

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/15	6:30 PM	SP	+George & Rosie Pexa
Tuesday	3/16	NO MASS		
Wednesday	3/17	6:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Patrick Griffin
Thursday	3/18	8:30 AM	SC	+Betty Zanmiller
Friday	3/19	6:30 PM	SP	+Leonard Pexa
	3/19	7:00 PM	SP	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/20	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	3/21	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
	3/21	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 20 & 21, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/20	Bill Weiers
	3/21	Dan Cervenka (choir)
Lector	3/20	Shelley Shepherd
	3/21	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	3/20	Weston Feist
	3/21	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	3/20	Volunteer
	3/21	Volunteer

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/21	Frank Simons
Lector	3/21	Petro Tsarehradsky
Altar Servers	3/21	Monica Muelken
Ushers	3/21	Shawn O'Hern, Dave Koller
Greeters	3/21	Janet Ryan & Margaret Sharkey

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?

March 14: Fr. Andrew Jaspers, March 15: Fr. Bradley Jenniges, March 16: Fr. Glen Jenson, March 17: Fr. Joseph Johnson, March 18: Fr. Lawrence Johnson, March 19: Fr. Michael Johnson, March 20: Fr. Michael Joncas.



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

The Other Side of Joy

Today is Laetare Sunday, a word that means rejoice. In Advent the third Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which is another Latin word for rejoice. It is easy to remember which is which. The letter G comes before L, just as Advent comes before Lent, and 3 comes before 4. Hence the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and the fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The purpose of each is to remind us of the joy of salvation. The names, and the rose colored vestments worn on those days, are not emphasized as much as they used to be, but the reminder to rejoice in our faith remains very important as there are so many realities on the other side.

I think that when we look at the other side of joy we will understand why. The other side is our misery, and the causes of it. The causes of our misery can be reduced to two: sin and death. Sin brought death into the world, and the things that are connected with death cause great fear, anxiety, suffering and pain. Sin, too, is ruthless in its effects: spiritual blindness, enslavement, feelings of worthlessness, despair, the pain we suffer because of the sins of others, to name a few. We deal with these things every day. Indeed, because of these two things, and all of their effects, love can be filled with misery, and even become unbearable. Until we remember the Paschal Mystery - the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through them He offers to us the real possibility of escape and victory over sin and death, and all of their effects. It is a real possibility offered to us everyday. Yes, we will continue to experience them in this life, but we realize that they are only temporary, and our suffering can even be redemptive. He is willing and able to forgive our own sins as soon as we ask. And He offers us a share in His own resurrection where death will be powerless and have no effect. We will have to wait to receive some of these promises, but they will be fulfilled. We have Christ's word. He taught it in His life; sealed it with His blood; guaranteed it in His Resurrection.

Lent and Easter engrain within us the truth that Christ's victory over sin and death is not merely a passing thought, but is rather the very heart of following Him. It is the joy of salvation and redemption. "The Creator of man is also his Redeemer. Salvation not only confronts evil in each of its existing forms in this world but proclaims victory over evil. "I have conquered the world" (cf. Jn 16:33). The full promise of these words is found in the Paschal Mystery. Therefore, the cause of our joy is to give us the strength to defeat evil and to embrace the divine adoption which constitutes the essence of the Good News. God gives this power to mankind through Christ. "For God did not send



His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him' (Jn 3:17). Naturally, this is neither a naïve joy, nor a vain hope. The joy of the victory over evil does not obfuscate—it actually intensifies—the realistic awareness of the existence of evil in the world and in every man. The Gospel teaches us to call good and evil by name, but it also teaches: ‘Do not be conquered by evil but conquer with good’ (Rom (12:21)”) (John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, pp 21-22). In Christ, we can experience the other side of misery: joy.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Ione Hasselton (Joan Nelson’s sister), Judie Cervenka, Kevin Roach, 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, JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, 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.

SPECIAL REQUEST: For those with loved ones on the prayer list– please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we’d like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS: We are in need of a few money counters to count the weekend collections. Please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276 if you are interested.

EASTER FLOWERS 2ND COLLECTION: We will have a 2nd collection next weekend March 20 and 21 for Easter Flowers. There is an envelope in your box or use an envelope and label it Easter Flowers donation.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: *Joe & Monica O’Brien, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Brandon & Gina O’Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Kyle & Melissa Plekkenpol, Roger & Jackie Pomije
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.

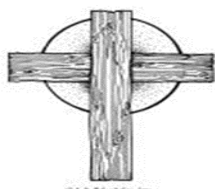
ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, March 15 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
3/7/21 Collection	\$ 2,504.70
3/7/21 Fuel Collection	\$ 200.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Tim & Laura Saarela, Frank & Cathy Simon

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:	\$ 1,040.00
3/7/21 Collection:	\$ 1,687.00
3/7/21 Fuel Collection	\$ 300.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. March 17th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. March 21st	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. March 24th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. March 28th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: There’s no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year’s Catholics at the Capitol, a special day of prayer, education and advocacy in St. Paul on Thursday, April 15. Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. Paul, hear from inspiring speakers, and take part in a Eucharistic procession to the capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and to register.

FRANCISCAN RETREAT & SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

The following are upcoming retreats offered:

- March 26-28 Women’s Weekend
- April 1-4 Men’s Holy Week
- April 9-11 Married Couples

Retreat location: 16385 Saint Francis Lane Prior Lake, MN 55372. To register for a retreat call 952-447-2182 or go online at FrancisanRetreat.net/register.