

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 19	6:30 PM (SP)	For the gift of faith and the conversion of all who do not believe in Christ
Tuesday	Feb. 20	6:00 PM (SP)	Thole Family
Wednesday	Feb. 21	6:00 PM (SP)	For our President and Country
Thursday	Feb. 22		NO MASS
Friday	Feb. 23	6:30 PM (SC)	For the souls in Purgatory
Saturday	Feb. 24	5:00 PM (SP)	Lin Kreuser
Sunday	Feb. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2018

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/24	Barbara Lewis, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	2/25	Amy Holden, Heidi Michaelson, Everett Nelson, Joan Nelson
Lectors	2/24	Anne Marie Weiers
	2/25	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	2/24	Joe Weiers, Dan DeGross, Ian DeGross
	2/25	Cole Flicek, Alyssa Volk, Elias DeGeest
Ushers	2/24	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	2/25	Pat Punchochar, Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

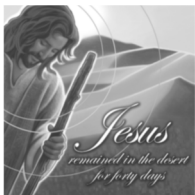
Extraordinary Ministers	2/25	Joan Bruzek, Rachel Eicher, Deloris Friske, Lloyd Friske
Lector	2/25	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	2/25	Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	2/25	Joel Vochoska, Ken Ceola
Greeters	2/25	Tim & Laura Saarela

*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!*

### **WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

Feb. 19: Fr. Mark Wasinger, Feb. 20: Fr. Cypryan Weaver, Feb. 21: Fr. Joseph Weiss, Feb. 22: Fr. Gregory Welch, Feb. 23: Fr. George Welz-Bacher, Feb. 24: Fr. Joseph Whalen, Feb. 25: Fr. Robert White.

**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.**



### **Conversion, Not Compromise**

The very first words that we hear Jesus speak in the Gospel of Mark are, "This is the time of fulfillment. The

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kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mark 1:15). These words have all the meaning and urgency today that they had then. Jesus brought the Father's plan of salvation to fulfillment. The kingdom of God was and still is at hand. This is the Good News, the Gospel, of salvation. Hence, it must be believed. If we believe in the Gospel, we must follow it. Yet we know from experience that we fail. What are we to do? Repent. Be sorry for these failures and make a change for the better. That is the call of Lent: to identify those areas in our lives that are not in conformity with the Gospel, and grace that we received in baptism. When we know what these things are, we follow that repentance with conversion. We must turn away from them and turn toward Christ and the Gospel He taught, and continues to teach through His Church. Repentance and conversion go hand in hand. Christ's call to repent is a call to convert. "Interior repentance is a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart, an end of sin, a turning away from evil, with repugnance toward the evil actions we have committed. At the same time it entails the desire and resolution to change one's life, with hope in God's mercy and trust in the help of His grace" (Catechism 1431).



I think it is difficult for us today to understand the full meaning and necessity of conversion and repentance. Our culture emphasizes diversity, dialogue, and compromise. We often seek to reach agreements that we can all be happy with, and we often settle to "agree to disagree." While these things may be necessary and even good in a society marked by difference, it is not the way we are to approach Christ and the Gospel. He did not come into the world saying, "Let's all get along. Let's work out and appreciate our differences. I am the great diplomat." He said quite plainly, and without apology, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). We do not go through Him by bargaining with Him in a give-and-take with the truth. In short, Jesus calls us to conversion, not compromise; and our eternal happiness depends on our response to this call. Many people live in the expectation that God must change, rather than us; that He must convert to our idea of the truth. But He cannot, for He IS the truth. Sadly, what happened to Jesus while He walked this earth continues to happen today. In the sixth chapter of John, Jesus refused to compromise the truth about the Eucharist. "As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him" (John 6:66). The only solution, then

and now, for those who have turned their back on Him is to convert and repent. As we heard on Ash Wednesday, "Turn away from sin, and be faithful to the Gospel."

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## 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 you all there and God bless you.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection February 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,775.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection February 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1117.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## 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.

**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 23, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine 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. 21	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9 2nd grade learning centers.
Sun. Feb. 25	10:30 AM	8th grade—Stations of the Cross Sunday School
Wed. Feb. 28	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9 5th grade — Station of the Cross
Sun. Mar. 4	10:30 AM	Sunday School

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Fri. Apr. 13	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**2018 SPIRITUAL DAY:** The Southwest Deanery Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a morning retreat on Saturday, March 3rd at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Le Center. Cost is \$8.00. The retreat includes: a speaker on forgiveness, Mass, rosary, silent auction and lunch. Register by Feb. 27th with Margaret, Kathy C., Deloris or Joan.