

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 5		NO MASS
Tuesday	Feb. 6	6:00 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Wednesday	Feb. 7	6:00 PM (SP)	+Timothy Theis
Thursday	Feb. 8	8:30 AM (SC)	+Leo Maciej
Friday	Feb. 9		NO MASS
Saturday	Feb. 10	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Feb. 11	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Braden Flicek

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 10 & 11, 2018

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/10	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Bill Weiers
	2/11	Heidi Michaelson, Jan St. Aubin, Everett & Joan Nelson
Lectors	2/10	Shelley Shepherd
	2/11	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	2/10	Ian DeGross, Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch
	2/11	Alycia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	2/10	Steve Kreuser, Dave Roach
	2/11	Pat Puncocar, Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/11	Dave Nelson, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	2/11	Laura Saarela
Acolytes	2/11	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	2/11	Shawn O'Hern, Tim Saarela
Greeters	2/11	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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. 5: Fr. Mark Underdahl, Feb. 6: Fr. Victor Valencia, Feb. 7: Fr. Robert Valit, Feb. 8: Fr. James Van Dorn, Feb. 9: Fr. Nicholas Vandenbroeke, Feb. 10: Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg, Feb. 11: Fr. Anthony Vanderloop.



**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

### When We See God

It is always impressive to see a very intelligent person in action. It is amazing to see what can be stored within the human mind and with what ease disparate bits of information can be recalled when needed. We have probably all felt the pangs of envy and the homage of admiration in the presence of such people. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1273 such a person was at the peak of his intellectual powers. Everyone knew St. Thomas Aquinas and if there was a question to be debated they wanted him on their side. Even a cursory perusal of his works reveals a mind of gigantic stature showing why over 700 years later he is still regarded as one of the greatest theologians in the history of the Church. But before he completed his greatest work, the Summa Theologiae, "something happened (it is said while he was celebrating Mass) the nature of which will never be known among mortal men. His friend Reginald asked him to return to his regular habits of reading and writing, and following the controversies of the hour. He said with a singular emphasis, 'I can write no more. I have seen things which make all my writings like straw'" (G.K. Chesterton, St. Thomas Aquinas, ch. 5).

It is believed that St. Thomas was given a vision of heaven: he saw God. When he saw God, he could write no more – not that his writings were incorrect, but because he saw that no human words can really do justice to the beauty, goodness, and truth of God. Recalling Isaiah 64:3, St. Paul says, "No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him" (1 Cor. 2:9). Here on earth "we walk by faith, not by sight," (2 Cor. 5:7). "At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known" (1 Cor. 13:12). "Faith makes us taste in advance the light of the beatific vision, the goal of our journey here below. Then we shall see God 'face to face,' 'as He is'" (Catechism, 163). We shall be like the angels (Luke 20:36) who look upon the face of the heavenly Father (cf. Matt. 18:10).

This is what characterizes heaven above all else: we shall see God as He is. We will no longer need faith for we will see what we believe. We will not need hope for we will have all we can hope for: eternal salvation, light, happiness, and peace. When we see God there will be no illusions, no fantasies, no error, and no falsehood. We will be in the presence of truth itself and we will see that nothing we could ever imagine is more beautiful and good. We will see God's action in our lives; how He has blessed us; forgiven us; loved us. We will see how we have failed to return that love; how we have been ungrateful, untrusting. That is why we may spend some



time in Purgatory that we may be purified of these things. But when we are ready, we will enter into our heavenly Father's house and say, "Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that He has saved us!" (Isaiah 25:9). That is the joyful hope our faith gives us. It leads us through life and is only fulfilled when we see God.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**FEBRUARY:** \*Brian & Meghan Blonigen, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, John & Cassie Boegeman, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pam Caselius. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**POP CAN TABS:** All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

**BOXTOPS:** Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

**GROUP I FISH FRY:** Friday, February 9, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. All Group I members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. If you have any questions, contact Craig Barnd @ 952-492-3048.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection January 28, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,943.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00

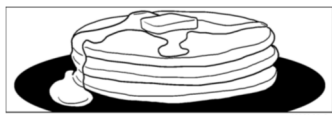


## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**FEBRUARY:** Allen & Cathy Svoboda, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Dennis Maciej.

**ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, February 11 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child, ages 5-12, 4 & under/free. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church, if you wish to help out.



**SCOTT COUNTY SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM:** The St. Catherine C.C.W. will begin collecting school supplies for the Scott County's School Supply Program request usually seen in September. Check the bulletin board under C.C.W. for requested items. A box will be placed in the entryway for supply donations. Questions can be directed to Barb Perry or the C.C.W. officers.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection January 28, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 725.42  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Amelia Cross, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father 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. +Our parish community is saddened by the death of Timothy Theis, 17 yr. old son of Brian & Shannon. We offer our sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

**R.C.I.A. PROGRAM:** The next sessions will be Tuesdays, February 6th Matrimony and Holy Orders, A Catholic Moral Vision

February 20th A Love that Lasts

February 27th Catholic Social Teaching

Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL** conducted by the Catholic Services Appeal Foundation, will begin in early February. Your gift is restricted for the benefit of the 18 Collective Ministries within our Archdiocese. Some of these include helping the homeless, the hungry, the imprisoned, students in financial need, seminarians, and many others. These Ministries cannot be funded on their own or by any one single parish, but rather need support from all of us.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of two parents (or two sets of parents that are willing to switch off) to be hall monitors during religious education classes. Volunteers will need to attend a training session and create an online account for future training sessions. Substitute teachers also needed.

Wed. Feb. 7	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9
Sun. Feb. 11	10:30 AM	Sunday School
Wed. Feb. 14	7:00 PM	Mass—Ash Wednesday
Sun. Feb. 18		NO CLASS

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

Fri. Feb. 9	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Sun. Feb. 11	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Scrambled Egg & Pancake Breakfast**, Sun. Feb. 4 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. 8:00-noon, \$7/adult, \$5/student. All proceeds will go to the Rick Tietz Memorial Scholarship.

**Valentine's Bingo**, Sun. Feb. 11, 1:00 PM at Most Holy Trinity in Veseli. Admission \$5, which includes 1 card and lunch.