

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 21	4:00 PM (SP)	+William & Kathryn Toner
Tuesday	Feb. 22	9:00 AM (SP)	+John Jacques
Wednesday	Feb. 23		NO MASS
Thursday	Feb. 24	4:00 PM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
Friday	Feb. 25	9:00 AM (SP)	+Helen Timmons +Selma Mensing
Saturday	Feb. 26	5:00 PM (SP)	The Thoele Family
Sunday	Feb. 27	8:30 AM (SC)	Living & Deceased members of S.C. C.C.W.
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEB. 26 & 27

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/26	Kelley DeGross, Jan St. Aubin
	2/27	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Volunteer
Lectors	2/26	Lynne Hoffman
	2/27	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	2/26	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Jed Kreuser
	2/27	Ellen Puncochar, Patrick Puncochar
Ushers	2/26	Leonard Sticha, Steve Kreuser
	2/27	Dean Bisek, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	2/27	Don & Elaine Pesta

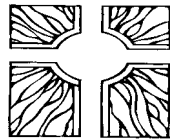
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/27	Dave & Rosie Nelson, Dan & Deb Norman
Lector	2/27	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	2/27	Clarice, Timmy, & Tommy Fredrickson
Ushers	2/27	Jeff Schroeder, Francis Seurer
Greeters	2/27	Phil O'Hern, Bonnie Theis

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 ladies 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 27, 2005
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7
Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
Gospel Reading: John 4:5-42



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb.23	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sat. Feb. 26	6:30 PM	Staff Appreciation Dinner.
Sun. Feb. 27	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Sun. Feb. 27	6:00 PM	Confirmation Retreat at S.C.
Wed. Mar. 2	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Mar. 6	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.
Wed. Mar. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	1st Communion Learning Centers for parents/guardians of First Communicants.

FEBRUARY 20, 2005

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Ted & Lorraine Simon, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Tim & Barb Sonnek, Doug & Jan St. Aubin, Scott & Julie Stebbins, Barb Stepka. *Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at our Spring Craft & Bake Sale and this summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of the social hall. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

FESTIVAL QUILTING: Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house Saturdays in February, and March, from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM. We need lots of help as we prepare quilts for the 2005 Festival Quilt Auction in July. You need not be an experienced quilter! Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE: Saturday, March 5, 8:30 AM-2:30 PM, sponsored by St. Patrick C.C.W at the social hall. Proceeds from this event will benefit the church renovation. All parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods and spring theme craft items. Donated items can be dropped off on Friday, March 4 from 4:00-8:00 PM or before 8:30 AM on Saturday, March 5. In addition, the sale will feature fresh-baked cinnamon and caramel rolls! Anyone interested in helping, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the social hall. Please help make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community! Thank you!

FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: If you have toys to donate for Children's Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES: Please **DO NOT** put your capital improvement payment in your Sunday envelope! There are Capital Improvement Envelopes available in the social hall, or just use a regular white envelope marked Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you.

FOR SALE: 1989 Chevy Corsica, 154,300 miles. Proceeds will go to the Capital Campaign.. For more information, contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 11, 2005, 5:00-8:00 PM. We need a co-chair for this event. Please contact Carol Timmons @ 758-5960 to volunteer. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the social hall for Group II members. There are also flyers, please take some and post them in your workplace.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, February 21, 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

No meeting this month. Next meeting—March 21, 2005.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 13, 2005



Received this week.....	\$ 1,590.75
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 95,551.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 57,534.00 collected to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 6,273.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 3,295.00 pledged to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 3,195.00 collected to date

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

FEBRUARY: *Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Gordy & Julie Giles, Allen & Cathy Svoboda.

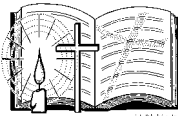
ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, February 28th at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 13, 2005



Received this week.....	\$ 747.00
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 4,825.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 2,185.00 pledged to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 1,825.00 collected to date

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis), Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk, Lorene Seurer, Helen Nelson, Marcella Backsen, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, February 25th, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine. Friday, March 4th, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick. The 4th grade class will host the stations on March 4th.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

March 19 & 20 at St. Patrick and March 20 at St. Catherine. Anyone interested in running, please contact the parish office.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: Your prayers for the success of the A.C.A. and the ministries it supports are still needed, as are pledges and gifts. Each gift is important to the mission of our Archdiocese. It takes many people to form the Body of Christ. No gift is too small. If you have not already done so, please return a pledge slip with your response today.

RURAL LIFE POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST: Open to students in Grades 1, 2, & 3; and Grades 4, 5, & 6. This year's topic is Food Groups. The **poster** should feature a food group and how, when, or where this food group is enjoyed. The **essay** should feature information regarding food from a Food Group; Information can be obtained in the Religious Education Office. Deadline for this contest is March 11th—drop entries in the office. The top 3 in each category will be forwarded to the Rural Life Office to compete with other entries.

LOVE AND SACRIFICE CANNOT BE SEPARATED.

All love, whether it is that of warm friendship, respectful love for parents, the consuming love of husband and wife, or the devout, reciprocal, complete love between God and men—all love pre-supposes sacrifice. In all cases, love is proven and deepened by positive acts of sacrifice.

The essence of love, is the giving of oneself, or a representation of self, to another and for another's service.

No one could give oneself more completely than does God. His love for men is so great that He gives us all. He gives us human life and a world with all that is in it. And yet this counts for nothing because there is so much more: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son; and the Son so loved us that He gave His life for our salvation."

Could God do more to prove His love? He gives all of creation for man's service; He gave Himself at Bethlehem and on the cross to serve our happiness and salvation; He constantly gives Himself, His love, His power, His strength and His virtues. Would that man could give himself completely to God! To give all back to God would mean absorption in love.

God wants our hearts, our minds, our souls and a material gift that is acceptable, a gesture, a representation of man's love for the beloved. This means sacrifice. Sacrifice that would suit the dignity of the Beloved, as well as the representative of the lover. If man seeks to sacrifice his most precious gifts—his mind, will, and soul—then the symbol of that giving must be precious.

The first fruits of what He has given us is indeed representative. Generously setting aside a definite portion of all He has given us is a way to eliminate material things from man's love; it is wealth that is often most precious to men and can be sanctified in this way. Those who have let their love influence their spirit of sacrifice, and vice-versa, have happily learned the meaning of the words from the marriage ceremony: "Sacrifice is unusually difficult and irksome. Only love can make it easy and perfect love can make it a joy."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Feb. 20, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Proceeds to go towards Scholarships for High School Seniors.

St. Wenceslaus 'Soup Kitchen' Supper, Mon. Feb. 21, 4:30-7:00 PM in the church basement, or until sold out. \$6.00 ea., or \$20.00 per family. Kindergarten children and younger free. Proceeds go toward purchasing food for the Dorothy Day Center.

American Red Cross Bloodmobile, Thur. Feb. 24, 1:30-7:30 PM at St. John's Church Basement in Jordan.

K.C. Auxiliary Fish Fry, Fri. Feb. 25, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.50/person, \$4.00/child, 4 & under free.

Women's Retreat, Feb. 25-27 & Mar. 4-6 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Benefit for Katie (Mahowald) Hafermann, Sat. Feb. 26, 4:00 PM-midnight at the Hollywood Bar & Grill, Prior Lake. Katie was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis four years ago, and has experienced severe vision loss. Tickets are \$10. For more info. or to purchase tickets, call Diane Williamson @ 952-447-6404.

Homemade Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Feb. 27, 8:00 AM-12:15 PM, in Holy Trinity Church basement in Veseli. Adult/\$5.00, Children 3-12 yrs./\$3.00, under 3 free.