

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. PATRICK FEBRUARY 14, 2016

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 15	6:00 PM (SC)	+Alfred Zeindler
Tuesday	Feb. 16	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Feb. 17	6:00 PM (SP)	Mitchol Dunham
Thursday	Feb. 18		NO MASS
Friday	Feb. 19	6:30PM (SC)	For the end of abortion
Saturday	Feb. 20	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Feb. 21	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 20 & 21, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/20	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	2/21	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	2/20	Anne Marie Weiers
	2/21	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	2/20	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	2/21	Bryce Deutsch, Samantha Schoenbauer, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	2/20	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	2/21	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	2/21	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/21	Rachel Friske, Deloris Friske, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	2/21	Dave Nelson
Acolytes	2/21	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Bryce Horejsi
Ushers	2/21	George Doheny, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	2/21	Tim & Laura Saarela

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!

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2016 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT



First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1
 Gospel Reading: Luke 9:28b-36

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Jesse & Rebecca Pexa, Jeff Paul, Don & Elaine Pesta, Roger & Jackie Pomije, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Mike & Rachel Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Feb. 15: Fr. Robert Hazel, Feb. 16: Fr. Daniel Healy, Feb. 17: Fr. David Hennen, Feb. 18: Fr. James Herrmann, Feb. 19: Fr. Roger Hessian, Feb. 20: Fr. James Himmelsbach, Feb. 21: Fr. Patrick Hipwell. *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.*

ELECTRONIC GIVING:

Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL &

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, February 15th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

GROUP II FISH FRY:

Friday, March 11, 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 II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off on Thursday, (10th) night or Friday (11th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob & Jodie Puncochar @ 952-758-5143.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

March 19 & 20. We will be electing two new 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Craig & Kristin Flicek on the baptism of their son, Jack Joseph Flicek. Cory & Angelique Kopas on the baptism of their son, Connor Anthony Kopas.

WE NEED ACOLYTES:

St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your 1st communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson @ 952-233-8772 or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 7, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,167.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: The eviction, abatement of all guano and insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating will cost a total of \$13,645.80. A capital campaign has been initiated to cover these costs. If you wish to donate, please place your contribution in the collection basket over the next couple of weeks and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled “Bat Removal”). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbel, or Tim Saarela.

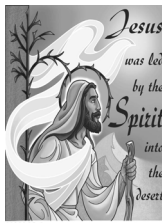
ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 14 (Valentine’s Day) from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Tickets prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for kids ages 5-12. Kids 4 and under are free. Please join us.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, February 22nd at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection February 7, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 658.10
Weekly budget requirement..... \$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining.....\$ 4,501.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis’ sister), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncochar & Jim Cavanaugh’s dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner’s uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoitte Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fri. Feb. 19	7:00 PM	St. Catherine
Fri. Feb. 26	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Fri. Mar. 4	7:00 PM	St. Catherine
Fri. Mar. 11	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Fri. Mar. 18	7:00 PM	St. Catherine
Fri. Mar. 25	3:00 PM	St. Patrick (Good Friday)

Mass & Benediction each Friday at 6:30 PM before Stations.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday, February 14	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Friday, March 11	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Friday, April 8	S.P.	Men’s Club Euchre Tournament
Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 17	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Reconciliation—grades 4, 5, & 6.
Sun. Feb. 21	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Feb. 24	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Stations of the Cross—8th & 9th grade.
Sun. Feb. 28	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Mar. 2	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Stations of the Cross—1st--7th grade.
Sun. Mar. 6	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

If only I could find the time

There is a song by Harry Chapin called “Cat’s in the Cradle” in which the singer looks back on his life and realizes that he never got to know his son because he was so busy that he could not take the time to do so. Later in life he has the time, but his son does not. He asks the son if he could come over and visit, and the son tells him, “I’d love to, Dad, if I could find the time.” It occurs to the father as he hangs up the phone that his son has grown up to be just like him, and he is sad because they do not know each other. They could not find the time to do so.

The same thing can happen in our relationship with God. If we do not find the time to speak to Him in prayer, read His word in the Scriptures, study our faith as taught by the Church, and put that faith into practice, we will find that we do not know Him. I propose that the most important thing we could do this Lent is to find more time for God. In the past, monetary sacrifices were much more difficult. People would give up something and use the money they saved as an offering, which is called alms. Today, I think that sacrifices of time are more difficult, and valuable; this opens us up to receive the great fruits of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. We are busier and we have more things to do, but are these things really the best use of our time? Time is a gift to be used, not killed. There surely is “an appointed time for everything” (Ecclesiastes 3:1), but most important is “the timeless” that God has put into our hearts. God is the Timeless One, Who has made us to share His eternal life; He is inviting us each day to know Him better and to deepen this relationship and we may be saying, “I’d love to, Father, if I could find the time.”

So we must find the time. We must look honestly at our daily routine and ask what can we give up that will create this time: television, radio, games, amusements, the phone, the Internet, email, texting, Facebook and other social networks? (I first wrote this article 14 years ago “the phone” was the last item on the list, which shows how much things have changed since then, and why the issue of time management is even more difficult.) However we spend our time, we most likely can find something we can give up that will give us more time to spend with God. A half-hour television show can be given up and dedicated to prayer. Perhaps our morning routine could be rearranged to include daily Mass. Instead of reading the newspaper, or the always available news on the Internet, we could dedicate that time to reading the Scriptures, the Catechism, The Holy Father, or some other great author (the positive side of our current technology is that these resources are much more accessible). Maybe we could turn off the radio for a while and think about God, or speak to Him in our own words, or offer some prayers for someone who needs them. Perhaps we could give up some of our idle conversations with the same people, and renew a lost relationship, or help someone who is lonely or in need.

In short, we usually can find the time to do whatever we enjoy, or consider important. In the final analysis there is nothing more important than our relationship with God, and living it out in our daily lives. What bitter regret we will have when, at the end of our lives, we meet God face to face and realize that we do not know Him because we could not find the time.