

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	11/8	NO MASS		
Tuesday	11/9	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler Family
Wednesday	11/10	6:00 PM	SP	+Jane Lorsung
Thursday	11/11	8:30 AM	SC	+Donna Wright & Family
Friday	11/12	NO MASS		
Saturday	11/13	5:00 PM	SP	+ Erin Kreuser
Sunday	11/14	8:30 AM	SC	For our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+ Joe Horejsi

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR November 13 & 14, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	11/13	Ron & Rosie Ryan
	11/14	Gloria Jacques
Lector	11/13	Shelley Shepherd
	11/14	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	11/13	Volunteer
	11/14	Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	11/13	Matt Sirek
	11/14	Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	11/14	Frank Simons
Lector	11/14	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	11/14	Monica Muelken
Ushers	11/14	Shawn O'Hern, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	11/14	Lee Hesse, Dianne Schumann

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Nov. 7: Fr. Michael Van Sloun, Nov. 8: Fr. Nicholas Vandembroeke, Nov. 9: Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg, Nov. 10: Fr. Anthony Vanderloop, Nov. 11: Fr. Chad Vanhooose, Nov. 12 Fr. Richard Villano, Nov. 13: Fr. Alphonsus Vu Crm.

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.



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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 to 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

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Megan Blonigen, John & Cassie Boegeman, Michael & Sarah Brundage, *Brian & Kelley Buckman, Bill & Denise Buesgens, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey
Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: All baby bottles need to be turned into the collection baskets or the parish office by Sunday, November 14.

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

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.

PARKING LOT CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT UPDATE: The paving improvements have been completed and looks awesome. St. Patrick Church has partnered with the St. Patrick's Tavern to improve and pave the parking lot at the front entrance to the church. The St. Patrick's Tavern has graciously performed some of the drainage improvements to the church property, prior to paving therefore saving us a lot of money. As a token of our appreciation, stop at the Tavern for a beverage or dinner when you drive over and take a look at the new parking lot. If you wish to donate money to this Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project, please mark this on a check, designated “Parking Lot Project” and drop it in the collection at church. Or, if you would like to donate electronically, you can specify donations to “Parking Lot Capital Improvement Project” through Vanco electronic portal found our website: <http://www.stpandc.mn.org/>. This project will continue to improve our church campus and is a great investment in our parish's future vitality and success. Those of you planning your end of the year donations can donate to this project until Nov. 28. Thank you for your contribution to St. Patrick Church!

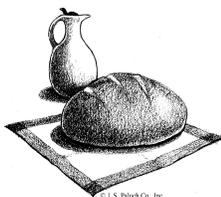
MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMNET SET UP: Thursday, November 11 at 6:30 PM.

MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: Friday, November 12 in the Social Hall. 6:30pm registration; 7:00pm start. \$20/team.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
10/31/21 Collection:	\$ 2,175.74
10/31/21 Holy Day Envelopes:	\$ 50.00
10/31/21 Parking Lot Donation:	\$ 146.80



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR NOVEMBER: Wayne & Joy Liebhard, Petro Tsarehradsky and Colleen Thoresen, Paul & Linda Torgeson

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 all St. Catherine's Parishioners who supported the successful October Respect Life month, “Alpha Women's Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser.” I am please to report we raised \$597.00. Thank you and God Bless All, ACCL, Diane Williamson

TURKEY BINGO: Join in the fun for adults and children at the St. Catherine Turkey Bingo on Sunday, November 7 at 2pm in the St. Patrick Social Hall Basement. The CCW is looking for volunteers to work the event, so please sign-up on the sheet in the back of church. Parishioners with last names (A-M) bring 24 bars/cookies and last names (N-Z) bring one dozen sandwiches cut in half. Light supper with beverages included. Questions contact Rachel at 952-738-2948 (call/text) or email at kandreicher@gmail.com.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
10/31/21 Collection:	\$ 635.00
10/31/21 Holy Day Envelopes:	\$ 20.00
10/31/21 World Mission:	\$ 20.00

Christ was offered once to take away sins

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PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, John Mullenmeister, 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, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer, Shelby Perry.

TURKEY BINGO: It's time for St. Catherine's annual Turkey Bingo. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday, November 7 at 2:00 PM for fun and fellowship. For \$10, you can play all 20 games to win a turkey, plus two \$50 coveralls for \$1 per card. Light supper with beverages included. Questions contact Rachel at 952-738-2648(call/text) or email: kandreicher@gmail.com

HOLIDAY WISH/GIVING TREE 2021: We are starting a Holiday Wish/Giving Tree Program within our parishes this year. We are looking for families in need within our parishes who could use help this season (ie: necessary items or Christmas wishes). Please contact the parish office by November 21 (952-492-6276 or stpatrickstcatherine@gmail.com) if you are in need and could use extra holiday spirit this season. Families requesting help and donating will all be kept anonymous.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	11/10/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	11/14/2021	CGS Class 9:15-10:15 AM