

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 14	6:00 PM (SC)	+Alfred Zeindler
Tuesday	Mar. 15	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Mar. 16	6:00 PM (SP)	Mitchol Dunham
Thursday	Mar. 17	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick's Day All Present & Past Members of St. Patrick's Church
Friday	Mar. 18	6:30PM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Saturday	Mar. 19	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Mar. 20	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People Patricia Bender

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 19 & 20, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/19	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	3/20	Amy Henry, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Dan Cross
Lectors	3/19	Anne Marie Weiers
	3/20	John Cassady
Acolytes	3/19	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	3/20	Lily & Bella Schulte, Braden Flicek
Ushers	3/19	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	3/20	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	3/20	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/20	Dave Nelson, Kathy Ceola, Kathy Prochaska, Bonnie Theis
Lector	3/20	Deanna Vochoska, Ken Ceola
Acolytes	3/20	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/20	Joel Vochoska, Dave Buresh
Greeters	3/20	Ken & Kathy Ceola

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. 14: Fr. Mark Joppa, Mar. 15: Fr. Saw Joseph, Mar. 16: Fr. Thomas Joseph, Mar. 17: Fr. Mark Juettner, Mar. 18: Fr. Richard Kaley, Mar. 19: Fr. George Kallumkalkudy, Mar. 20: Fr. Michael Kaluza. *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.*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fri. Mar. 18	7:00 PM	St. Catherine
Fri. Mar. 25	3:00 PM	St. Patrick (Good Friday)

Mass & Benediction each Friday at 6:30 PM before Stations.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Joy of Reconciliation



The greatest parable of reconciliation is found in the 15th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, the Prodigal Son, a more accurate title for which would be the lost son. Jesus tells two other parables before this one: the lost sheep, and the lost coin. All three illustrate the same point: that apart from God's friendship we are lost, and that being restored, or reconciled to Him is a cause for rejoicing. "I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). Why would the angels even care? Because God does. "Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Says the Lord God. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live? Return and live!" (Ezekiel 18:23,32). The angels rejoice because God does. I can testify that the most joyful experience of my priesthood is when someone returns to the Church. The cause of the joy is not necessarily how long they have been gone, as much as the fact that they have been gone. They may have left through serious sin, our very happiness (beatitude) depends on our choices. This is clearly shown in the parable of the lost son. He freely chooses to leave his father's house and wastes his inheritance. His father respects his neglect, or even wandered away in search of a more "authentic" religion than the Catholic Church. The latter may not be "in sin" because they are searching for the truth in good conscience, and may genuinely believe that they have found it, but still they have wandered away from the true flock of Christ, which is His Church. The joy of their return to the Church, or entering it for the first time, comes from the fact that now their deepest hopes can be completely fulfilled by having access to the fullness of the truth (cf. Catechism, 816).

However, the main point of the three parables is the condition of separation from God caused by serious sin, of being lost. It is not that God does not know where we are, it is that in a certain sense we are out of His reach. He gave us the gift of freedom that gives us the power to remain in His friendship or to leave it. "Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude" (Catechism, 1731). In other words, freedom to do so, even though this choice disrespects and hurts him, and will cause terrible unhappiness to his son. The son finally realizes this when he hits rock bottom. He comes to his senses and realizes that apart from his father's house and friendship he is lost and spiritually dead. He is sad and unhappy as a result of his choices. When he returns he finds his father watching for him ready to forgive him. The result of the reconciliation is joy. The father is joyful because the son he loves is back. The son is joyful because he is back in his father's house. The same is true for each one of us and God. Apart from Him we are lost and unhappy, yet a choice away from the joy of reconciliation.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Tim & Susan Rousseau, David & Julie Roach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Megan Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: There will be no meetings in March.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 19 & 20. We will be electing two new 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.

MUSIC REHEARSAL: Choir members, instrumentalists, and anyone interested in helping with the Mass music during Holy Week, is asked to attend a rehearsal Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Sponsored by St. Patrick C.C.W. will be held Saturday, April 2, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall. The sale will feature fresh-baked cinnamon and caramel rolls as well as home-baked items contributed by parishioners. In addition, home-party representatives and other vendors will make up the boutique portion of the event. All parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods for this event. Donated items can be dropped off Friday, April 1, 5:00-7:00 PM in the social hall and before 9:00 AM on April 2. If you are able to help with the Bake Sale portion of the event, a sign-up sheet is posted in the church entry. Please help make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community! Thank you.

WE NEED ACOLYTES: St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your 1st communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson @ 952-233-8772 or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

THANK YOU: Hello C.C.W., Group III, Amy, & Denie, Thank you from the Chodek Family. The food and social hall was beautiful.
God Bless, *Rick Chodek*

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 6, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,078.50
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 208.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 65.00



FCSLA SPONSORED SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, a Catholic Fraternal Life Insurance Co. is sponsoring the Luncheon for the benefit of St. Catherine's C.C.W on Saturday, April 30th.

In the past years, the Spring Luncheon has been primarily given by the C.C.W. but this year, we have been selected to receive a \$600.00 matching grant from FCSLA who are sponsoring this Luncheon. Our "special" nuns, Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil will share their message, "Appreciate—Accept—Applaud". Tickets \$12.00. Contact Margaret Sharkey @ 461-2214.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: There will be no meeting in March.

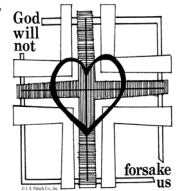
PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection March 6, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 933.84
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....	\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining.....	\$ 4,141.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 280.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 295.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Saturday, April 2	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday, April 8	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	S.C.	Spring Salad Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Joshua & Elizabeth Jerney, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sun. Mar. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School—Last Class. Receive certificates at Mass.
Wed. Mar. 16	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Reconciliation—grades 2 & 3.
Wed. Mar. 23		NO CLASS—Holy Week.
Wed. Mar. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. 1st Communion Practice. Confirmation Class at St. Michael's.