

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Nov. 27	6:30PM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
Tuesday	Nov. 28	8:30 AM (SP)	+Allan Schroeder
Wednesday	Nov. 29		NO MASS
Thursday	Nov. 30		NO MASS
Friday	Dec. 01	8:30 AM (SP)	
Saturday	Dec. 02	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Dec. 03	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Dick Malstrom

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	12/02	Kelley DeGross, Barbara Lewis, Rita Ryan
	12/03	Kristi Schulte, Jan St. Aubin, Gloria Jacques, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	12/02	Jim DeGross
	12/03	John Cassidy
Acolytes	12/02	Hayden, Mason, & Dan DeGross
	12/03	Elias DeGeest, Alycia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	12/02	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	12/03	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	12/03	Barb Lerschen, Deloris Friske, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd Friske
Lector	12/03	Addey Vochoska
Acolytes	12/03	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	12/03	Frank Simons, Ken Ceola
Greeters	12/03	Margaret Sharkey, Ann Timmerman

*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. 27: Fr. Francis Roach, Nov. 28: Fr. Cory Rohlfing, Nov. 29: Fr. Steven Rohifs, Nov. 30: ABP. Bernard Hebda, Dec. 01: Pope Francis, Dec. 02: Fr. Michael Miller, Dec. 03: Fr. Michael Rudolph.



**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

### John Hayes is our teaching Seminarian from the diocese of New Ulm

Greetings in Christ Jesus! I am happy to return this year to St. Patrick and St. Catherine. The particular focus this year for me at the teaching parish is catechesis. It is a joy to help with the RCIA program. I hope that it is a fruitful experience for the community.



Mr. John Hayes

Last spring, I gave an update on my progress in seminary. I would like to give another update for this semester. Last year, I was received as a candidate and installed as lector. To reiterate what these are, a candidate for Holy Orders is a seminarian who has been accepted by Holy Mother Church as a man of good standing who is viable for the priesthood. A lector is an office within the Church who is called to live his life in accordance to the Word and to be the preferred reader at Mass. This semester, I was installed as acolyte. The name acolyte comes from Greek meaning light-bearer. It is an office within the Church—as is the office of lector—that is a preparation for Holy Orders. The Church calls the acolyte to be a child of the light and to bear Christ's light to others through his witness of the Faith. The acolyte is the preferred server and preferred extraordinary minister of Holy Communion. He is also able to assist the priest more fully at the altar, especially in purifying the sacred vessels at Mass. Hence, I will be serving at the altar with Fr. Miller (or as lector) the Sundays that I am at St. Patrick and St. Catherine. I will look different from the other servers in that I do not wear a server's alb. What I wear is called a cassock (the long black robe) and surplice (the white garment over the cassock). These are technically the priest's garments, but tradition has allowed seminarians to wear them in preparation for priesthood. You may recall before the second Vatican Council that the altar boys wore a simplified version of cassock and surplice. This is because they were assisting the priest in his priestly role. I am very glad to be given this opportunity to serve at the altar.

I look forward to the rest of the year. Please keep the RCIA program in your prayers, especially protection from the evil one. I ask that you pray for the intercession of St. Michael the Archangel for his protection. I will keep you all in my prayers.

Peace,  
*John Hayes*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**NOVEMBER:** \*Dan & Cathy Theis, Carol Timmons, James & Anette Trecker, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Tim & Lisa Velishek, Anthony Verhoeven, John Verhoeven, Michael Verhoeven, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk. Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

**POP CAN TABS:** All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

**BOXTOPS:** Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

**MASS HELPERS:** We are in need of more volunteers for Mass Helpers. Contact the parish office if you are interested. If you want your Mass Helper Schedule via e-mail, please contact Shelley Shepherd.

**THANK YOU:** To everyone who helped out with the Men's Club Euchre Tournament that was held on November 10th! We had 34 teams. Winners:

- 1st place: Bob Eggerich & Harry Thurmes
- 2nd: Tom & Ali Meyerhofer
- 3rd: Clare & Donna Schmacher
- 4th: Dutch LaTour & Julie Zeigler
- Split the set money winners: Tom & Ali Meyerhofer

Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**THANK YOU:** We would like to thank you all for your very generous donations to Pregnancy Choices! We want you to know that your kindness directly impacts our mothers and their children and we are so grateful!

God Bless, Becky Haesl, Executive Director at Pregnancy Choices

**R.C.I.A. PROGRAM:** The RCIA classes will not take place on Tuesdays. Session begin at 6:30pm in the St. Patrick Social Hall. The next sessions are November 28 (The Bible and Story of Salvation), December 5 (Who is Jesus? Advent and the liturgical seasons), December 12 (the Paschal Mystery and the Holy Spirit), & December 19 (Why do I need the Church?).

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of two parents (or two sets of parents that are willing to switch off) to be hall monitors during religious education classes. Volunteers will need to attend a training session and create an online account for future training sessions.

Sun. Nov. 26		NO Sunday School
Wed. Nov. 29	6:45-8:00 PM	Class Grades 1-9
Sun. Dec. 3	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Wed. Dec. 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Class Grades 1-9
		2nd Grade Parent Meeting
Sun. Dec. 10	10:30 AM	Sunday School

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection November 12, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 1,757.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 220.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 182.00



## 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 27th at 7:00 PM.

**TURKEY BINGO:** Thank you to all that came to enjoy an afternoon of fun from many areas. We had 20 turkey winners, 2 \$50 overall winners, lots of door prizes and plenty of food. The day would not be a success without the many workers, thanks for all your help. May God bless our service. Rosie Nelson, Turkey Bingo Chair.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection November 12, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 703.13
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
All Saints Day.....	\$ 166.00
All Souls Day.....	\$ 35.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Jonathan Perry (grandson of Barb Perry), Amelia Cross, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol

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

Tue. Dec. 5	S.C.	C.C.W. Christmas Party
Mon. Dec. 11	S.P.	C.C.W. Meeting
Fri. Dec. 29	S.C.	Make & serve @ Ronald McDonald House
Fri. Jan. 5	S.P.	Men's Club Christmas Party
Fri. Feb. 9	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Franciscan Retreats,** Dec. 1-3 Serenity/Recovery Retreat, Dec. 8-10 Men's Weekend. Call 952-447-2182 for more information.

St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's Parishes have received hundreds of dollars in grants from the **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA)**. The FCSLA offers life insurance, annuities, and prepaid funeral plans. If interested, call Ron McBroom @ 952-758-2408.

**Marriage Encounter, You've celebrated a few anniversaries...maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized?** Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Feb. 9-11, 2018 in Buffalo, MN and May 4-6, 2018 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Brent & Tracy at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 612-756-8720.