

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 27	8:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie Ryan
Tuesday	Feb. 28	8:30 AM (SP)	+Lawrence Stepka
Wednesday	Mar. 1	8:30 AM (SC) 7:00 PM (SP)	+Corey Grossman +Robert Nelson
Thursday	Mar. 2		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 3	8:30 AM (SP)	+Fr. Nicholas Cody
Saturday	Mar. 4	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Mar. 5	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +Ed Schmitt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 4 & 5

St. Patrick

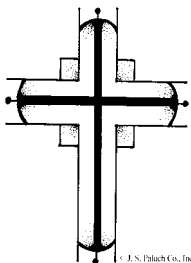
Extraordinary Ministers	3/4	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross
	3/5	Joe & Nellie Carson, Barbara Lewis
Lectors	3/4	Bill Blocker
	3/5	Shelly Shepherd
Acolytes	3/4	Vincent Blocker, Mitch Sandey
	3/5	Alex & Kayla Shepherd, Mike Verhoeven
Ushers	3/4	Dick Chodek, Roman Stepka
	3/5	Gerry Sandey, Don Pesta
Greeters	3/5	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/5	Tony & Claire Robling, Margaret Sharkey, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	3/5	Wayne Liebhard
Acolytes	3/5	Matt Novak, Rachel Friske, Helen Korbel
Ushers	3/5	Lloyd Friske, Gordy Giles
Greeters	3/5	Steve & Jude Boeser

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 MARCH 5, 2006
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15
Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22
Gospel Reading: Mark 1:12-15

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun. Feb. 26	5:30 PM	Confirmation Program at S.C. Potluck Supper.
Wed. Mar. 1	7:00 PM	Family Ash Wednesday Service.
Sun. Mar. 5	10:30 AM	Sunday School, pre & K.
Wed. Mar. 8	6:45 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sun. Mar. 12	10:30 AM	Sunday School, pre & K.

VIRTUS PROGRAM PACKAGES: These have been sent out to all Religious Education students parents/guardians. Please remember to return the green acknowledgement sheet to the Religious Education Program Director (Deb Norman).

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Warren & Beth Simon, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Ted & Lorraine Simon, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Timothy & Barbara Sonnek, Doug & Jan St. Aubin, Scott & Julie Stebbins, Ronald & Barb Stepka. Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS: The C.C.W. is collecting used postage stamps. Proceeds will help to broadcast the word of God in South America. Stamps need to be trimmed leaving a 1/4 inch border of the envelope or they will not be able to peel them off properly. A box marked "Used Postage Stamps" will be left in the back of church or you may drop them off at the parish office during regular office hours.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. It's never too early to get started. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of church. 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 & MISSION QUILTING: Every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM at Della Schmitt's. If you would like to quilt at any other time, please call Della @ 492-2250.

DONATIONS FOR SYMBOLS: We are looking for donations to help underwrite the cost of the bronze symbols for the sanctuary of the church. These four symbols will be made just for our church and not a warehouse item. Similar to the bell up in the bell tower which was made just for our church in 1873. You may not know but the bell has "St. Patrick" and the year "1873" cast into the side of it along with the name of the foundry who made it. I wouldn't doubt that back then they took up a special collection for that bell also. It's too bad no one can see it, unlike these symbols which will carry the same integrity but will be visible for all of us to see and be inspired by. Please consider helping with this request. You can call the office or talk to me, Dan Cervenka, @ 758-3428. (St. Patrick C.C.W. has pledged \$1000.00. This brings the amount needed down to \$495.00.)

ST. PATRICK MAINTENANCE PERSON: Tony Efta will be taking over for Mike Sticha. Thank you Mike for all you've done for us since taking over the position in November of 2001. We appreciate all your hard work! Thanks Tony for helping out.

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

ST. PATRICK PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: These will be held March 18 & 19. Two members of the council's terms are up, so we will be filling two positions. If you are interested in being on the Parish Council, or know of someone that would be, please contact the parish office @ 492-6276.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Thanks to Denie Sticha for offering to coordinate the new Parish Directory.

