

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | 2/22 | NO MASS | | |
| Tuesday | 2/23 | 8:30 AM | SP | +Fr. Patrick Griffin |
| Wednesday | 2/24 | 6:00 PM | SP | +Fr. Patrick Griffin |
| Thursday | 2/25 | 8:30 AM | SP | Lin Kreuser |
| Friday | 2/26 | 6:30 PM | SC | +Carlton Miller |
| | 2/26 | 7:00 PM | SC | Stations of the Cross |
| Saturday | 2/27 | 5:00 PM | SP | +Fr. Francis Roach |
| Sunday | 2/28 | 8:30 AM | SC | +Brandon Bruzek |
| | 2/28 | 10:30 AM | SP | For Our Parishioners |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 27 & 28 2021

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 2/27 | Dave Roach |
| | 2/28 | Kathy McBroom (choir) |
| Lector | 2/27 | Max Eischens |
| | 2/28 | Tim Sonnek |
| Altar Servers | 2/27 | Sam Lambrecht |
| | 2/28 | Alycia Klegstad |
| Ushers | 2/27 | Volunteer |
| | 2/28 | Volunteer |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 2/28 | Deanna Vochoska |
| Lector | 2/28 | Tom Fredrickson |
| Altar Servers | 2/28 | Karley Vochoska |
| Ushers | 2/28 | Shawn O'Hern, George Doheny |
| Greeters | 2/28 | 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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Feb. 21: Fr. Paul Hedman, Feb. 22: Fr. David Hennen, Feb. 23: Fr. Roger Hessian, Feb. 24: Fr. James Himmelsbach, Feb. 25: Fr. Patrick Hipwell, Feb. 26: Fr. Steven Hoffman, Feb. 27: Fr. John Hofstede.

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

The Other Side of the Cross

On the second Sunday of Lent we always hear the account of the Transfiguration. There is a parallel between this event and the Baptism of Jesus. “On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ’s glorious coming, when He ‘will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body’” (Catechism 556). Both events are a manifestation of who Jesus really is, as well as His mission. He is “God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father”: “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him” (Matt. 17:5). The event that preceded the Transfiguration was the first prediction of the Passion, which came immediately after it was revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Messiah. “From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised” (Matt. 16:21).

Understandably, this revelation was very difficult for the disciples to accept. Imagine their confusion, Jesus just told them that very shortly He must be killed, violently and publicly. This must have been the only thing they could think about. The terrible specter of the Cross had been shown to them and now it was all they could see. Jesus knew they needed to see the other side of the Cross, and so He took Peter, James, and John and showed them the glory of the Resurrection. “The mystery of light par excellence is the Transfiguration, traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astounded Apostles to ‘listen to Him’ and to prepare to experience with Him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with Him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit” (St. John Paul II, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*, 21).

We all must face the cross in our lives. Jesus revealed this to the Apostles immediately after He told them of His own: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me” (Matt. 16:24). If we simply look at the cross, be it His or ours, we will become discouraged and depressed. But when we see through the Cross, we are given an entirely different perspective, one that gives hope and joy. By His Cross and Resurrection He has set us free. “In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the



redemptive suffering of Christ... The eloquence of the Cross and death is, however, completed by the eloquence of the Resurrection. Man finds in the Resurrection a completely new light, which helps him to go forward through the thick darkness of humiliations, doubts, hopelessness and persecution.” (St. John Paul II, Salvifici Doloris, 19,20). Through faith the very same light of the Transfiguration continues to shine, showing us the victory that lies on the other side of the Cross.

-Fr. Michael J. Miller

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Kevin Roach, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorusung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn 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, Andrew Buckman, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: A Lenten study of St. Joseph. It will start on Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Catherine. To sign up or for more information contact Dave Nelson at dmmang2@gmail.com or 952-492-3402.

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.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: *Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, John & Andrea Lehman, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Kevin & Meghann Malecha, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Gregory & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Matthew & Krysta Neisen
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our 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

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 2,338.00 |
| 2/14/21 Collection | \$ 2,930.09 |



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Dennis Maciej, Pat Schroeder, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Allen & Cathy Svoboda

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 1,040.00 |
| 2/14/21 Collection: | \$ 948.00 |



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wed. Feb. 24th | 6:30-8:00 PM | Classes 1-9 |
| Sun. Feb. 28th | 9:15-10:15 AM | CGS ages 3-5 |
| Wed. March 3rd | 6:30-8:00 PM | Classes 1-9 |
| Sun. March 7th | 9:15-10:15 AM | CGS ages 3-5 |

COMMUNITY EVENTS

FRANCISCAN RETREAT AND SPIRITUALITY

CENTER: The following are upcoming retreats offered:

- *February 26-28 Women’s Weekend
- *March 26-28 Women’s Weekend-Palm Sunday
- *April 1-4 Men’s Holy Week

To register for a retreat call 952-447-2182 or go online at FranciscanRetreats.net/register.

GROWING THROUGH LOSS: The series through the South Suburban Coalition will be held via Zoom on Thursday evenings starting on April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6, 2021. Register at: www.signupgenius.com/go/4090b4baaaa2ea31-spring.

ARE YOU HURTING?: If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel’s Vineyard Twin Cities’ retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is April 16-18, 2021 in Buffalo, MN. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.