

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 13	NO MASS
Tuesday	Feb. 14	8:30 AM (SP) Dana & Charlie Dunham
Wednesday	Feb. 15	6:00 PM (SP) +Anne Oelrich
Thursday	Feb. 16	8:30 AM (SC) Lin Kreuser
Friday	Feb. 17	NO MASS
Saturday	Feb. 18	5:00 PM (SP) +Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Feb. 19	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP) +Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 18 & 19, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/18	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	2/19	Amy Holden, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	2/18	Anne Marie Weiers
	2/19	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	2/18	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	2/19	Greta, Claire, & William Michaelson
Ushers	2/18	Dave Roach, Mark Rezac
	2/19	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	2/19	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/19	Bonnie Theis, Pat Schroeder, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	2/19	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	2/19	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken, Rachel Friske (CB)
Ushers	2/19	Ken Ceola, Rick Sirek
Greeters	2/19	Lee Hesse, 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?

Feb. 13: Fr. Paul Coelho, Feb. 14: Fr. Michael Creagan, Feb. 15: Fr. Luis Curbelo, Feb. 16: Fr. Rinaldo Custodio, Feb. 17: Fr. Michael Daly, Feb. 18: Fr. Douglas Dandurand, Feb. 19: Fr. Dennis Dease.



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

Freely, Forever, and Fruitful (part 1)

Marriage and God's design for it "from the beginning of creation" is to be faithful, fruitful, and entered into freely. This is a difficult subject to speak about today because the very definition of marriage has been challenged on so many levels including its very foundation that it be between a man and a woman. Even more difficult is the fact that every homilist will have in his congregation someone who has gone through divorce or has been affected by it. I do not want anyone to feel judged or condemned by what I am about to say; nor do I want him or her to feel that the painful circumstances that lead to the divorce are not appreciated. Whether it is the realization of personal fault or the pain caused by the fault of the other, the remedy is the same: the healing power of Christ through the sacraments of Reconciliation and the Eucharist. The Church does permit physical separation and even legal divorce when there is a physical, mental, or spiritual danger to the other spouse or children. This should be a last resort after all other means toward fixing the problem have been exhausted. These people are not excommunicated, that is, they may continue receiving Communion. However, they are not free to marry again unless a decree of nullity (an annulment) has been granted by the Church. This examines whether all of the conditions for a valid marriage were present. If they were not the sacrament did not take place, even though the civil bond did. All marriages are presumed to be valid until this decree is given. Anyone with questions about this should speak to their pastor.

Despite these challenges it is urgent that the Church speak clearly and confidently about the sanctity of the sacrament of marriage. Its importance cannot be underestimated. The sacrament is the heart of the family, which in turn is the foundation of society, and "is rightly called 'the domestic church,' a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity" (Catechism, 1666). Marriage is not a man-made institution, but rather is a part of God's plan "from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and



female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate” (Mark 10:6-9). “God Himself is the author of marriage. The vocation to marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the Creator” (Catechism, 1603). It is here that we find the answers to the questions that we face today regarding marriage. We go back to God’s plan, Who designed marriage to be between a man and a woman, entered freely, which would be forever and fruitful.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Steven & Aimee Henry, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

GROUP I FISH FRY: Friday, February 24th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group I members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (23rd) night or Friday, (24th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Diana Schoenbauer @ 952-461-2817 or Craig Barnd @ 952-492-3048.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. 2017 SPIRITUAL DAY:

Saturday, March 4th at Our Lady of the Prairie Parish in Belle Plaine. Cost is \$8.00. Speaker Michelle Gelineau will be speaking on *Deepening Your Relationship with Jesus Christ*. See the flyer in the back of church and in the social hall for more information. Contact Marion Anderson @ 507-334-0209 or maander@charter.net

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

March 18 & 19. We will be electing two members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O’Brien, or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

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.

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT: See the display in the back of church. Take a look at the book. Please consider making contributions in 2017 before the end of this campaign. We will be making a plaque with everyone’s name on it that has donated.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection February 5, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 3,156.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$ 7,550.25

Obey and teach
God's commandments



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 12th, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/child, 4 and under free. Please join us for some good food and fellowship.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection February 5, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 952.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, 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 Jacques 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.

LENTEN FAITH-FORMATION FILM SERIES: Tuesdays, March 7-April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM following 6:30 Mass at St. Patrick Church.

Join us for a 10-episode (5 session) dramatic film journey titled “*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*”. In this breathtaking film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God’s merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** Each video viewing will be followed by a short discussion led by Fr. Michael Miller. There is no charge for this series. For a video preview go to : <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Mon. Feb. 13	7:00 PM	Jason Evert-St. Michael’s
Wed. Feb. 15	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-8.
Sun. Feb. 19		NO Sunday School.
Wed. Feb. 22	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Feb. 26	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 12	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Feb. 24	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Sat. July 19	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour