

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	2/14	NO MASS		
Tuesday	2/15	8:30 AM	SP	+Julie Toner
Wednesday	2/16	6:00 PM	SP	Charlie & Dana Dunham
Thursday	2/17	8:30 AM	SC	+Thomas Cottrell
Friday	2/18	NO MASS		
Saturday	2/19	5:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Leo Huber
Sunday	2/20	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+Dick & Nan Eischens

LITURGICAL MINISTERS February 19 & 20, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/19	Bill Weiers
	2/20	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	2/19	Kerri Sticha
	2/20	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	2/19	Jack Sticha
	2/20	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	2/19	Mel Gregory
	2/20	Pat Puncochar

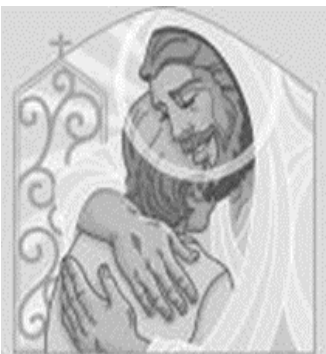
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/20	Dave Nelson
Lector	2/20	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	2/20	Monica Muelken
Ushers	2/20	Kevin Mahowald, George Doheny
Greeters	2/20	Diane Schumann, Bonnie Theis

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?

Feb. 13: Fr. Stefano Colombo, Feb. 14: Fr. Timothy Combs, Feb. 15: Fr. Joseph Connelly, Feb. 16: Fr. Andrew Cozzens, Feb. 17: Fr. Michael Creagan, Feb. 18: Fr. Rinaldo Custodio, Feb. 19: Fr. Cyprian Czop.



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.

Your reward will be great in heaven

FROM THE PASTOR

Born of Water and the Spirit



The primary symbol used in the sacrament of Baptism is water. It is one of the most important elements on this earth, for without it life cannot exist. Hence, it is most appropriate that it is used in the sacrament which is the gateway to life in the Spirit. From the very beginning of the world, through the Old Testament, to Jesus it is a symbol of life. As the blessing of the baptismal water states: "Father, you give us grace through sacramental signs, which tell us of the wonders of your unseen power. In Baptism we use your gift of water, which you made a rich symbol of the grace you give us in this sacrament." Genesis 1:2 speaks of the Spirit of God sweeping over the waters at the very dawn of creation. Not only does water bring life; it also brings death as in the great flood. "The waters of the great flood you made a sign of the waters of Baptism, that make an end of sin and a new beginning of goodness." Moses bringing the people through the Red Sea is another important prefiguration of Baptism. "Through the waters of the Red Sea you led Israel out of slavery to be an image of God's holy people, set free from sin by baptism." "Finally, Baptism is prefigured in the crossing of the Jordan River by which the People of God received the gift of the land promised to Abraham's descendants, an image of eternal life. The promise of the blessed inheritance is fulfilled in the New Covenant" (Catechism, 1222).

All of these prefigurations of the Old Testament are fulfilled in Christ. He begins His public life by submitting to John's baptism and ends it by pouring out His blood upon the cross. "In the waters of the Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit. Your Son willed that water and blood should flow from His side as He hung upon the cross" (blessing). His final command to His disciples was to "go therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Matt. 28:19-20). The Church has been obedient to this command ever since. The Church uses the rich symbol of water to bring about the tremendous gift that we receive in Baptism. As we end the blessing we pray, "by the power of the Holy Spirit give to this water the grace of your Son, so that in the sacrament of baptism all those whom you have created in your likeness may be

cleansed from sin and rise to a new birth of innocence by water and the Holy Spirit.”

Water seems so common and ordinary and yet we see the extraordinary things God has done with it throughout salvation history. And yet the greatest thing of all is that through it He has adopted us as His own children, born of water and the Spirit.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: *Brian & Renee Hartmann, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Fliccek, Jim & Annette Frawley, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Bob & Maria Hanson, Adam & Kathleen Heimer, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Jonathan & Ashley Hentges, Adam & Julie Hertaus.
Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

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.

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

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, February 21st at 7:00pm in the social hall.

GROUP 1 FISH FRY: Friday, February 25; 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids: (ages 4-12) \$6 (ages 3 and under) free. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church or you can sign-up online at www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-stpatricks1. There will be set up on Thursday, February 24 at 7 pm. Group 1 members are asked to bring a pan of bars.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
2/6/22 Collection:	\$ 3,705.86
2/6/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 60.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Dennis Maciej, Pat Schroeder.

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.

ST. CATHERINE’S ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST: TODAY! Sunday, February 13th from 9:30am-12:30pm. Adults \$8.00, Kids: (ages 5-12) \$4.00 (ages 4 and under) free.

PARISH COUNCIL: Parishioners interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
2/6/22 Collection:	\$ 1,495.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Brandon Witt, Mary Lou Delaney, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, 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.

ALPHA WOMEN’S CENTER THANK YOU: Thank you for your support in our 2021 Baby Bottle Campaign raising \$679.63 in total.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

BETHLEHEM ACADEMY HS OPEN HOUSE– Sunday, February 13th; 11am-1pm. Walk-ins welcome or pre-register @ www.bacards.org. Scholarships available!

ST. WENCESLAUS SOUP SUPPER: Monday Feb. 21, 4-6:30PM in the Church basement. Free will offering, tickets available at the door. Proceeds to benefit St. Paul Dorothy Day Center.

CCW LENTEN RETREAT: Devine Mercy– Faribault; Saturday, March 5; 8:30 AM Mass. Enjoy a light breakfast & speaker Nancy Jo Sullivan- “When Everything Changes: Following the Footsteps of Mary”. \$10; registration required: 507-331-7253 by Feb. 25.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	2/16/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	2/20/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM
Wednesday	2/23/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	2/27/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

FIRST

RECONCILIATION:

Our 2nd graders had their first Reconciliation. Congratulations Lauren, Levi, Mathew, Carter, Cora, Zane, Howie, Ben & Frannie! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for their First Communion!



SAVE THE DATE: We are partnering with St. Wenceslaus Parish for the 2022 Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) on June 20-24 for the Kid’s Program and June 19-23 for the Teen’s Program. More info to follow.