

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday	11/21	6:30 PM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Tuesday	11/22	8:30 AM	SP	+Lee Mika & Mary Mika
Wednesday	11/23	NO MASS		
Thursday	11/24	9:00 AM	SP	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
Friday	11/25	8:30 AM	SC	<b>Feast of St. Catherine</b> +Feldmeier Family
Saturday	11/26	5:00 PM	SP	Cavanaugh Family
Sunday	11/27	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 24, 26 & 27, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/24	Volunteer
	11/26	Kelley DeGross
	11/27	Kristi Schulte
Lector	11/24	Tim Sonnek
	11/26	Jim DeGross
	11/27	Mike Eischens
Altar Servers	11/24	Volunteer
	11/26	Weston & Carolyn Feist
	11/27	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	11/24	Volunteer
	11/26	Brian Feist
	11/27	Pat Puncchar

#### St. Catherine

Lector	11/27	Kathy Conway
Altar Servers	11/27	Volunteer
Ushers	11/27	Lloyd Friske, Dave Nelson
Greeters	11/27	Frank & Cathy Simons

**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!

**\*The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 24.  
Happy Thanksgiving!**

PRAY FOR A PRIEST:	
11/20	Fr. Patrick Ryan
11/21	Fr. John Sajdak
11/22	Fr. Josh Salonek
11/23	Fr. Kenneth Sama
11/24	Fr. Timothy Sandquist
11/25	Fr. Edwin Savundra
11/26	Fr. Warren Sazama

**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 Official Pastor of KCHK

### 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 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

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

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

**ROSARY LEADERS:** We are looking for people to lead the Rosary before the weekend Masses. If interested, contact the parish office.

*Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/13/22*  
“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ 1,411.00
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ 830.72
Holy Day:	\$ 20.00

## 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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, November 28 at 7:00pm.

**ST. CATHERINE CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY:** St. Catherine All Women CCW Potluck Christmas Party will be held at Cathy Simons on Tuesday, December 6 at 5:30 pm at 23716 Duck Creek Ct. Elko, MN 55020. Please RSVP to 952-461-3641 or 952-461-2214. There is limited parking, so carpooling can meet at St. Catherine Church at 5:15pm.

**ST. CATHERINE CCW BAKE SALE:** Sunday, December 11, the St. Catherine CCW will have a bake sale after the 8:30am Mass. On Saturday, December 10 from 9-11am, please bring 2 baked items or 2 store bought items to the Church basement, 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.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to the St. Catherine’s parishioners for your generous baby bottle donations of \$456.00 during the respect life month in October. If you still have a baby bottle, please turn it into the collection. Thank you so much, Diane Williamson, ACCL.

*Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/13/22*  
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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ 861.00



## 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!



**OFFERING ENVELOPES:** Our 2023 offering envelopes are available for pick up in the back of Church.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	11/23/22	NO CLASS
Sunday	11/27/22	NO CLASS

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ST. WENCESLAUS OUTDOOR LIVE NATIVITY:** Friday, December 2 from 5-6:30 PM. Come celebrate the most beautiful time of the year with us and experience the live nativity with animals, music and a free hotdog dinner. Nativity is located at 215 Main St. New Prague.