

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 3		NO MASS
Tuesday	Feb. 4		NO MASS
Wednesday	Feb. 5	6:00 PM (SP)	Stanley Stepka
Thursday	Feb. 6	8:30 AM (SC)	+William & Arla Ronayne
Friday	Feb. 7	8:30 AM (SP)	Dan & Vickie Cross and family
Saturday	Feb. 8	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Feb. 9	8:30 AM (SC)	For our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/8	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis
	2/9	Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka
Lector	2/8	Jim DeGross
	2/9	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	2/8	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	2/9	Hannah Langeberg, Sara Bjerke
Ushers	2/8	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	2/9	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/9	Barbara Lerschen, Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	2/9	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	2/9	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	2/9	Lloyd Friske, George Doheny
Greeters	2/9	Dave & Joan Koller

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. 3: Fr. John Lapensky, Feb. 4: Fr. Roy Lepak,
Feb. 5: Fr. Paul Licktieg, Feb. 6: Fr. James Liekhus,
Feb. 7: Fr. Matthew Linn, Feb. 8: Fr. Benjamin Little,
Feb. 9: Fr. James Livingston.



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

What Does a Saint Look Like?

When we ask this question different images may come to our mind. We may first of think of a statue, a stained-glass window, or a picture of a saint. All these things try to represent the saint, but they are all "still shots". We may even think of them in that dimension: wooden, or stone; not very lively. But that is the opposite of a saint. A saint is filled with life, for they are filled with the grace of the very source of life: God. It doesn't mean, however, that the saint is "bouncing off the walls", or "the life of the party". There is a habitual air of serenity that comes from living in the presence of God. This is beautifully summed up in a prayer of St. Teresa of Avila: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices." A contemporary of hers, St. John of the Cross, described a holy person this way: "one loves God in everything; his excessive impulses disappear; his emotions are peaceful and he loses useless desires; he enjoys an undisturbable peace and a habitual joy in the divine presence; his actions are 'bathed in love' and are done with an amazing strength; his union with God is as the union of a candle flame with the sun."



But how does one become this way? We may be this way for a while, but then have lapses, even frequently. We must grow in love. St. Paul gives some very practical advice on what love is and how to grow in it: "Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; He whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer" (Romans 12:9-12). He gives more advice to the Colossians: "Because you are God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you" (Col. 3:12-13). Of course, St. Paul's most famous description of love is to the Corinthians: "Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth" (1Cor. 13:4-6).

St. Paul is both describing a holy person and showing us how to become one. When we do these things, in our own particular circumstances of life, we are being holy, and becoming a saint. If we fail in any of these things, then we are failing to be holy. But we must not give up. We must repent, confess, and continue. A saint can be a sinner who did not stop trying. Growing in love through the sacraments, prayer, God's word, and perseverance, a saint could look like you.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Philip & Elissa Ryan, Tim & Susan Rousseau, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Rollie & Maureen Ryan, Ron & Rosie Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn, John & Toni Sacco.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are seeking lectors and servers for the 5:00 PM Saturday evening Masses. Please call the parish office or Shelley Shepherd @ 952-492-3571 to volunteer.

ST. PATRICK GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, February 21st, 5:00—8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. Look for sign-up sheets in the back of church and on our face book page. Group II members please bring 2 dozen bars or cookies. Chair: Craig Barnd, 952-492-3048, Co-chair: Andrea Feist, 952-492-2182.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 26, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,357.25
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, February 9th, from 9:30 AM—12:30 PM in the church basement. \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child (5-12 yrs.), free/4 yrs. & under. Sign-up sheets and flyers are in the back of church.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection January 26, 2020

Received this week.....\$1,250.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Mon. Feb. 3—Thur. Feb. 20 the parish office will be open 8:30 AM—12:30 PM.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS are coming up the third weekend in March. If you would like to run, please contact John Cassady, 815-441-7558 (St. Patrick) or Deanna Vochoska, 651-303-8778 (St. Catherine).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun. Feb. 2		Confirmation Retreat in Montgomery
Wed. Feb. 5	5:30 PM	Spaghetti Dinner
Wed. Feb. 5	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Feb. 9	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Feb. 12	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Feb. 16	9:15 AM	Confirmation Class at St. Michael's NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. Feb. 9	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Feb. 21	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The New Year always brings resolutions. Why not make a resolution to make Christ the center of your life? The Cursillo movement can help make your resolution a reality and offer a great opportunity for you to engage more in your faith and in living a Christ centered life. It all starts with making a weekend. The weekend begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening. The weekends for winter 2020 are approaching and are being held at Mary, Mother of the Church, Burnsville. The men's weekend is February 13 - 16, 2020 and the women's weekend is Feb 20 - 23, 2020. Now is the time to sign up. The weekend will help you experience your faith more deeply and help you to realize who God is working in your life every day. For more information regarding Cursillo, please contact Parish Ambassadors, Rosie and David Nelson, 952-492-3402, or visit the Cursillo website at www.tc-cursillo.org.

Spaghetti Dinner, Fri. Feb. 7, 4:30-7:30 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Adults/\$9.00, Child/\$4.00, 3 & under free.

A.C.C.W. Legislative Day, Sat. Feb. 8, 8:30 AM—noon at St. Michael Catholic Church in St. Michael. Cost \$15 (\$20 after Jan. 22) Morning refreshments, speakers, legislative information. Register at www.archspm.org/accwleg2020

Beef & Sausage Family Style Dinner, Sun. Feb. 9, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at Guardian Angels in Chaska. Adult/\$13, Child/\$5.00.

Sara Renner Trio in Concert, Wed. Feb. 12, 7:00 PM at Hope Lutheran Church, 201 Hope Avenue, Jordan. Free will offering.

Family Valentine's Bingo, Sun. Feb. 16, 1:00-3:00 PM at St. Wenceslaus Activity Center Gym. 10 games/1 card/\$5.00, 10 games/3 cards/\$10.00. Hotdog, chips, and drink \$3.00.

26th Annual Soup Supper, Mon. Feb. 17, 4:30-7:00 PM at St. Wenceslaus Church Basement in New Prague.

Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 28, 4:00-8:00 PM at the Lonsdale American Legion. \$14/adult, \$6.00/child, under 5/free. Benefit for Holy Cross Catholic School in Webster.