ATTENTION ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: The St. Patrick Finance Committee will soon be working on the 2006/2007 budget. Please submit your budget requirements to the parish office by March 15th. Thank you.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE: March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month. We will be collecting food for Peace Center Food Shelf in New Prague. Food and money collected during March are counted and matched pound for pound and dollar for dollar by the St. Paul Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable goods such as: Cans: fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups, stews, etc. Boxes: jello, potatoes, pancake mix, crackers, meal in a box, cookies. Soaps: hand, dish, laundry, toilet tissue, Kleenex, etc. Items may be brought and put in the back of church. We do buy the basic food items such as sugar, flour, oatmeal, etc. that we need during the year with the cash that is donated. Call Evelyn Scheffler @ 758-4102 if you have questions.



Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 19, 2006

Received this week.....	\$ 936.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,758.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 103,301.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 106,613.50 collected to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 1,450.00 pledged to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 9,300.00 goal

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Gary & Cindy Grolla, Steven & Maureen Rief, Jeff & Lauren Tonsager, Mike & Renee Orton.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, February 27th at 7:00 PM.

C.C.W. SPONSORED CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 11, 9:00 AM at St. Catherine. (Kitchen & Altar cleaning.)

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRING-TIME SALAD

LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW: Saturday, April 1st at 11:00 AM. Letters are mailed out. If you are interested in being a model, helping in the kitchen, or at the door, please sign up in the back of church. We would like models of all ages. It's loads of fun!!
JoAnn Erickson

FOOD SHELF DONATIONS: Now that Christmas is over donations tend to decline. The St. Catherine C.C.W. is sponsoring a Food Shelf Collection. There will be a box in the back of church for donations until February 26th.

PARISH DIRECTORY: Thanks to JoAnn Erickson for offering to coordinate the new Parish Directory.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 19, 2006



Received this week.....	\$ 791.70
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 2,495.00 pledged to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 9,300.00 goal

PARISHIONERS CORNER

POSTCARD CAMPAIGN TO OUR MINNESOTA STATE

SENATORS: Sign your postcard (available in the back of church) on the Minnesota Marriage Amendment today and mail it to your Minnesota Senator. Let him or her know that you want marriage to continue as a union only between one man and one woman with no legal equivalent. Let your voice be heard.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: If you have not responded yes or no to the Annual Catholic Appeal, please do so today. You may give a gift of cash or a check, make a pledge to be paid later, or answer that you are not able to give at this time but will pray for the success of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Envelopes are available after mass.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen (sister of George Buresh), MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Benoite Stepka, Jack Keenan, Tammy Dudley, George & Clara Kavan, Dale Bukovsky (brother-in-law of Diane Williamson).

GREAT ADVENTURE BIBLE TIMELINE group meets

Thursday at 7:00 PM in St. Patrick's Social Hall.

FUEL OFFERING: This weekend, Feb. 25 & 26, there will be a second collection for fuel.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bingo, every Tuesday at 7:15 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague.

French Toast & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Feb. 26, 8:30 AM-noon at Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine. \$6.00/adult.

Ham Dinner, Sun. Feb. 26, 10:00 AM-1:00 PM at Marysburg Church Hall. Adults/\$6.00, Children/\$4.00, 4 & under/free.

Chore Services Program, Mon. Feb. 27, 11:00 AM at Schule Haus Apartments in Jordan. For more info, call 952-226-6670.

Lenten Days of Prayer, Feb. 28 or Mar. 1, Mar. 7 or 8, Mar. 21 or 22, Mar. 28 or 29, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. Bring your own bag lunch. For info, 447-2182.

Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 3, 4:00-8:00 PM at Lonsdale American Legion. \$9.00/adult, \$4.00/child. Benefit for Holy Cross School.

Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 3, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.50/adult, \$4.00/child, 4 & under/free.

Spaghetti Buffet, Sat. Mar. 4, 4:00-7:30 PM at St. Anne's School in LeSueur. Adult/\$6.00, Child/\$3.50, 5 & under/\$1.00.

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sun. Mar. 5 at Holy Trinity Church basement in Veseli. Adults/\$6.00, Children/\$3.00.

Fashion Show, Sun. Mar. 5, 2:00-4:00 PM at St. John's in Savage. \$10.00/person. Benefit the youth's mission trip to Virginia.