

**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2015**

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Nov. 23	6:00 PM (SC)	+Connie Donabauer
Tuesday	Nov. 24	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Nov. 25	6:00 PM (SP)	St. Patrick CCW
Thursday	Nov. 26	9:00 AM (SP)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
Friday	Nov. 27		NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 28	5:00 PM (SP)	Merlow Dunham
Sunday	Nov. 29	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Jeff Schroeder For our parishioners, guests, & visitors

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 28 & 29, 2015**

**St. Patrick**

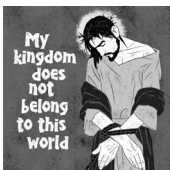
Extraordinary Ministers	11/28	Bill Weiers, Rita Ryan, Dave Roach
	11/29	Dan Cross, Amy Holden, Gloria & Leo Jacques
Lectors	11/28	Anne Marie Weiers
	11/29	Diana Schoenberger
Acolytes	11/28	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	11/29	Hannah & Samantha Schoenberger, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	11/28	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	11/29	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	11/29	Norm & Denie Sticha

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	11/29	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson, Deanna Vochoska, Joel Vochoska
Lector	11/29	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	11/29	Kendra Korbel, Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	11/29	George Doheny, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	11/29	Joe & Ruth Romanowski

*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!*

**READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 29, 2015  
1st Sunday of Advent**



First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2  
Gospel Reading: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**NOVEMBER:** \*Michael & Megan Krausman, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Michael & Deborah Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

**WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

Nov. 23: Fr. Peter Connolly, Nov. 24: Fr. Andrew Cozzens, Nov. 25: Fr. Michael Creagan, Nov. 26: Fr. Anthony Criscitellitor Nov. 27: Fr. Juniper Cummings, Nov. 28: Fr. Luis Alberto Curbelo, Nov. 29: Fr. Rinaldo Custodio. *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.*

**GROUP I VOLUNTEER NEEDED:**

We need a volunteer to co-chair the Group I Fish Fry on Friday, February 5, 2016. Please call the parish office to volunteer.

**MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:**

A big "Thank You" for everyone that helped out with making another successful Men's Club Euchre Tournament! With 58 teams participating, we had the most teams ever. Thanks to all the Euchre players for your continuing support! The Men's Club has decided to purchase more folding chairs with some of the profits.

Congratulations to the winners:

1st Place: Ron Meinke & Tom Menden

2nd Place: Eileen Novak & Kathy Kocina

3rd Place: Karen & Kelsey Fuller

4th Place: Francis Beuch & Monte Hennen

Split the set-money winners: Dawn Odenthal & Janelle Tupy

-Leo Jacques, Men's Club President

**ROSARY AT MALASTRANA:**

We are looking for two volunteers to lead the rosary at Malastrana on Wednesday, November 25th. Call Vickie to volunteer @ 952-461-3036.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection November 15, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 1,991.00

Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00



**ST. CATHERINE**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**NOVEMBER:** Bruce Brumm, David & Bonnie Buresh, Wayne & Joy Liebhard, Scott & Lynn Lombardi.

**ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA FEAST DAY:**

Today, we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Catherine of Alexandria. All are invited to a potluck breakfast following the 8:30 AM Mass. Please bring a dish to share. If you have any questions, contact Kathy @ 952-440-6740.

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**

**MEETING:** Monday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. CHRISTMAS PARTY:** The party will be held at Margaret Sharkey's home this year on Thursday, December 3rd at 6:00 PM. We ask you bring an hors d'oeuvre to share. Come enjoy friendship with new and old members.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE COOKS FOR KIDS**

**EVENT:** The St. Catherine C.C.W. will be preparing and serving a meal on Friday, December 11 at the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis for families of children who are going through cancer treatments and transplants at the U of M Hospital. This is a fun and rewarding event, sharing time with families who are dealing with the tremendous stress of seeing their children suffer and fight for life each day. Pop can tabs are recycled by the House, so please save and leave in the back of church. Prep will begin at church at 1:30, with the meal being served at Ronald McDonald at 5:30. If you would like to be involved, there is a sign-up sheet in the back of church. Thank you for your help! Please direct your questions to Laura Saarela @ 952-440-3662.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection November 15, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 712.52  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00



**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 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."*

**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, John Chruscinsky, Bill Ronayne, Robert Richardson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncochar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Shannon Quinn, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE**

Friday, February 5 S.P. Group I Fish Fry  
Friday, March 11 S.P. Group II Fish Fry

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sun. Nov. 22 10:30 AM Sunday School.  
Wed. Nov. 25 NO Religious Education.  
Sun. Nov. 29 NO Sunday School.  
Wed. Dec. 2 6:45-8:00 PM Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9.  
Sun. Dec. 6 10:30 AM Sunday School.  
Wed. Dec. 9 6:45-8:00pm Religious Education Class  
Christmas Program Practice  
Sun. Dec. 13 10:30 AM Sunday School.