

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 27	6:30 PM (SC)	SC CCW
Tuesday	Feb. 28	8:30 AM (SP)	Conversion of Sinners
Wednesday	Mar. 1	8:30 AM (SC)	Father Michael Miller
		7:00 PM (SP)	+Jerry Cavanaugh
Thursday	Mar. 2		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 3	6:30 PM (SP)	Sticha Families
		7:00 PM (SP)	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Mar. 4	5:00 PM (SP)	+Roseann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Mar. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Norbert & Viola Weiers

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 4 & 5, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/4	Kelly & Jim DeGross, Barb Lewis,
	3/5	Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Heidi Michaelson, Tim Sonnek
Lectors	3/4	Brianne Jirek
	3/5	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	3/4	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	3/5	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Bryce Deutsch
Ushers	3/4	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	3/5	Gerald Sandey, Don Pesta
Greeters	3/5	Gerald Sandey, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/5	Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder, Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	3/5	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	3/5	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	3/5	Bryce & Greg Horejsi
Greeters	3/5	Ann Timmerman, Margaret Sharkey

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. 27: Fr. William Deziel, Feb. 28: ABP Bernard Hebda, Mar. 1: Pope Francis, Mar. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Mar. 3: Fr. Gordon Doffing, Mar. 4: Fr. Mark Dosh, Mar. 5: Fr. John Drees



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'S DESK

Freely, Forever, and Fruitful (part 3)

The third question the couple is asked before making their marital vows is this: "Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and His Church?" This question is the natural end to which the first two questions lead. The free gift of self to each other, in which a man and woman vow to love and honor each other forever, is naturally ordered to be fruitful. This fruitfulness is first and foremost found in the gift of new life whereby the husband and wife literally become "one flesh" in their children. "Called to give life, spouses share in the creative power and fatherhood of God. 'Married couples should regard it as their proper mission to transmit human life and to educate their children; they should realize that they are thereby cooperating with the love of God the Creator and are, in a certain sense, its interpreters. They will fulfill this duty with a sense of human and Christian responsibility' (Catechism, 2367). If a couple is unable to have children their marriage is called to be fruitful in other ways.

This questions also points to the authentic meaning of human sexuality and the context in which it is to be used. No other area of morality has been as distorted as sexual morality in recent times. Though always a difficult area, at least before the late 1960's sexual activity was understood to belong within the context of marriage. Adultery, masturbation, fornication, pornography, and homosexual practices all gravely violate chastity, which we are all called to live. Within marriage there is a still a proper exercise of this gift, which includes both a unitive and procreative dimension. It is both an expression of the love of the spouses and it is naturally open to life. It is here that we find the difficult and greatly misunderstood issue of artificial contraception. Since 1968 no other teaching of the Church has been more controversial and more widely rejected. Yet the Church stands firm on this issue because, "The Church is in no way the author or the arbiter of this norm. In obedience to the truth, which is Christ, whose image is reflected in the nature and dignity of the human person, the Church interprets the moral norm and proposes it to all people of good will, without concealing its demands of radicalness and perfection." (John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, 33).

The Church has never taught that a couple should have as many children as possible. "For just reasons, spouses may wish to space the births of their children. It is their duty to make certain that their desire is not motivated by selfishness but us in conformity with the generosity appropriate to responsible parenthood" (Catechism, 2268). This is referred to as Natural Family Planning (NFP) as in NFP teacher that I am no one's said, "With NFP, nothing is being done to hinder the couple's mutual fertility and the dignity of the spouses (especially the wife) is respected. Family planning becomes a



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk
THE CCW has purchased copies of the book "Rediscovering Jesus". There are 40 chapters to follow along with the 40 days of lent. They are located on the back table. Please, one copy per parishioner family.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
 Sunday Collection February 19, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 431.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

LENTEN FAITH-FORMATION FILM SERIES: Tuesdays, March 7-April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM following 6:30 Mass at St. Patrick Church.

Join us for a 10-episode (5 session) dramatic film journey titled "**Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told**". In this breathtaking film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God's merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** Each video viewing will be followed by a short discussion led by Fr. Michael Miller. There is no charge for this series. For a video preview go to : <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 01	7:00 PM	Mass - Ash Wednesday
Sun. Mar. 05	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Wed. Mar. 08	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9 Stations of the Cross: 8th grade & Confirmation Reconciliation: 8th Grade
Sun. Mar. 12	10:30 AM	Sunday School

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour
Fri. April 07	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

January 27, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children! Today I am calling you to pray for peace: peace in the hearts of men, peace in the families and peace in the world. Satan is strong and wants to turn all of you against God, and to return you to everything that is human, and to destroy in the heart all feelings towards God and the things of God. You, little children, pray and fight against materialism, modernism and egoism, which the world offers to you. Little children, you decide for holiness and I, with my Son Jesus, intercede for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

shared responsibility, as it should be. Contraception takes apart what God has put together: the potential to create new life and the bonding of the spouses. Married couples cannot image God's free, total, faithful and fruitful love with [artificially] sterilized acts of intercourse." This is by no means a simple issue and the Church does not take the difficulties lightly. But neither should a married couple. The Church would not be standing in the world as a lone voice on all of these issues if they were not vitally essential to the spiritual welfare of all people.

Another important element to note is that most chemical forms of contraception do not actually prevent conception but rather implantation of the fertilized egg. As we believe, and as science has proven, that Life begins at conception, the fertilized egg finds itself to be like "a seed without soil" due to the contraceptive causing the uterus to be in capable of receiving the new life. In essence then, they are not contraceptives but rather abortifacients. Most people do not know this which is why it is so essential for education in this area.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: *Brent

Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Douglas & Eugenia Klegstad, Cory & Angelica Kopas, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Michael & Megan Krausman, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT: See the display in the back of church. Take a look at the book. Please consider making contributions in 2017 before the end of this campaign. We will be making a plaque with everyone's name on it that has donated.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 18 & 19. We will be electing two members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

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.

THE CCW: Next Meeting will be on Monday, March 13th at 7PM in the church social hall. We will be watching a short video on the Catechist of the Good Shepherd program schedule to start Fall of 2018. The other video will be about a new project called Sole Hope. Please plan on attending to see these videos. ALL women of the parish are welcome to attend. Any other agenda items, please call Vickie Cross 952-461-3036 or email vacroscross@catholicexchange.com

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 31st, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (30th) night or Friday, (31st) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496 or Rob Puncochar @ 952-499-3103.

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Received this week.....\$ 1,992.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00

Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
 Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$ 7,550.25

