

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	2/8	NO MASS		
Tuesday	2/9	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	2/10	6:00 PM	SC	+Rose Ann and Randy Sticha
Thursday	2/11	6:30 PM	SP	+John & Adeline Horejsi
Friday	2/12	NO MASS		
Saturday	2/13	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	2/14	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
		10:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR February 13 & 14, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	2/13	Dave Roach
	2/14	Joan Nelson (choir)
Lector	2/13	Shelley Shepherd
	2/14	Phil Scheiber
Altar Servers	2/13	Ian DeGross
	2/14	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	2/13	Volunteer
	2/14	Volunteer

St. Catherine

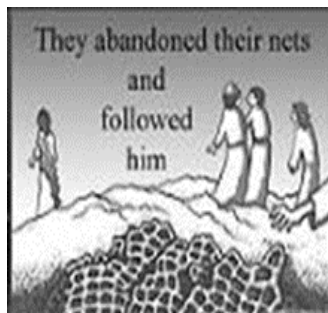
Extraordinary Ministers	2/14	Kevin Mahowald
Lector	2/14	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	2/14	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	2/14	Shawn O'Hern, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	2/14	Margaret Sharkey, Diane Schumann

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. 7: Fr. Jose Gutierrez, Feb. 8: Fr. Louis Hacrm, Feb. 9: Fr. Jerome Hackenmueller, Feb. 10: Fr. Byron Hagan, Feb. 11: Fr. Nicholas Hagen, Feb. 12: Fr. Ronald Harrer, Feb. 13: Fr. Robert Hart.

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

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



He was a wise man. Wisdom can be defined as “seeing things through the eyes of God.” And this is what he could do: see things as God did. He shared this wisdom by his words and by his life. When I first felt the call of the priesthood I would go to Veseli and visit with him with my friend Tim Deutsch. We continued to do this when he went to Montgomery and in St. Paul in the Leo Byrne Residence. Many seminarians discovered this same treasure. He became a confessor, a mentor, and a spiritual director for many, right to the end. He again fulfilled the words of Scripture this time from the book of Sirach: “Frequent the company of the elders; whoever is wise, stay close to him. Be eager to hear every godly discourse; let no wise saying escape you. If you see a man of prudence, seek him out; let your feet wear away his doorstep!” (Sirach 6:34-36). I am afraid that the carpet in front of room 316 may have to be replaced.

During these visits he would use his many endearing phrases. When I would call him from downstairs I would say, “This is Mike.” His response would be, “You are down?” meaning, “are you downstairs?” He always had time to visit and would welcome me with a joyful laugh, “Come, come. Sit down, sit.” Frequently he would interject our conversations with his familiar, “No ya, no ya.” When you told him good news he would say, “Praise the Lord for that.” When he had a request, whether it was a prayer or your own penance, he would say, “Be so kind...one Hail Holy Queen, ya? Be so kind.” He would say who had been over to visit him, “There was here Creagan.” Not Fr. Creagan, not Mike Creagan, not Mike, it was Creagan (with a rolled “R”). Fr. Tim Deutsch was Timmy. Fr. Moriarty was “that one who was always fixing on his car,” referring to his time in the seminary, when Fr. Kubat would watch him out of his window working on his car. Fr. Gallatin was “the one who is out by you” (In Delano). I think he referred to me as Mike Miller. And if he was trying to recall something you could be sure you would hear, “Moment, moment.” He would make observations, “Ya, ya, the cassocks that are coming in the mail are still looking nice.” And before I left I could be sure that I would hear, “Say hello to your parents.” My parents recalled that while he still lived in the area they always knew when he was driving by. Our farm was in a valley. He would start honking the horn on his Jeep at the top of one hill and continue honking it until he was on top of the other. When I left I would ask for his blessing, which he always gave in Latin, and then, after I was ordained, he would ask for mine. I always felt unworthy giving it, but confident that its fruitfulness came from the same source as his: the sacrament of Holy Orders.

He loved that sacrament. He loved them all. With great joy he would hear my confession. Always there was the advice to entrust myself to Jesus Christ and His Blessed Mother. “They will help you. Say to them you must help me.” His love of confession was surpassed only by his love of the Mass. Fr. Tim Deutsch (Timmy) said it so well many years ago, “When he

offers the Mass, you know he is praying to God.” His example and that observation impressed me deeply. Fr. Kubat knew what the Mass was: the re-presentation of the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, and he knew that it was through the priesthood that this takes place. The priest acts in the Person of Christ who transforms the bread and wine into His very Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Fr. Kubat understood this and always acted accordingly. Even the things used for Mass mattered greatly to him. When it was the fashion to use pottery for the sacred vessels, he would sweep his hand and say, “ah...my dog eats from a better dish than that.” He only wanted the best for Christ. It is a significant testament from one who was forced to use a tin spoon for a chalice. He would say, “We buy ourselves nice things, should we not have nice things for the Lord?”
(to be continued)

-Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: *Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, John & Andrea Lehman, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Kevin & Meghann Malecha, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Gregory & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Matthew & Krysta Neisen
 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.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, February 15, 2021 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
1/31/21 Collection	\$ 2,286.26



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR FEBRUARY: Dennis Maciej, Pat Schroeder, Ken & Connie Svoboda, Allen & Cathy Svoboda

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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETINGS: There will be no meetings held in February and March.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
1/31/21 Collection:	\$ 698.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Doug Cross, 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.

“LIFE NIGHT”: Our next “Life Night” will be Thursday, February 11 after the 6:30 PM mass at St. Patrick. This will provide opportunity for Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship, and Benediction through personal prayer. Please join us and reach out to DRE Erin with any questions at religiouisedstpatricks@gmail.com

ADULT FAITH FORMATION: There will be a Lenten study on the Consecration of St. Joseph. It will start on Sunday, February 21 at 6:00 PM at either St. Catherine or St. Patrick depending on the interest. To sign up or for more information please contact Dave Nelson at dmmang2@gmail.com or 952-492-3402.

CONGRATULATIONS: Fr. Roger Hessian will be celebrating the 60th Anniversary of his ordination on February 19. If you would like to congratulate him here is his address:
 47 Lemans Drive
 Naples, FL. 34112-9127

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Feb. 10th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. Feb. 14th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. Feb. 17th	Ash Wednesday Mass at 7 PM	
Sun. Feb. 21st	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PIES FOR LIFE: The New Prague Knights of Columbus will be having a “Pies for Life” fundraiser to support the area Pro-life organizations. They will be selling 9” fresh bakery pies of the following varieties: Pecan, Apple, Cherry, and French Silk at \$14 each. Pre-order sales only are due by Sunday, February 7 with pies available for pickup at the New Prague KC Hall on Saturday, February 13 from 8 AM– 2 PM. If you need more information please call 612-226-8378.

