

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 12		NO MASS
Tuesday	Mar. 13	6:00 PM (SP)	Jodi Kreuser
Wednesday	Mar. 14	5:45 PM (SP)	+Leo Maciej
Thursday	Mar. 15	8:30 AM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Friday	Mar. 16	6:00 PM (SP)	For the end of abortion
Saturday	Mar. 17	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Mar. 18	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People Sticha Families

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 17 & 18, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/17	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	3/18	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	3/17	Mike Puncochar
	3/18	Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	3/17	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Ian DeGross
	3/18	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	3/17	Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory
	3/18	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/18	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	3/18	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	3/18	Braxton Eller, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/18	Dave Nelson, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	3/18	Frank & Cathy Simons

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?

Mar. 12: Fr. Timothy Wozniak, Mar. 13: Fr. Timothy Wratkowski, Mar. 14: Fr. Timothy Yanta, Mar. 15: Fr. Joseph Zabinski, Mar. 16: Fr. Dennis Zehren, Mar. 17: Fr. Kevin Zilverberg, Mar. 18: Fr. Gregory Abbott.



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

Cleansing the Temple

There is no episode in the Gospels that demonstrates the wrath of God toward evil as dramatically as the cleansing of the Temple. Here we see Jesus become justifiably angry at the desecration of His Father's house. "He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and the oxen, and spilled the coins of the moneychangers and overturned their tables" (John 2:15). He does not simply warn them, He takes action and does not tolerate this evil. At the end of the episode John says that Jesus "would not trust Himself to them because He knew them all, and did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He Himself understood it well" (John 2:25).

It is good for us to remember that God knows us even better than we know ourselves. He made us, so of course He knows human nature. "More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart to reward everyone according to his ways, according to the merit of his deeds" (Jeremiah 17:9-10). He knows the capabilities of our nature and the power of our freedom, which is able to choose the greatest evil or the greatest good. He looks on us with compassion and mercy for He knows our weaknesses and imperfections, and that our nature still bears the wounds of original sin. "Man is divided in himself. As a result, the whole life of men, both individual and social, shows itself to be a struggle, and a dramatic one, between good and evil, between light and darkness" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 13). This division does not only affect the individual. "The tensions disturbing the world of today are in fact related to a more fundamental tension rooted in the human heart. In man himself many elements are in conflict with each other. On the one side, he has experience of his many limitations as a creature. On the other, he knows that there is no limit to his aspirations, and that he is called to a higher kind of life" (10).

The season of Lent calls us to know ourselves as God knows us: not only our weaknesses and failures, but our capabilities and dignity. The dignity that we have is that we are made in the image and likeness of God. "Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God," (1 Cor 6:11) 'called to be saints,' (1 Cor 1:2) Christians have become the temple of the Holy Spirit" ([1 Cor 6:19] Catechism, 1695). Jesus cleansing the Temple is a call for us to do the same: cleanse the temple that is our souls. The merchants and moneychangers slowly made their way into the Temple area. People got used to it and it became a normal part of life. The judgment of God was quite different. Sin was recognized for what it was, it had



no place in His Temple and it was thrown out. The same is true for us. Sin can slowly creep into our lives, and we can get used to it. We need the same zeal for the Temple of God that Jesus had, seeing sin for what it is and throwing it out. And not underestimating the power of our freedom that, with the grace of Christ, is great enough to overturn sin and cleanse the temple of our souls.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Debra Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Terry Connelly, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross, Kevin & Lisa DeGross. 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.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 16, 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. Please take some flyers and post them in your work place and other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday night the 15th or Friday the 16th prior to 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496 or Rob Puncochar @ 612-499-3103. We hope to see you all there and God bless you.

NOTE: St. Patrick's will receive a \$600.00 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event.

ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, sponsored by St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women. We are looking for 10 vendors to participate. There is a \$40 fee for the space which includes one eight foot banquet table (additional tables are available on a limited basis at no extra cost). A light lunch is provided. If you are interested, please e-mail me back, tjverhoeven@aol.com or by phone @ 612-619-1891. *LuVerne Verhoeven*

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT: Holy Week Men's Retreat at Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake starts Holy Thursday evening and ends Saturday at noon. Contact Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408 for details.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,789.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 125.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

ST. CATHERINE P.P.C. ELECTIONS: We are accepting nominations/submissions for St. Catherine's Parish Council. We have two seats available with Paul Torgesen running as an incumbent. Those interested should contact Tim Saarela @ 952-412-5212 or tim.saarela@integra.net. We will hold elections on Sunday, March 18th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,275.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 255.00
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 59.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, 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.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM: The next sessions will be Tuesdays,
March 13th A Catholic Moral Vision
March 20th Topic TBA
Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 16, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Church.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: There will be a second collection for flowers next weekend, March 17 & 18. Please use the envelope in your box. Thank you.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 14	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9.
Sun. Mar. 18	10:30 AM	Sunday School. Certificate presented at Mass. Reception to follow in social hall.
Wed. Mar. 21	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 7	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 13	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival

