

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 28	4:00 PM (SP)	+John Dvorak
Tuesday	Mar. 1	9:00 AM (SP)	+Randy Efta
Wednesday	Mar. 2		NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 3	4:00 PM (SC)	+Sophie Greger
Friday	Mar. 4	9:00 AM (SP)	+Jim Keim
Saturday	Mar. 5	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Mar. 6	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +Helen Timmons +Selma Mensing

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Kenneth & Marge Sticha, Allen & Mary Sticha, Lynn Sticha, Michael & Janice Sticha, Norman & Denie Sticha, Rob & Theresa Sticha, Craig & Mary Ann Svoboda, Dan & Cathy Theis. **Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done.* Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 5 & 6

St. Patrick

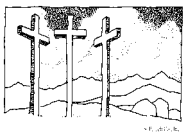
Extraordinary Ministers	3/5	Karen Keenan, Clarice Gergen, Volunteer
	3/6	Agnes DeGross, Adella Schmitt, Volunteer
Lectors	3/5	William Blocker
	3/6	Rena Bjerke
Acolytes	3/5	Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Vincent Blocker
	3/6	Megan Ryan, Amy Ryan, Gabby Ryan
Ushers	3/5	Dick Chodek, Roman Stepka
	3/6	Norm Sticha, Leo Jacques
Greeters	3/6	Dan & Deb Cervenka

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/6	Tony & Claire Robling, Margaret Sharkey, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	3/6	Robert Grams
Acolytes	3/6	Matt Novak, Billy Muraski, Samantha Muraski
Ushers	3/6	Gordy Giles, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	3/6	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

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 6, 2005
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14
Gospel Reading: John 9:1-41

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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	Religious Education, grades 1-10. 1st Communion Learning Centers
All First Communicants and a parent/guardian must attend.		
Sun. Mar. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School Spring Program during the 10:30 AM mass at St. Patrick.

FESTIVAL QUILTING: Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house Saturdays in 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 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!

ST. PATRICK CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 5th. We need lots of volunteers to do a thorough cleaning of the church. Please bring brooms, shop vacs, cleaning supplies, etc.

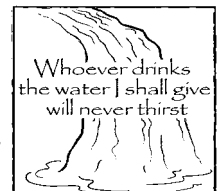
FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: If you have toys to donate for Children's Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636

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.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 20, 2005



Received this week.....	\$ 1,526.75
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 95,601.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 58,439.00 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

MARCH: *Shawn & Cheri O'Hern, Roger & LeAnn Brezina, Philip & Kim Moris, Ken & Connie Svoboda.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH CLEANING: Saturday, March 19th at 8:30 AM. Calling all parishioners and families to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph (the worker) for spring cleaning the interior of our church. Many hands (jobs for men too) make the work load light, fast, and FUN! We will begin at 8:30 AM, but come as your schedule allows and then share the provided lunch. Please bring rags, buckets, a mop, and a vacuum. For more information, call Rosie Nelson @ 492-3402.

THANK YOU: We appreciated all the help at the Pancake Breakfast. It was a very successful fundraiser. *Sue Kempf-chair*

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 20, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 490.00
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). *Please pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Skluzacek (mother of Ag-Rita Efta) & Helen Rinell (mother of Julie Roach)

FUEL OFFERING: This weekend, February 26 & 27, we will have a second collection for fuel.

C.C.W. COLLECTION: Next weekend, March 5 & 6, we will have a second collection for C.C.W dues. Please use the envelope in your box. Thank you.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGES: If you haven't already done so, please return your A.C.A. envelope as soon as possible. *Chairs: Deloris Friske, Vera Taylor, Ron McBroom, Gerry Sandey*

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

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SPRING PROGRAM: Sunday, March 13 during the 10:30 mass at St. Patrick. Please join us for refreshments following mass. (NOTE: Parents—this is the last weekend for Sunday School this season.)

A CHRISTIAN STEWARD works as an instrument of God. In all aspects of daily life, he or she cheerfully performs the work God has planned for His people. Being a Christian is accepting the role of steward. There is no need to dwell on our responsibility, for it is clearly presented to us in Sacred Scripture—the command to take care of creation and the command to love one another. It is time to start living as a Christian steward, giving our time and our talents for God's work on earth.

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.

GIVING TO STONES

"Sam, I can only get enthusiastic about my giving, when I know my money is going to people for evangelism, for charity, etc.," declared Ben Bucks. "I don't intend to support a building."

"Ben, first know that the church will accept money earmarked for specific purposes. So you have no reason for withholding your giving," countered old Sam Elder. "All of us would prefer to benefit people."

"Well, I don't like to see other people contributing toward a building, when there's so much suffering in this world," continued Ben.

"How long do you think we would have an active church, if we didn't have our building? The only thing that keeps new churches surviving is the hope of someday having their own home," said Sam.

"Buildings are for comfort. I would like to see people a little uncomfortable, but giving much to charity," argued Ben. "Good thought, but a church operates more efficiently, when it has its own space for equipment and supplies; for worship, classes, and meetings; thus we save time and labor for all the people involved." Sam indicated.

"I could agree, our church edifice was modern, but it's old, worn, and burdened with tradition. I can't get sentimental about stones and mortar." Ben said.

"Ben, years ago our forefathers endured hardship and sacrifices to leave this edifice for us. They built it strong and beautiful," Sam told him. "If you can't sense the spirit of those old saints, then at least appreciate the sacrifice this building represents. Support it with thankfulness."

COMMUNITY EVENTS

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.

K.C. Council # 1685 Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 4, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.50/adult, \$4.00/child, under 4/free.

Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 4, 4:30-7:30 PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Lexington. \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child, under 4/free.

Spaghetti Buffet, Sat. Mar. 5, 4:00-8:00 PM at St. Anne's School in LeSueur. \$6.00/adult, \$3.50/child, under 5 free.