

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Feb. 6	NO MASS
Tuesday	Feb. 7	8:30 AM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Feb. 8	6:00 PM (SP) +Braden Flicek
Thursday	Feb. 9	8:30 AM (SC) John & Sherry Murray 50th wedding annv.
Friday	Feb. 10	NO MASS
Saturday	Feb. 11	5:00 PM (SP) +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Feb. 12	8:30 AM (SC) +Benoite Stepka 10:30 AM (SP) For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2017

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/11	Jim DeGross, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	2/12	Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek, Dan Cervenka
Lectors	2/11	Shelley Shepherd
	2/12	John Cassady
Acolytes	2/11	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	2/12	Lily & Bella Schulte, Ben Simon
Ushers	2/11	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	2/12	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	2/12	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	2/12	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Barbara Lerschen, Kevin Mahowald
Lector	2/12	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	2/12	Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy, Tom Fredrickson (CB)
Ushers	2/12	Joel Vochoska, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	2/12	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 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. 6: Fr. Jose Gutierrez, Feb. 7: Fr. Patrick Casey, Feb. 8: Fr. James Cassidy, Feb. 9: Fr. Eduardo Castillo, Feb. 10: Fr. John Clay, Feb. 11: Fr. Kevin Clinton, Feb. 12: Fr. Timothy Cloutier.



***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

I want to share the funeral homily that I preached for a truly great priest.



Funeral Homily for Father Alphonse M. Kubat (August 3, 1916 – January 2, 2006) St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, Minnesota. January 7, 2006  
*(continued from last week)*

He loved to pray. He knew he was speaking to God, and through it coming to know and love Him more deeply. God was real and he knew Him as a Person. He knew each Person of the Holy Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He loved each of them, and he knew that he was loved by them. How fitting it was that the longest pastorate of his life was at Most Holy Trinity. Mary was intrinsic to his prayer. He knew that she led him in prayer and taught him how to know and love God. The last piece of spiritual advice that he gave me was to see how Mary loved the Most Holy Trinity, and how they loved her and you. He said to say the Angelus, and dedicate the first Hail Mary to the Father, the second to the Son, and the third to the Holy Spirit. To another person he said, "Everyday say three times, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on us." I remember him doing this at the end of Mass right after saying, "Mary, refuge of sinners, Pray for us. Comforter of the afflicted, Pray for us. Help of Christians, Pray for us." The rosary and his devotion to the divine office were outstanding. When he thought he was going to die he prayed the office for the next day just in case. His friends took up the duty for him in his last couple of days.

Like everyone else I will miss Fr. Kubat. But that sadness is overshadowed by my joy for him. Imagine the reward of this faithful servant of God. He died shortly after the Feast of Mary, the Mother of God. It was on the memorial of St. Basil and St. Gregory, two men from the East renown for their wisdom and holiness – very much as he was to us. My last visit with him was on Christmas day. It was much the same as the others though there were three differences. Somehow I knew it would be the last time we would speak (a week later he could not), he told me the details of his life, which I wrote down. And after dinner we did something that we never did before. He said, "We will have beer." He had a bottle of Staropramen, brewed in Prague. He poured into two glasses and after toasting we drank it. "It is better warm," he said. "You can taste the flavors better." I wonder if he could taste the flavor of his homeland. If it recalled the good memories that not even the Nazis or the Communists could erase. Whatever the case, I know that his heart was always set on our true homeland that is not of this earth. The words of the "O Salutaris" sum up his life so well: "O Saving Victim op'ning wide, the gate of Heav'n to us below! Our foes press on from ev'ry side: Your aid supply, your strength bestow. To your great name be endless praise, Immortal Godhead, One in Three; O grant us endless length of days, when our true native land we see."

In the Gospel we heard Jesus say: "Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world" (John17: 24). In his breviary Fr. Kubat had this prayer which so beautiful corresponds to the

prayer of Jesus. I am sure that on January 2, 2006, both prayers were answered. "I am nearing a hundred, my day draws to a close; it is more than evening, it is almost night. But, in front of me, rises in the east the dawn of a more beautiful day, Welcome, welcome! It is the white light of your face, O Christ, which in my sad heart awakens a great hope. Come down, heavenly ray. Appear, my Brother, Jesus. It is time for us to see each other."

Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**FEBRUARY:** \*Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Steven & Aimee Henry, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**GROUP I FISH FRY:** Friday, February 24th, 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 I members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (23rd) night or Friday, (24th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Diana Schoenbauer @ 952-461-2817 or Craig Barnd @ 952-492-3048.

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. 2017 SPIRITUAL DAY:

Saturday, March 4th at Our Lady of the Prairie Parish in Belle Plaine. Cost is \$8.00. Speaker Michelle Gelineau will be speaking on *Deepening Your Relationship with Jesus Christ*. See the flyer in the back of church and in the social hall for more information. Contact Marion Anderson @ 507-334-0209 or [maander@charter.net](mailto:maander@charter.net)

### 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.

**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.

**OLD CELEBRANT'S CHAIR:** Would anyone know what happened to the old celebrant's chair made by Walter Kohn? (metal with cushion). His family would like to have it.

**WIDESCREEN TV:** Would anyone like to donate a widescreen TV? It would be nice to have for the upcoming film journey.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** The family of Ann Oellrich would like to extend their sincere gratitude to all those at St. Patrick. Your generosity and support during this difficult time is greatly appreciated. The service of the Mass, music, and food was heartwarming. We are blessed to have such a caring community. Sincerely, *John, John III (Jack), & Luke Oellrich*

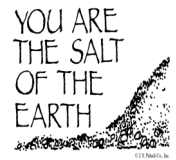
## Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"  
Sunday Collection January 29, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,401.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00  
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$ 9,600.25



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

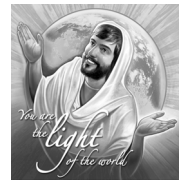
**FEBRUARY:** Allen & Cathy Svoboda, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Dennis Maciej.

**ST. CATHERINE PANCAKE BREAKFAST:** Sunday, February 12th, 9:30 AM-12:30 PM. Ticket prices are \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/child, 4 and under free. Please join us for some good food and fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of church if you wish to help out.

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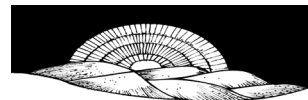
Received this week.....\$ 909.35  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** 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), Therese Ryan, 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.



### UPCOMING ADULT FAITH-FORMATION FILM

**SERIES:** Beginning the first week of Lent, join fellow parishioners for a five-session video and faith sharing journey titled "*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*". In this dramatic 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!** For a preview of this upcoming series, go to: <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 8	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Feb. 12	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Mon. Feb. 13	7:00 PM	Jason Evert-St. Michael's
Wed. Feb. 15	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-8.
Sun. Feb. 19		NO Sunday School.

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

Sun. Feb. 12	S.C.	Pancake Breakfast
Fri. Feb. 24	S.P.	Group I Fish Fry
Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique