

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/14	NO MASS		
Tuesday	3/15	8:30 AM	SP	+Julie Toner
Wednesday	3/16	6:00 PM	SP	Mitch Dunham/ Special Intention
Thursday	3/17	8:30 AM	SP	Feast of St. Patrick Thoele Family
Friday	3/18	4:30 PM	SP	Flores Family
		5:00 PM	SP	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/19	9:00 AM	SC	Solemnity of St. Joseph +Brandon Bruzek
		5:00 PM	SP	+Jeanette Sticha
Sunday	3/20	8:30 AM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 19 & 20, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/19	Bill Weiers
	3/20	Joan Nelson
Lector	3/19	Rob Puncochar
	3/20	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	3/19	Ian DeGross
	3/20	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	3/19	Matt Sirek
	3/20	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/20	Donna Wright
Lector	3/20	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	3/20	Monica Muelken
Ushers	3/20	Dave Koller, George Doheny
Greeters	3/20	Janet Ryan, Kathy Conway

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

March 13: Fr. Douglas Ebert, March 14: Fr. John Echert, March 15: Fr. Lyle Ehmke, March 16: Fr. Dale Ehrman, March 17: Fr. Allan Eilen, March 18: Fr. Joah Ellis, March 19: Fr. John Erickson

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 Schedule:

Mass at 4:30 PM before Stations of the Cross		
3/18/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
3/25/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
4/1/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
4/8/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine



FROM THE PASTOR

Encouragement

When Jesus invited the Apostles to follow Him it must have appealed to their sense of adventure, “Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men” (Matt. 4:19). The power of Christ’s personality and the signs they had seen Him do compelled them to leave everything behind and follow Him. This sense awe and wonder continued to increase as they witnessed Him change water into wine, cure the sick, cast out demons, multiply the loaves and the fishes, walk on water, and calm the wind and the sea. “What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?” (Matt. 8:27). At first it must have been easy and exciting to be among the inner circle. Everyone wanted to be close to Jesus, and they were the closest. But then He revealed His real purpose: “The Son of Man must suffer greatly and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised.” And that was not enough, those who follow Him must share in that suffering: “Then He said to all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me’” (Luke 9:22-23). The difficulty and the cost of following Jesus were revealed to be much greater than they ever imagined. They must have questioned their ability and their desire to continue following Him. Undoubtedly, their enthusiasm was overshadowed by discouragement. It was this point, by His transfiguration, that Jesus allowed Peter, James, and John to see Him as He really was. As we pray in the preface of the Mass, “For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection.” By this self-revelation Jesus encouraged the Apostles. They were further encouraged by the Father, “This is my chosen Son, listen to Him” (Luke 9:35). The Apostles needed this encouragement to overcome the sufferings that a disciple of Christ must endure.

We are no different. That is why this event of the Gospel is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. We may have responded with a renewed zeal and enthusiasm to the Church’s call “Repent and believe in the Gospel.” We may have deepened our resolve to follow Christ more closely through prayer and good works. At first it may have seemed quite exciting and even easy. But as we continue on, not only during Lent, but also through life, we encounter many difficulties along the way. That is why we all need encouragement to continue on. God gives this to us directly and through the mediation of others. “Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak. Say to those whose hearts are frightened: discouraging us from continuing. We have to remember who we are following and encourage one another to keep going.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Leo & Gloria Jacques, *Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad

Altar Linens: Rose 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.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Authorization forms are available in the back of church.

Authorization is also accessible through our website,

www.stpandc.mn.org

2022/2023 BUDGETS: The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2022/2023 to the parish office. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

GROUP II FISH FRY: The next fish fry is Friday, April 8 from 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids 4-12 \$6, 3 and under are free. Rob Sticha and Tish Scheffler are the Chair/Co-Chair. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church. You can also sign-up online via sign-up genius at:

signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group

Set-up will be Thursday, April 7 at 6:00pm. Group II Members are asked to bring bars/cookies.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
3/6/22 Collection:	\$ 4,124.81
3/6/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 45.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Frank & Cathy Simons, Margaret Sharkey

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
3/6/22 Collection:	\$ 1,045.00
3/6/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 125.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

ACOLYTE TRAINING: If your child is interested in becoming a server or has served before, Father is going to teach the kids on Saturday, March 19 after the 5:00PM Mass at St. Patrick. Father will show the kids how to serve for a regular Mass and also for Stations of the Cross. All students who are interested in serving are welcome!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION: *NEW

CORRECT envelopes have been mailed out to St. Patrick Parishioners** You may also give online at GiveCSAF.org, mail in your gift to: The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation P.O. Box 6488

St. Paul, MN 55106 or put into the collection basket.

Every dollar makes an impact:

- 10,260 PEOPLE PER WEEK RECEIVING FOOD, HOUSING AND HYGIENE
- 1,000 HOT MEALS SERVED MONTHLY
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- 27,000 CATHOLIC WOMEN LIVE BY A SINGLE POUND OF FOOD EACH YEAR
- 56,000 PEOPLE BEING FORMED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH
- 750 PEOPLE PROVIDED WITH INCUBATORS TO PRODUCE WATER EACH MONTH
- OVER 55 FUTURE PROJECTS RECEIVING FUNDING THROUGH APPEALS, DONOR ASSISTANCE
- 1,000 WOMEN, BABIES & FAMILIES WITH THE APPROXIMATE SUPPORT

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LENTEN REGULATIONS: The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	3/16/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	3/20/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

REGISTRATION FOR 2022-2023 IS NOW OPEN!: Visit our website: stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm to register. There are paper forms in the back of the churches also.

PLEASE NOTE: All clergy and parish employees, as well as all volunteers who have either regular or unsupervised interaction with minors, are **Essential 3 (E3)** credentialed with the following: Background Check, Code of Conduct, and Safe Environment Training. To report abuse, first call your local law enforcement. More resources can be found at www.safe-environment.archspm.org