflowers – for granted" (Donald DeMarco, The Heart of Virtue, p.97).



The first step of gratitude is recognition or awareness. Sometimes the loss of something makes us aware of the blessing that we had. The old saying, "You don't realize what you had until it's gone," is a painful life experience that we would all do well to learn from. In 1994, when I was in the Holy Land and Cairo, Egypt, I gained a lasting appreciation for countless things that were a part of my life as I saw countless people who would never experience even the most basic things we enjoy. We do not have to wait until we lose something, or even more, someone, to appreciate how blessed we are because that person, or thing is in our life. A little exercise that many families do on Thanksgiving -- saying what we are thankful for -- can help us to become aware of these blessings on a daily basis. Then we become aware of the goodness of these things. We see that day and night, earth and water, living things, plants and animals, the sun, the moon and stars, our life, our abilities, the people that we love, are good. We can see what God saw when He made it all: "God looked at everything He had made, and He found it very good" (Genesis, 1:31).

When we recognize that goodness, we can then appreciate it. We recognize that these good things impact us in a positive way. Not only are we a part of this good creation, but we experience it in countless ways. From this we move to gratitude. We acknowledge the one who has given these good things to us. Even when it is given through another person, or through the efforts of many, or is the result of our own talents and work, ultimately the source of all good is God. "All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (James 1:17). On top of all this there is something even greater for which to be grateful – even when we are saddened by the loss of other good things in our lives. God has destined us "to gain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us" (1 Thess. 5:9-10). When we look at the whole picture, we actually have so much to be thankful for that we cannot adequately thank God for it all. Thankfully, He even gave us the means to do that: The Eucharist, a word which means "Thanksgiving."

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 (Kelvin) 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 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,394.70
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
LED Lighting Project collected.....\$ 5,500.00
LED Lighting Project goal.....\$ 15,700.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA FEAST DAY: On Sunday, November 25th we will celebrate our Feast Day with coffee & donuts downstairs after the 8:30 AM Mass.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, November 26th at 7:00 PM.

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.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY: Tuesday, December 4th at 6:30 PM at Margaret Sharkey's home. Bring an appetizer and a new gift for a senior (Gifts for Senior). All St. Catherine's women are invited. Disbursement of year end funds and election of out going officers (President & Vice President) will take place. Come and enjoy friends in a relaxing setting (no work). Rides can be provided if needed. Car pooling at church driveway.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection November 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 579.50
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Nov. 21	NO CLASS	Thanksgiving Break.
Wed. Nov. 28	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Dec. 5	5:30 PM	Sloppy Joe Dinner.
Wed. Dec. 5	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
Tue. Dec. 4	S.C.	C.C.W. Christmas Party at Margaret Sharkey's home
Dec. 8 & 9	S.P.	C.C.W. Advent Bake Sale
Fri. Mar. 1	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry