

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/23	6:30 PM	SC	+Francis Tupy
Tuesday	11/24	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	11/25	8:30 AM	SC	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
Thursday	11/26	9:00 AM	SP	In Thanksgiving For All Of God's Blessings
Friday	11/27	NO MASS		
Saturday	11/28	5:00 PM	SP	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	11/29	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	Merlow Moulton

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 28 & 29, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/28	None-COVID restrictions
	11/29	Dan Cervenka (choir)
Lector	11/28	Jim DeGross
	11/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	11/28	None
	11/29	None
Ushers	11/28	Volunteer
	11/29	Volunteer

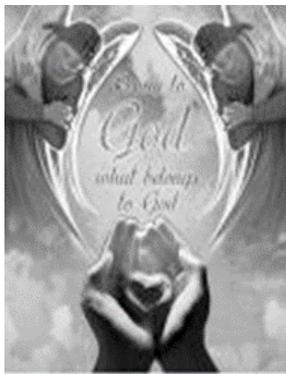
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/29	Kevin Mahowald, Volunteer
Lector	11/29	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	11/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	11/29	Dave Nelson, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	11/29	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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Nov. 23: Fr. John Clay, Nov. 24: Fr. Kevin Clinton,
Nov. 25: Fr. Timothy Cloutier, Nov. 26: Fr. Joseph Connelly,
Nov. 27: Fr. Michael Cregan, Nov. 28: Fr. Rinaldo Custodio,
Nov. 29: Fr. Michael Daly.



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 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: *Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Flicek, Jim & Annette Frawley, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Brian & Renee Hartman, Adam & Kathleen Heimer, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Jonathan & Ashley Hentges, Adam & Julie Hertaus
Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank Tim Sonnek for his service as maintenance engineer. Mike Sticha will be our new maintenance engineer. Welcome Mike!

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection November 15, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 1,645.85
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00
Fuel Offering.....\$ 20.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: Derek & Stacy Clarkin, Wayne & Joy Liebhard, Joseph & Katie Ludden.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, November 23 at 7:00 pm.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Today, we will introduce our new parishioners: Kathy Conway, Peter & Jeanne Theberath, Colleen Thoresen & Petro Tsarehradsky. We are blessed to have you join our parish community and we hope the church of St. Catherine will help you grow in your spiritual life.

FEAST DAY: Wednesday, November 25 is the feast day of our patron saint, St. Catherine of Alexandria. Today, we will pause to remember her life and pray for her intercession that she may help us live our catholic faith.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection November 15, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 897.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00
Fuel Offering.....\$ 62.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: James Hesse, Cindi Ubelhor and unborn baby, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.

PRAYER PARTNERS NEEDED FOR CONFIRMATION CLASS: Each year we ask parishioners of St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's to consider being a prayer partner for one or more of our young adults preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. During this time of COVID our class has students either studying at home, in the classroom or a combination of home and the classroom. The ninth, tenth and eleventh grade students need more prayers this year than those of their sponsors, parents, teachers, and pastor. They need your prayers to stay strong in their faith when attending Mass is not always a weekly opportunity in person and the culture is sending messages contrary to those of Jesus. Please consider choosing the name of one or more of the Confirmands (young adults preparing for Confirmation) and include them in your daily prayers. Please help us by praying for **Aaliyah Carey, Troy Davis, Julia Eischens, Maxim Eischens, Colton Gramley, Brandon Heimer, Katie Kotek, Jeffrey Kubes, Hannah Langeberg, William Michaelson, Sarah O’Hern, Savannah Ryburn and Anna Velishek**

ITEMS IN THE BACK OF CHURCH: There are 2021 envelopes, old picture directories, calendars, etc. to be picked up in the back of church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Nov. 25	NO CLASS	Classes 1-9
Sun. Nov. 29	NO CLASS	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 2	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Dec. 6	9:15-10:15	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Dec. 9	6:30-7:45 PM	Classes 1-9

FRANCISCAN RETREATS AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER: The Franciscan Retreats and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake is hosting the following weekend retreats:

- Serenity Retreat on December 4-6
 - Men’s Retreat on December 11-13
- For registration please call 952-447-2182 or online www.FranciscanRetreats.net/register