

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Nov. 7	NO MASS
Tuesday	Nov. 8	8:30 AM (SP) +Braden Flicek
Wednesday	Nov. 9	6:00 PM (SP) +Harold, Della, & Ed Schmitt
Thursday	Nov. 10	8:30 AM (SC) St. Catherine C.C.W.
Friday	Nov. 11	NO MASS
Saturday	Nov. 12	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Nov. 13	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP) +Rollie & Laura Ryan

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR NOVEMBER 12 & 13, 2016

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/12	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	11/13	Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek, Dan Cervenka
Lectors	11/12	Shelley Shepherd
	11/13	John Cassady
Acolytes	11/12	Ben Simon, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	11/13	Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg, Cole Flicek
Ushers	11/12	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	11/13	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha
Greeters	11/13	Norm & Denie Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/13	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	11/13	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	11/13	Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska, Tim Saarela (CB)
Ushers	11/13	Shawn O'Hern, Tim Saarela
Greeters	11/13	Bonnie Theis, Kathy Prochaska

*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. 7: Fr. Norman Volk, Nov. 8: Fr. Minh Vu., Nov. 9: Fr. Joseph-Quoc Vuong, Nov. 10: Fr. Thomas Walker, Nov. 11: Fr. Frank Wampach, Nov. 12: Fr. Peter Wang, Nov. 13: Fr. Mark Shane Wasinger.



*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'S DESK

### **R.I.P.**



If we were to ask someone to draw a tombstone very likely it would contain the letters "R.I.P." If we were to ask what they stand for we would probably get the answer "Rest In Peace", which is very close. They actually stand for "Requiescat in Pace", which is Latin for "May he (she) rest in peace." It expresses a practice of our faith in which we pray for the dead. The funeral rite contains the words, "Eternal Rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her. May he/she rest in peace." It would not be unusual that this final prayer would be carved on the tombstone. We commemorate this practice in a special way every November 2<sup>nd</sup>, which is All Soul's Day: the day following All Saints Day. The Church throughout the world prays for those members of the Church who have died, but are not yet in heaven. We pray that their final purification would be hastened so that they could join the saints in heaven for all eternity. We call this intermediate state "Purgatory" which is "a state of final purification after death and before entrance into heaven for those who died in God's friendship, but were only imperfectly purified; a final cleansing of human imperfection before one is able to enter the joy of heaven" (glossary of the catechism).

"This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: 'therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin' (2 Macc 12:46). From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead: 'Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.'" (St. John Chrysostom [347-407], Catechism, 1032).

***Sometimes people mistakenly say that the Church no longer believes in Purgatory, but that is not, and never will be true. It is a dogma of our faith (a teaching of the highest order), that has not only been a part of the Church's belief and practice for ages, but has been solemnly defined by a Church Council: Florence (1439) and Trent (1563). These are based not only on Scripture, but also on a profound understanding of human nature, and God's mercy and Justice. Some think that belief in Purgatory belittles the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. It does not. His sacrifice is infinite and perfect, but it must be applied to each***

**individual soul through that person's free cooperation. The call of Jesus to repent and follow the Gospel is addressed to each person. Saying yes to this invitation in our daily lives allows the grace of His sacrifice to transform us rather than simply covering over our sins. This affirms the respect God has for our freedom, which He gave us. If we have not been completely transformed by the grace of Christ here on earth, God, in His mercy, allows us to finish this after death. We can hasten this for those in purgatory by our prayers and sacrifices. As I think most of us will spend some time there let us keep these souls in our daily prayers.**

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** \*Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Darrin & Kristen Burdine, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pamela Caselius, John & Gail Cassidy. Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

**ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:** Friday, November 11 in the social hall. 6:30 PM—registration, 7:00 PM—start time. NOTE: New start time. Cost: \$20/team.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING:** Time again for our C.C.W. Meeting. All women of the parish are invited to attend our next meeting on Monday, November 14th. We will be setting a date for the Advent Bake Sale and other items. If you have any agenda items, please contact Vickie Cross @ 952-461-3036 or [vacross@catholicexchange.com](mailto:vacross@catholicexchange.com)

**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.

**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.

**PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:** Those submitting pictures for the directory will need to have them submitted by Friday, November 11 along with the \$10.00 fee and a signed publication authorization release form.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection October 30, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,390.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00  
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$12,712.00

## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER:** Bruce Brumm, Scott & Lynn Lombardi, Wayne & Joy Liebhard.

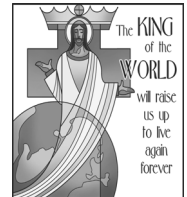
**WARRIOR MOM'S BABY BAGS:** A big thank you to

everyone who donated to fill the basket! It will be a great help to Women's Veterans Program—Maternity Services at the Minneapolis V.A.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. TURKEY BINGO:** Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 PM. ALL parish families are asked to donate one dozen sandwiches. Families with last names ending in A-M are asked to clean up after bingo and families with last names N-Z are asked to stay after Mass on November 6th to help set up. Contact Rosie Nelson at 952-492-3402 if you have a door prize to donate or have any questions.

**ST. CATHERINE FEAST DAY:** On Sunday, November 20th we will celebrate the feast day of St. Catherine and introduce our new parishioners, the Clarkin family. You will also have an opportunity to visit with our seminarian, John Hayes.

**RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE:** Come join St. Catherine's C.C.W. for our annual Cooks for Kids Event at Ronald McDonald House on Saturday, December 3 from 4:00-8:00 PM. We will prepare and serve a meal to families who have children undergoing cancer treatments and transplants at the U. of M. There will be a sign-up sheet in the back of church. A group of 12 is recommended to serve a meal. We look forward to this memorable event each year. Questions can be forwarded to Laura Saarela at 952-412-5207.



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Sunday Collection October 30, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,027.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00

## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, 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.

**ST CATHERINE TURKEY BINGO:** Come join us on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 PM for bingo, fellowship, and food. For \$10.00, you can play all 20 games to win a turkey. We will serve a light lunch.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Nov. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Nov. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Nov. 16	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Nov. 20	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Nov. 23		NO Classes, Thanksgiving Break.
Sun. Nov. 27		NO Sunday School.

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

Friday, November 11	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, December 3	S.C.	C.C.W. Dinner/Ronald McDonald House
Tuesday, December 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Xmas Party at D. Williamson's