

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 12		NO MASS
Tuesday	Feb. 13	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Wednesday	Feb. 14	8:30 AM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	+Jeff Schroeder Dana & Charlie Dunham
Thursday	Feb. 15		NO MASS
Friday	Feb. 16	6:30 PM (SP)	+Leo Maciej
Saturday	Feb. 17	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Feb. 18	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Brandon Bruzek For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 14, 17 & 18, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/14	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross
	2/17	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	2/18	Aimee Henry, Gloria Jacques, Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lectors	2/14	Shelley Shepherd
	2/17	Lynne Hoffman
	2/18	Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	2/14	Religious Education Students
	2/17	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Blake Simon
	2/18	Claire & William Michaelson, Rachel Theis
Ushers	2/14	Rob Sticha, Darryl Volk
	2/17	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	2/18	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/14	Kathy Prochaska, Bonnie Theis
	2/18	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	2/14	Pat Schroeder
	2/18	Addey Vochoska
Altar Servers	2/14	
	2/18	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	2/14	Volunteers
	2/18	Rick Sirek, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	2/14	Volunteers
	2/18	Joe & Ruth Romanowski

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?

Feb. 12: Fr. Richard Villano, Feb. 13: Fr. Norman Volk, Feb. 14: Fr. Minh Vu, Feb. 15: Fr. Joseph-Quoc Vuong, Feb. 16: Fr. Thomas Walker, Feb. 17: Fr. Frank Wampach, Feb. 18: Fr. Peter Wang.

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

Temptation

Every Ash Wednesday churches around the world are abnormally full. Even though it is not a holy day of obligation, twice as many people attend. The painful memories of a half-empty church on a holy day are somewhat healed by a full church at the beginning of Lent. I think this happens because most people have a real desire to “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” (Mark 1:15), as we hear when ashes are placed on our forehead. The other option is “Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19, Psalm 103:14-16). We are reminded of our mortality, and the reality of judgment, which is a great impetus for repentance. Yet, in the face of these good desires, intentions, and resolutions we experience the reality of sin and the power of the temptations that lead to it. Hopelessness and discouragement follow, and those good intentions are overpowered, leaving many imprisoned as before.

That is why it is so important to understand temptation. The Latin root for the word temptation means, “to try” in the sense of “to touch, feel, or handle.” It is an enticement, an invitation to experience something. The devil’s temptation to Adam and Eve was to make them desire the experience of being like God (Genesis 3:5). What makes a temptation evil is when it contradicts the will of God. Ultimately, behind every temptation is the devil, who uses our flesh, with its desires, disordered by original sin, and the things of the world. The final two petitions in the Our Father are concerned with these realities: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” “In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God. The devil (diablos) is the one who ‘throws himself across’ God’s plan and His work of salvation accomplished in Christ” (Catechism, 2851). This is what he tries to do when he tempts Jesus in the desert. He tries to divert Him from the Father’s plan by offering Him other things that would seem better, including the whole world. He would try again later using Peter who said, when Jesus foretold His suffering and death, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” Jesus knew who was really behind this temptation and replied, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me” (Matt. 16:22-23). He then goes on to say, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matt. 16:26).

And so it is with us. On this earth we will be tempted to



turn away from God's will – to try, or touch something else. These things will be presented to us as being something good and pleasurable; something that promises us happiness. But they are empty promises. Make no mistake about it; the devil is very good at temptation. Though fallen, he is still an angel, meaning that his intellect is much greater than ours; we have no chance of outsmarting him, or making a deal with him. He is “a murderer from the beginning... a liar and the father of lies,” Satan is ‘the deceiver of the whole world’ (Jn 8:24, Rev 12:9). Through him sin and death entered the world” (Catechism, 2852). And that is exactly what Christ saves us from. We must never give in to the temptation to believe anything else. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, 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 Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father 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.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Brian & Meghan Blonigen, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, John & Cassie Boegeman, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pam Caselius. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

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.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 16, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post them in your work place and other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday night the 15th or Friday the 16th prior to 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496 or Rob Puncocar @ 612-499-3103. We hope to see you all there and God bless you.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection February 4, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,799.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: Allen & Cathy Svoboda, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Dennis Maciej.

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 11 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child, ages 5-12, 4 & under/free.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection February 4, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 846.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



R.C.I.A. PROGRAM: The next sessions will be Tuesdays, February 20th A Love that Lasts
February 27th Catholic Social Teaching
Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: There are Memorial Fund envelopes in the back of church if you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Fund.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, February 16, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE

All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING

All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 14	7:00 PM	Mass—Ash Wednesday
Sun. Feb. 18		NO CLASS
Wed. Feb. 21	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9 2nd grade learning centers. 8th grade—Stations of the Cross
Sun. Feb. 25	10:30 AM	Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 11	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival