

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Nov. 4		NO MASS
Tuesday	Nov. 5	8:30 AM (SP)	Kathy McBroom
Wednesday	Nov. 6	6:00 PM (SP)	Fr. Gregory Abbott
Thursday	Nov. 7	8:30 AM (SC)	+Ludy Bruzek
Friday	Nov. 8		NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 9	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Nov. 10	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM (SP)	For our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 9 & 10, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/9	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis
	11/10	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Rob Puncochar
Lector	11/9	Jim DeGross
	11/10	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	11/9	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	11/10	Alicia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg, Sara Bjerke
Ushers	11/9	Steve Kreuser
	11/10	Rob Sticha

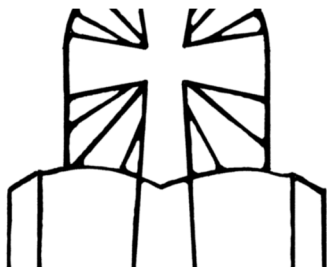
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/10	Joan Bruzek, Barb Lerchen, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	11/10	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	11/10	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	11/10	Frank Simons, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	11/10	Rick & Linda Sirek

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. 4: Fr. George Grafsky, Nov. 5: Fr. Gerald Grieman,
 Nov. 6: Fr. Patrick Griffin, Nov. 7: Fr. Daniel Griffith,
 Nov. 8: Fr. Kurtis Gunwall, Nov. 9: Fr. Jose Gutierrez,
 Nov. 10: Fr. Jerome Hackenmueller.



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

Memento Mori

The Church begins the month of November, during which the Church year comes to an end, with All Saints Day and All Souls Day. It does so in order to make us more aware of the realities that face us all. These realities are inescapable for every human person, and therefore should be everyone's greatest concern. They are called realities because they exist outside of our minds and our imaginations. They are real whether we believe in them or not. These realities have traditionally been referred to as the four last things: death, judgment, heaven, and hell.

Death is the most indisputable of these four last things. No one can deny the reality of death, and no one can escape it. As St. Thomas More says in his trial in the Robert Bolt play, *A Man for all Seasons*, "Death...comes for us all, my lords. Yes, even for kings he comes." And as Benjamin Franklin famously wrote, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes." Though one may find a way escape taxes, no one can find a way to escape death. And yet, despite its universal presence, nothing causes more anguish to the human heart than death. The closer it comes to us the more anguish it causes. We hear of it everyday and may respond with a feeling of empathy, but when it is someone we love we respond with tears and sorrow of heart. We acknowledge that death is a part of nature, and yet, when it comes to ourselves and our loved ones, we experience an anxiety that points to a deeper reality – that something is wrong with it; something is not natural about it. We find the reason for this beautifully expressed in the book of Wisdom: "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living...for God formed man to be imperishable; the image of His own nature He made him. But by the envy of the devil, death entered the world" (Wisdom 1:13; 2:23-24). This happened through the original sin of Adam and Eve. "The consequences explicitly foretold for this disobedience will come true: man will 'return to the ground' (Gen 3:19), for out of it he was taken. Death makes its entrance into human history" (*Catechism*, 400). Sin was the cause of death.

Peter Kreeft, in *Fundamentals of the Faith* (pp. 153-155), identifies three erroneous responses to the problem of death. The first is to say that it is not a problem; that it is purely natural, and that there is no spiritual significance to its cause or its effect. The second is to look the other way and not deal with it at all, and the third is to jump to the solution without facing the problem. Only when we look at death in all of its aspects can we understand the meaning of our existence and the significance of the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus. We see then that life is not simply



about enjoyment, pleasure, and success – eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die. 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 cooperation with His grace. Then “the sadness of death gives way to the bright promise of immortality” (Funeral preface 1). Life does not end with death, but continues with God, or without Him. His judgment of how we lived determines which it will be. So “Memento Mori” – remember death, and live well. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Richard Delaney, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Roman Stepka, Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Sharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER: *John & Andrea Lehman, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein, Gary & Barbara Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Gregory & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell. Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

FESTIVAL DISHTOWELS: There are dishtowels in the back of church to embroider for the Church Festival.

ST. PATRICK MEN’S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: Friday, November 8th at the social hall. 6:30 PM registration, 7:00 PM start. \$20/team. Refreshments and food available for purchase.

It’s time for **St. Catherine’s Turkey Bingo.** We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 PM for bingo, fellowship, and food. For \$10, you can pay all 20 games to win a turkey, two \$50 coveralls for \$1 per card and free door prizes. A light lunch will be served.

HIRING: Part-time administrative assistant for the parish office. Competitive pay, strong computer skills and bookkeeping/accounting aptitude needed. Monday & Friday hours. Contact Jennifer Clancy if interested, 952-292-2539.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection October 27, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,886.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Respect Life Collection.....\$ 904.25



ST. CATHERINE

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

ST. CATHERINE TURKEY BINGO: Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00 PM. Families with last names ending in A-M are asked to bring bars or cookies and stay after Mass to set-up. Families with last names ending in N-Z are asked to bring one dozen sandwiches and to clean-up after bingo. Contact Rosie Nelson @ 952-492-3402 if you have a door prize to donate or have any questions.

CONGRATULATIONS! John & Cassie Boegeman on the baptism on their daughter Emma Margaret Boegeman on October 27, 2019.

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Sunday Collection October 27, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 583.49
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Nov. 6	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Nov. 6	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Nov. 10	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-5
Wed. Nov. 13	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Nov. 13	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Nov. 17	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Ages 3-5

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Nov. 3	S.C.	Turkey Bingo
Fri. Nov. 8	S.P.	Men’s Club Euchre Tournament
Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Nov. 3, 8:00 AM-noon at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. \$9/adult, \$5/child.

Bingo, Sun. Nov. 10 at 1:00 PM at Most Holy Trinity in Veseli. Admission is \$5.00 which includes 1 card and lunch.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends, Nov. 22-24 in Prior Lake, Feb. 7-9 in Buffalo. For more information or to register, go to twincitieswwme.org or call 612-756-8720.



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