

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Monday	11/28	6:30 PM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
Tuesday	11/29	8:30 AM	SP	Merlow Moulton
Wednesday	11/30	6:00 PM	SP	Priests Intentions
Thursday	12/1	NO MASS		
Friday	12/2	8:30 AM	SP	Kathy McBroom
Saturday	12/3	5:00 PM	SP	For our parishioners & guests
Sunday	12/4	8:30 AM	SC	+Joan Hruby
		10:30 AM	SP	+Dick & Nan Eischens

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR December 3, 4, 7 & 8 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Minister	12/3	Rita Ryan
	12/4	Dan Cervenka
	12/7	Volunteer
	12/8	Volunteer
Lector	12/3	Rob Puncochar
	12/4	Chad Sandey
	12/7	RE Student Volunteer
	12/8	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	12/3	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	12/4	Cole, Ethan & Ella Flicek
	12/7	RE Student Volunteers
	12/8	Volunteers
Ushers	12/3	Mel Gregory
	12/4	Norm Sticha
	12/7	Volunteers
	12/8	Volunteers

St. Catherine

Lector	12/4	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	12/4	Volunteer
Ushers	12/4	Shawn O'Hern & Dennis Maciej
Greeters	12/4	Janet Ryan & Dianne Schumann

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!

PRAY FOR A PRIEST:

11/27	Fr. Gregory Shaffer	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.
11/28	Fr. Martin Schlag	
11/29	Fr. John Schmidt	
11/30	ABP. Bernard Hebda	
12/1	Pope Francis	
12/2	Fr. Michael Miller	
12/3	Fr. Leo Schneider	

FROM THE PASTOR- The Official Pastor of KCHK



The Healing Rays of the Son

As I walked out to my garage to go and offer Mass, I looked at the massive Sugar Maple trees that surround my house and remembered how these now barren giants were bursting with color just a few weeks ago. I looked up at the now-tilled corn field on the East side of my farm and recalled riding along in the combine as my renter brought in the bountiful harvest on a perfect fall day a few weeks ago. I drank in the beauty and joy of that day which opened the doors of my memory to the many times I ran our own combine on those fields which look down upon the farm buildings that were the place that I lived most of my life. Illuminating this beauty was the October sun that, unlike the summer sun, does not burn but rather warmly embraces one from the deep blue sky – “the sun of justice with its healing rays” (Malachi 3:20). I will draw from the well of those memories many times throughout the coming winter. They serve as a taste of heaven which gives me strength to continue trudging along through this valley of tears.

It is important, emotionally and spiritually, to appreciate experiences of joy, beauty, and happiness. They are lifelines from heaven that reveal “the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,” and are springboards from the past to the future. If our present moment is shrouded in darkness and suffering, these good memories can push us to hope, which can then draw us to a happiness that is still possible. This happiness may be possible in this life but, ultimately, this life is finite and will end; therefore, this happiness can only be fulfilled in the infinite: in the vision of God. This leads to the question, is this happiness guaranteed?

We find the answer in the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell. Death is clear enough, no one can dispute its reality, but what then—do we cease to exist? What if someone believes that is the case? Will they cease to exist? We can believe things that are not true. Reality does not depend on our mind or our imagination. “Human reason can discover the existence of God, the immortality of man’s soul, the precepts of the Natural Law and so on” (My Way of Life, Martin Healy and Walter Farrell, p.300). If someone is counting on living life as they want and then falling asleep forever, they are in for a rude awakening. Not only do we continue to exist, but there is also an accounting of our life, and it is not optional. “Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven – through a purification or immediately, -- or immediate and everlasting damnation” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1022).

We may not want to think about these things, but we must because they are unavoidable, and they lie in the future of us all. When we live a life of faith in God, these realities become less fearful, and we can face them with hope in God’s mercy and love. We then see that life is not simply about enjoyment, pleasure, and success; but rather it is a gift that has been given by God and is to be lived for Him and with Him for all eternity. This is made possible by Christ and our co-operation with His grace. Life does not end with death, but continues with God, or without Him. His judgment of how we have lived will determine which it

will be: "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire" (Matt. 25:41); or, wrapped in the gentle, loving, and merciful embrace of the Son, "Come you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:34).

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Mark & Lori Vosejka, Todd & LaRissa Wagner, Joe & June Wallerius, Jamie Walsh & Karen Suo, Lee & Brandi Weckman, *Bill & Anne Weiers, Julie Welch, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, Gene & Kari Witt, David & Susan Zweber, Craig & Aubre Barnd 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.

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

Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/20/22
"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ N/A
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ N/A



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR DECEMBER: Ken & Kathy Ceola, Peter & Jeanne Theberath

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.

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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

METETING: Monday, November 28 at 7:00pm.

ST. CATHERINE CCW BAKE SALE: Sunday, December 11 after the 8:30am Mass. Please bring baked items or store bought items to Church basement on Saturday, December 10 from 9-11am, 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.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 11/20/22
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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ N/A



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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Teddy Simon;** husband of **Lorraine Simon.**

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 envelopes are available for pick up in the back of Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	11/30/22	Grades 1-8 Class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation Class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	12/4/22	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM Ages 3-5

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.

SWEET SHOPPE AND BREAKFAST: The Jordan Council of Catholic Women (JCCW) will host their annual Christmas Sweet Shoppe and Breakfast on Sunday, December 4th from 8:30 a.m. to 12noon at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Jordan. Free will offering breakfast includes waffles & toppings, ham and beverages. The Sweet Shoppe, also open after the Saturday evening 5 PM Mass, features homemade treats, baked goods, holiday gift items, raffles and more. Come and join us!