

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mon.	Feb. 29	6:00 pm (SC)	Peggy Bukovsky+
Tues.	Mar. 1	8:30 am (SP)	Virginia Thomas+
Wed.	Mar. 2	6:00 pm (SP)	SP CCW
Thurs.	Mar. 3	(No Mass)	
Fri.	Mar. 4	6:30 pm (SC)	Conversion of Sinners
Sat.	Mar. 5	5:00 pm (SP)	Roseann & Randy Sticha+
Sun	Mar. 6	8:30 am (SC)	Albert Schneider, Sr.+
		10:30 am (SP)	For our people

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 5 & 6

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/5	Ron, Rosie, & Megan Ryan
	3/6	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Gloria & Leo Jacques
Lectors	3/5	Mike Puncochar
	3/6	Julie Volk
Acolytes	3/5	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	3/6	Megan & Rachel Theis, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	3/5	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	3/6	Gerald Sandey, Darryl Volk
Greeters	3/6	Dan & Deb Cervenka

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/6	Deanna & Joel Vochoska Kathy Prochaska, Pat Schroeder
Lector	3/6	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	3/6	Molly O'Hern Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	3/6	Dave Nelson, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	3/6	Bonnie Theis, Lee Hesse

*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 and 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. 29: ABP Bernard Hebda; Mar. 1: Pope Francis; Mar. 2: Fr. Michael Miller; Mar. 3: Fr. Joseph Hurtuk; Mar. 4: Fr. Michael Ince; Mar. 5: Fr. Michael Izen; Mar. 6: Fr. Paul Jaroszeski.

*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

### The Heart of Conversion

The heart of the message of Christ is a call to conversion, and the heart of conversion is contrition. *Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before Him, does not aim first at outward works...but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion.*

(Catechism, 1430). *This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart,' drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first. (1428). As we respond to this call of conversion, we turn away from sin and turn toward God, and we see sin in an entirely different light: the light of God's goodness and holiness. We can see sin not simply as the breaking of an impersonal law, but rather as the rejection of a person who loves us. Seeing it this way should move us to sorrow or contrition. Contrition is a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of the love which one has for God and which is reborn with repentance. Understood in this way, contrition is therefore the beginning and the heart of conversion...we do well to recall and emphasize the fact that contrition and conversion are even more a drawing near to the holiness of God, a rediscovery of one's true identity which has been upset and disturbed by sin, a liberation in the very depth of self and thus a regaining of lost joy, the joy of being saved. (John Paul II, Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, 31).*



That is why contrition is the most important thing that we bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place. (Catechism, 1451). The word contrition is taken from the Latin word which means to grind or pulverize; in an applied sense, it means being bruised in heart. (Fulton Sheen, These are the Sacraments, p. 80). It is what we express in the Act of Contrition: "Oh, my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee." This causes a hatred for the sin in two ways: The first is imperfect contrition, or attrition. "And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishment." This is a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear). (Catechism, 1453). It expresses the reality that sin is ugly and deserving of punishment; hell is real and possible.*

Contrition is perfect when it arises from love: "but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who is all good and deserving of all my love." It is when we love our will or our desires more than God that we turn away from Him and sin. This is why contrition is the heart of conversion. Once we really understand that sin is about hurting the One who is all good and deserving of all our love, how can our hearts not be broken? There is no other image that shows this more clearly than a crucifix. It was love that put Him there – not our love for Him, but His for us. *Indeed, out of love for His Father and for men, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus freely accepted his Passion and death. (Catechism, 609). "When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn. 12:32). Let us go to Him with confidence that He will not spurn a humbled, contrite heart.*

Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH:** \*Tim & Susan Rousseau, Dave & Julie Roach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Megan Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our new 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](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

**CCW MEETING:** Reminder—St. Patrick's CCW Meeting on Monday, March 7, at 7 p.m. in Social Hall.

**GROUP II FISH FRY:** Friday, March 11, 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 workplace or other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off on Thursday, (10th) night or Friday (11th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob & Jodie Puncochar at 952-758-5143.

**ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** March 19 & 20. We will be electing two new members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the parish office at 952-492-6276.

**THANK YOU:** We wish to extend a big Thank You to the men of the parish who helped remove the dead and dying trees from the west side of the rectory. This area will be used in the future for additional handicapped parking.

**WE NEED ACOLYTES:** St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your First Communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson at 952-233-8772 or the parish office at 952-492-6276.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection February 14, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 1,899.23
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00



## PARISHIONERS' CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Grace Bittner, John Thomas Byer, Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncochar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Braden Flicek, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Dave Hover, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Jennifer Lonergan, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons), Beatrice Mushitz, Ev Nelson, Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Laura Ryan, Therese Ryan, Pat Scharf, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Alex Schlink, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Benoit Stepka, Laura Stepka, Cynthia Troendle, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Celeste Wilson, Nicole Wood, Mike Zender

## ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH:** Gary & Ann Korbel, Joshua & Elizabeth Jerney, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk

**ST. CATHERINE CCW SPRING LUNCHEON:** Save the date! Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. Speakers—Our favorite nuns will be back...

**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 8:00 a.m. before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

**BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** The total cost for the eviction and abatement of all guano and the insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating is \$13,645.80. If you wish to donate to this campaign, please place your contribution in the collection basket and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Bat Removal"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbel, or Tim Saarela.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection February 14, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 532.09
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....	\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining....	\$ 4,191.00



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of heaven  
is at hand  
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### STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fri. Mar. 11	7:00 p.m.	St. Patrick
Fri. Mar. 18	7:00 p.m.	St. Catherine
Fri. Mar. 25	3:00 p.m.	St. Patrick (Good Friday)

**Mass & Benediction each Friday at 6:30 p.m. before Stations.**

### YOUNG ADULTS SKI OUTING—THURS., MARCH 3:

6pm—close at Buck Hill in Burnsville. Enjoy a fun evening of skiing with Fr. Barnes & other young adults! Whether you have never skied before or are a pro, all are encouraged to attend. RSVP: <http://www.stncc.net/ski-outing-2>

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, March 11	SP	Group II Fish Fry
Friday, April 8	SP	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	SC	CCW Spring Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	SP	Parish Festival

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESCHOOL—GR. 9

Wed. Mar. 2	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Classes / Grades 1—7 Stations of the Cross
Sun. Mar. 6	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
Wed. Mar. 9	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Classes / Gr. 2 Learn. Cntr. / Grades 7 & 8 Reconciliation
Sun. Mar. 9	10:30 a.m.	Sunday School—Last Class Receive certificates at Church
Wed. Mar. 16	6:45-8:00 p.m.	Classes / Grades 2 & 3 Reconciliation