

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/22	6:30 PM	SC	+Paul Lemke
Tuesday	11/23	8:30 AM	SP	+Delores Powell
Wednesday	11/24	NO MASS		
Thursday	11/25	9:00 AM	SP	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
Friday	11/26	NO MASS		
Saturday	11/27	5:00 PM	SP	+Gerald & Teresa Nistler
Sunday	11/28	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 25, 27 & 28, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/25	Volunteers
	11/27	Kelley DeGross
	11/28	Joan Nelson
Lector	11/25	Tim Sonnek
	11/27	Jim DeGross
	11/28	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	11/25	Volunteers
	11/27	Ian DeGross
	11/28	Ben, Claire and Joe Meyer
Ushers	11/25	Volunteer
	11/27	Steve Kreuser
	11/28	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/28	Donna Wright
Lector	11/28	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	11/28	Volunteer
Ushers	11/28	George Doheny & Ken Ceola
Greeters	11/28	Lloyd & Deloris Friske

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Nov. 21: Fr. Mark Wehmann, Nov. 22: Fr. Gregory Welch, Nov. 23: Fr. George Welzbacher, Nov. 24: Fr. Joseph Whalen, Nov. 25: Fr. Robert White, Nov. 26 Fr. William Whittier, Nov. 27: Fr. Gregory Wiest.

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.



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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 NOVEMBER: Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Megan Blonigen, John & Cassie Boegeman, Michael & Sarah Brundage, *Brian & Kelley Buckman, Bill & Denise Buesgens, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady

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.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

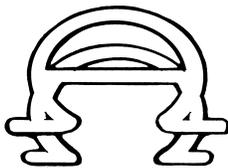
FOOD DRIVE: There will be a food drive for the New Prague Peace Center during the month of November. Please drop off your non-perishable food items in the box in the back of church.

PARKING LOT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE: The paving improvements have been completed and looks awesome. St. Patrick Church has partnered with the St. Patrick's Tavern to improve and pave the parking lot at the front entrance to the church. The St. Patrick's Tavern has graciously performed some of the drainage improvements to the church property, prior to paving therefore saving us a lot of money. As a token of our appreciation, stop at the Tavern for a beverage or dinner when you drive over and take a look at the new parking lot. If you wish to donate money to this Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project, please mark this on a check, designated "Parking Lot Project" and drop it in the collection at church. Or, if you would like to donate electronically, you can specify donations to "Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project" through Vanco electronic portal found our website: <http://www.stpandc.mn.org/>. This project will continue to improve our church campus and is a great investment in our parish's future vitality and success. Those of you planning your end of the year donations can donate to this project until Nov. 28. Thank you for your contribution to St. Patrick Church!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
11/14/21 Collection:	\$ 2,332.34



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Wayne & Joy Liebhard, Petro Tsarehradsky and Colleen Thoresen, Paul & Linda Torgeson

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.

CELEBRATION AND NEW PARISHIONERS: On Sunday, November 21, we will be celebrating our patron Saint, St. Catherine of Alexandria. We will also be introducing our new parishioners, Tim & Connie Sadusky. Refreshments after Mass to celebrate.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, November 22 at 7:00pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
11/14/21 Collection:	\$ 927.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: 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, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer, Shelby Perry.

HOLIDAY WISH/GIVING TREE 2021: We are starting a Holiday Wish/Giving Tree Program within our parishes this year. We are looking for families in need within our parishes who could use help this season (ie: necessary items or Christmas wishes). Please contact the parish office by November 21 (952-492-6276 or stpatrikscatherine@gmail.com) if you are in need and could use extra holiday spirit this season. Families requesting help and donating will all be kept anonymous.



OFFICE CLOSED: The office will be closed Thursday, November 25 and Friday, November 26.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION

CLASS: The Confirmation program requests parishioners of the parishes of St. Patrick and St. Catherine to consider being a prayer partner for one or more of our 2022 Confirmation Candidates. To be a prayer partner is very easy. Simply take a name slip below the picture of a Confirmandi and pray that the Holy Spirit guide the Confirmandi as they further study their Catholic Faith and develop a relationship with Jesus. You can find these hanging in the back of church. Your commitment is requested until April 21, 2022 which is their Confirmation Day.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	11/24/2021	NO RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES
Sunday	11/28/2021	NO CGS
Wednesday	12/1/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	12/5/2021	CGS 9:15-10:15 AM

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Our Christmas Program is Wednesday, December 15 at 6:45pm at St. Patrick's Church. Students meet in your classrooms at 6:30pm.

