

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/1	NO MASS		
Tuesday	3/2	8:30 AM	SP	Kevin Roach
Wednesday	3/3	6:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Patrick Griffin
Thursday	3/4	8:30 AM	SC	+Catherine Sheehan
Friday	3/5	6:30 PM	SP	+Ty Schoenbauer
	3/5	7:00 PM	SP	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/6	5:00 PM	SP	+Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	3/7	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
	3/7	10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 6 & 7, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/6	Tony Jirik
	3/7	Don Pesta (choir)
Lector	3/6	Rob Puncoschar
	3/7	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	3/6	Bryce, Mason and Megan Deutsch
	3/7	Ben & Claire Meyer
Ushers	3/6	Volunteer
	3/7	Volunteer

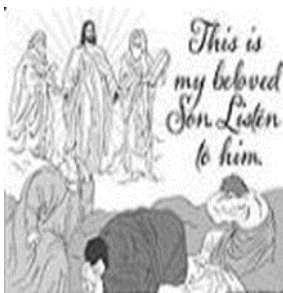
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/7	Dave Nelson
Lector	3/7	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	3/7	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/7	Frank Simons & Lloyd Friske
Greeters	3/7	Lee Hesse & Bonnie Theis

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. 28: ABP Bernard Hebda, March 1: Pope Francis, March 2: Fr. Michael Miller, March 3: Fr. Spencer Howe, March 4: Fr. Ralph Huar, March 5: Fr. Jeffery Huard, March 6: Fr. Peter Hughes.



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

Encouragement



When Jesus invited the Apostles to follow Him it must have appealed to their sense of adventure, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). The power of Christ’s personality and the signs they had seen Him do compelled them to leave everything behind and follow Him. This sense awe and wonder continued to increase as they witnessed Him change water into wine, cure the sick, cast out demons, multiply the loaves and the fishes, walk on water, and calm the wind and the sea. “What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?” (Matt. 8:27). At first it must have been easy and exciting to be among the inner circle. Everyone wanted to be close to Jesus, and they were the closest. But then He revealed His real purpose: “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” And that was not enough, those who follow Him must share in that suffering: “Then He said to all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me’” (Luke 9:22-23). The difficulty and the cost of following Jesus were revealed to be much greater than they ever imagined. They must have questioned their ability and their desire to continue following Him. Undoubtedly, their enthusiasm was overshadowed by discouragement. It was this point, by His transfiguration, that Jesus allowed Peter, James, and John to see Him as He really was. As we pray in the preface of the Mass, “He had already prepared them for His approaching death. He wanted to teach them through the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah) that the promised Christ had first to suffer and so come to the glory of His resurrection.” By this self-revelation Jesus encouraged the Apostles. They were further encouraged by the Father, “This is my chosen Son, listen to Him” (Luke 9:35). The Apostles needed this encouragement to overcome the sufferings that a disciple of Christ must endure.

We are no different. That is why this event of the Gospel is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. We may have responded with a renewed zeal and enthusiasm to the Church’s call “to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel.” We may have deepened our resolve to follow Christ more closely through prayer and good works. At first it may have seemed quite exciting and even easy. But as we continue on, not only during Lent, but also through life, we encounter many difficulties along the way. That is why we all need encouragement to continue on. God gives this to us directly and through the mediation of others. “Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm

the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: be strong, fear not!” (Isaiah 35: 3-4). It is like encouraging a runner in a marathon. Only we do not do it from the sidelines. We are all running it together, and those on the sidelines (the world, the devil, sinful habits, those who do not follow Christ) are discouraging us from continuing. We have to remember who we are following and encourage one another to keep going.

-Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: *Joe & Monica O’Brien, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Brandon & Gina O’Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Kyle & Melissa Plekkenpol, Roger & Jackie Pomije
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

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”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
2/21/21 Collection	\$ 2,325.31



THANK YOU: Thank you to all our Parishioners who have taken the time to enroll in the online giving program through Vanco Services. We are very pleased to report over the last 3 months more than a 1/3 of our collections have been received through Vanco. There is a link on our website, it is very secure and the primary agency is approved by the Archdiocese for Parishes to use for processing online receipts. With everyone's continued support our Parish has remained in a good financial position. Here is our website: www.stpandc.mn.org.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Tim & Laura Saarela, Frank & Cathy Simon

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

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
2/21/21 Collection:	\$ 486.49



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Judie Cervenka, Kevin Roach, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, 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.

MONEY COUNTERS: We are in need of a few money counters to count the weekend collections. If interested please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: There are Memorial Fund envelopes in the back of church if you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Fund.

Together in Hope



The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation is an independent foundation partnering with fellow Catholics to share Christ's love with neighbors in need through ministries that serve the poor, support life and strengthen the Faith.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. March 3rd	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. March 7th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. March 10th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. March 14th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: There’s no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year’s Catholics at the Capitol, a special day of prayer, education and advocacy in St. Paul on Thursday, April 15. Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. Paul, hear from inspiring speakers, and take part in a Eucharistic procession to the capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and to register.