

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/16	6:30 PM	SP	Dana & Charlie Dunham
Tuesday	3/17	8:30 AM	SP	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Wednesday	3/18	6:00 PM	SP	+Joe, John & Adeline Horejsi
Thursday	3/19	8:30AM	SP	Mitchol Dunham
Friday	3/20	5:00 PM	SC	+William & Arla Ronayne
Saturday	3/21	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	3/22	8:30 AM	SC	For our People
		10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 21 & 22, 2020

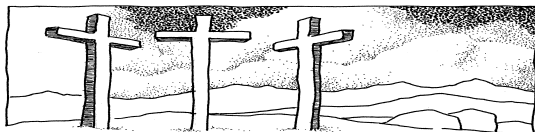
### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/21	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers, Tony Jirik
	3/22	Joan Nelson, Rob Puncochar & Jan St. Aubin
Lector	3/21	Jim DeGross
	3/22	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	3/21	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht
	3/22	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	3/21	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	3/22	Don Pesta, Pat Puncochar

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/22	Rachel Eicher, Deanna Vochoska, Lloyd Friske & Joan Bruzek
Lector	3/22	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	3/22	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/22	Shawn O' Hern, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	3/22	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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!*



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### **WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

Mar. 16: Fr. Michael Miller, Mar. 17: Fr. Marcus Milless, Mar. 18: Fr. John Mitchel, Mar. 19: Fr. Robert Monaghan, Mar. 20: Fr. Michael Monogue, Mar. 21: Fr. Joseph Monshau, Mar. 22: Fr. Raymond Monsour.

**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

### *I Thirst*

The most basic requirement for life is water. We realize this the more when it is lacking; its value rises in proportion. Because of this common experience water figures prominently in the Scriptures both in its fundamental purpose of sustaining physical life, and in its symbolic sense, especially in Baptism, as a source of spiritual life. We see God as the creator and provider of the water that brings both kinds of life. As the Israelites revolt against God in their thirst He saves them once again by providing the water they need. In the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman in the 4th chapter of John's Gospel we see that the human person does not only thirst for the water that brings physical life, but also for the grace (symbolized by water) that brings spiritual life. No one denies the first. Every human being that has ever lived knows his need for water, when he is thirsty, and how to satisfy it. But there are many people who deny or do not understand the second. "There is a greater thirst in man – it extends beyond the water from the well, because it seeks a life that reaches out beyond the biological sphere" (Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth, p. 241).



Everyone experiences this thirst – for truth, for love, for life without end and without suffering, for worship in Spirit and truth – in a word, we all thirst for happiness. And yet the waters of this world are not enough to quench this thirst any more than the spiritual waters of grace can satisfy the other; we need both. Still, there are so many that do not recognize spiritual thirst for what it is, and try to satisfy it with the waters of pleasure and power, which will only leave them thirsting for more. The woman at the well went through five husbands and went to the well once more. As Jesus spoke to her He showed her what she was really thirsting for and that He was the source of the living water that alone could satisfy her thirst for true life. The encounter changed her life. She turned away from her sin and immediately shared the good news of her discovery with others. She knew her life was miserable, and hearing the voice of the Lord she hardened not her heart (Ps 95). "Gross sinners are depressed, deflated and empty. They, therefore, have room for God. God prefers a loving sinner to a loveless 'saint.' Love can be trained; pride cannot. The man who thinks that he knows will rarely find truth; the man who knows he is a miserable, unhappy sinner, like the woman at the well, is closer to peace, joy and salvation than he knows" (Fulton Sheen, Life of Christ, ch. 8).

The encounter shows us something else, which may surprise us: not only do we have a thirst for God (whether we know it or not), He also has a thirst for us. "When He asked the woman of Samaria for water to drink, Christ had already prepared for her the gift of faith. In His thirst to receive her faith he awakened in her heart the fire of your love" (Preface, 3rd Sunday of Lent, Year A). So great is His thirst for our faith and our love that it was one of the seven last things that He said on the Cross: "I Thirst" (John 19:28). He thirsts for our salvation for He "Desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim 2:4). How sad it is when in His thirst there are those who, with their rejection and indifference, give Him vinegar to drink (Ps 69:22). He thirsts for our happiness, and this can be satisfied only if we come to Him in faith and drink the living waters that flow from His pierced side. *Fr. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

\*Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chad & Emily Sandey, Mitchell Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Phillip & Leanne Scheiber, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Chris & Shelley Shepherd.  
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**ST. PATRICK GROUP II FISH FRY:** Friday, March 27th, 5:00—8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. Look for sign-up sheets in the back of church and on our face book page. Group II members please bring 2 dozen bars or cookies. Chairs: Tish Scheffler, 612-799-6496 and Rob Puncoschar, 612-499-3103. We, once again, received a matching \$600.00 grant from FCCLA! **Thank you FCCLA!!**

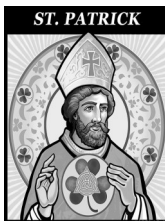
**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Monday, March 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE**, sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W. will be held Saturday, April 4, 9:00 AM—2:00 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 3, 5:00—7:00 PM in the Social Hall and before 9:00 AM on April 4. We will need 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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection March 8, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,093.41  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00  
Fuel Collection.....\$ 20.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk, Volunteers.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection March 8, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 822.72  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00  
Fuel Collection.....\$ 50.00  
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 20.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Dan Cross, Carol Williams (mother of Jan Sticha), Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy 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, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, 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, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS** are coming up the third weekend in March. If you would like to run, please contact John Cassady, 815-441-7558 (St. Patrick) or Deanna Vochoska, 651-303-8778 (St. Catherine).

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, March 20th at 5:30 PM at St. Catherine's Church.

**FAITH FORMATION:** A Study of St. Joseph, Sunday evenings, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall, March 22nd to April 26th (except April 12th). Contact Dave Nelson @ 952-492-3402 or [dmnang2@gmail.com](mailto:dmnang2@gmail.com)

**OFFICE HOURS:** 8:30—12:30 through Thursday; 3-26.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 18	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Mar. 22	9:15 AM	Second grade Learning Centers. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5
Wed. Mar. 25	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes, 1-9
Sun. Mar. 29	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Ages 3-5

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 27	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 4	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 17	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tourney
Sun. July 19	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 13	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Fish Fry; St. John the Baptist of Jordan;** March 20, 4:30—7PM; \$10 ages 12 and older, \$5 for children under 12. Includes all-you-can-eat fish, beans, salad, rolls and dessert.

**S.W. Deanery C.C.W. Spiritual Day,** Sat. Mar. 21, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM at St. Patrick's in Shieldsville. Cost \$8.00, Speaker: Peter Connor, ("Rosaries by Peter"). Please bring an item for the silent auction.

**Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast,** Sun. Mar. 22 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Pancakes, sausage, cinnamon rolls, 8:00 AM—1:00 PM. Free-will donation. Proceeds benefit 8-yr.-old Gage Hoy of Lonsdale, diagnosed at age 3 with leukemia.

**Fish Fry; Immaculate Conception of Marysburg** —April 3rd, 4:30—7PM; \$12 adults, \$6 ages 6-12, free 5 and under. Includes deep-fried fish, au gratin potatoes, vegetable, coleslaw, bread, milk/coffee and dessert. Stations of the Cross in the church at 7 p.m.