

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Mar. 18 | 6:30 PM (SP) | For Our Country |
| Tuesday | Mar. 19 | 8:30 AM (SC) | +Tom Ryan |
| Wednesday | Mar. 20 | 6:00 PM (SP) | Michael Dunham |
| Thursday | Mar. 21 | | NO MASS |
| Friday | Mar. 22 | 4:30 PM (SC) | For The Church |
| Saturday | Mar. 23 | 5:00 PM (SP) | Thoele Family |
| Sunday | Mar. 24 | 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP) | For Our People +John Jacques |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 23 & 24, 2019

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 3/23 | Rita Ryan, Barbara Lewis, Tony Jirik |
| | 3/24 | Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Don Pesta |
| Lector | 3/23 | Jim DeGross |
| | 3/24 | Jennifer Clancy |
| Altar Servers | 3/23 | Hayden & Mason DeGross, Bryce Deutsch |
| | 3/24 | Cole, Ella, & Ethan Flicek |
| Ushers | 3/23 | Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac |
| | 3/24 | Pat Puncochar, Darryl Volk |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 3/24 | Joan Bruzek, Kevin Mahowald, Lloyd & Deloris Friske |
| Lector | 3/24 | Rachel Eicher |
| Altar Servers | 3/24 | Karley Vochoska |
| Ushers | 3/24 | Frank Simons, Rick Sirek |
| Greeters | 3/24 | Joe & Diane Williamson |

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. 18: Fr. Edwin Savundra, Mar. 19: Fr. Warren Szamasj,
Mar. 20: Fr. Gregory Schaffer, Mar. 21: Fr. Damien Schill,
Mar. 22: Fr. Leo Schneider, Mar. 23: Fr. James Schoenberger,
Mar. 24: Fr. Brennon Schwabocarm.

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 the Cross

On the second Sunday of Lent we always hear the account of the Transfiguration. There is a parallel between this event and the Baptism of Jesus. "On the threshold of the public life: the baptism; on the threshold of the Passover: the Transfiguration... The Transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when He 'will change our lowly body to be like His glorious body'" (Catechism 556). Both events are a manifestation of who Jesus really is, as well as His mission. He is "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father": "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him" (Matt. 17:5). The event that preceded the Transfiguration was the first prediction of the Passion, which came immediately after it was revealed to Peter that Jesus was the Messiah. "From that time on, Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (Matt. 16:21).



Understandably, this revelation was very difficult for the disciples to accept. Imagine their confusion, Jesus just told them that very shortly He must be killed, violently and publicly. This must have been the only thing they could think about. The terrible specter of the Cross had been shown to them and now it was all they could see. Jesus knew they needed to see the other side of the Cross, and so He took Peter, James, and John and showed them the glory of the Resurrection. "The mystery of light par excellence is the Transfiguration, traditionally believed to have taken place on Mount Tabor. The glory of the Godhead shines forth from the face of Christ as the Father commands the astounded Apostles to 'listen to Him' and to prepare to experience with Him the agony of the Passion, so as to come with Him to the joy of the Resurrection and a life transfigured by the Holy Spirit" (St. John Paul II, Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 21).

We all must face the cross in our lives. Jesus revealed this to the Apostles immediately after He told them of His own: "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). If we simply look at the cross, be it His or ours, we will become discouraged and depressed. But when we see through the Cross, we are given an entirely different perspective, one that gives hope and joy. By His Cross and Resurrection He has set us free. "In bringing about the Redemption through suffering, Christ has also raised human suffering to the level of the Redemption. Thus each man, in his suffering, can also become a sharer in the redemptive suffering of Christ... The eloquence of the Cross and death is, however, completed by the eloquence of the Resurrection. Man finds in the Resurrection a completely new light, which helps him to go forward through the thick darkness of humiliations, doubts, hopelessness and persecution." (St. John Paul II, Salvifici Doloris, 19,20). Through faith the very same light of the Transfiguration continues to shine, showing us the victory that lies on the other side of the Cross. -Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: *James & Anette Trecker, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Tim & Lisa Velishek, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk, Todd & Larissa Wagner, Joseph & June Wallerius, Leander & Brandi Weckman, Bill & Anne Weiers, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, David & Sandra Zweber.

Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, April 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church.

ROSARY AT MALA STRANA: If you can lead the rosary on Wednesday, March 27th please contact Hayley at 952-758-2511 or hbujalski@monarchmn.com.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W SPRING BAKE SALE &

BOUTIQUE: Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the 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, March 29, 5:00-7:00 PM in the social hall and before 9:00 AM on March 30. 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.

FOOD DONATIONS: The Peace Center Food Pantry in New Prague is in need of food donations this month. Donations can be left in the bin in the back of church. Whether it is food or money, it will be matched by the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. When donating consider donating the following: personal care items, breakfast items, rice & grain varieties, seasonings, & soup.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL: Any volunteers are invited to Mala Strana's Volunteer Appreciation Social on Mon., April 8th at 1pm. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to Hayley by April 1st: 952-758-2511, hbujalski@monarchmn.com

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 10, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,662.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
 LED Lighting Project collected.....\$ 9,110.00
 LED Lighting Project goal.....\$ 15,700.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: John & Bonita Kane, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: We are accepting nominations/submissions for the Parish Council. We have two seats available this year. Those interested should contact the parish office. We will hold elections on Sunday, March 17th.

C.C.W. NEWS: St. Catherine C.C.W. new officers for 2019 are, President: Linda Torgeson, Secretary: Deloris Friske,

Treasurer: Joan Bruzek. **We are still in need of a Vice President. Please consider this position.** Contact Linda Torgeson or the parish office to volunteer.

THANK YOU: Thank you and blessings to all that worked hard to clean the church. The many hands made for a thorough job of getting all the nooks and crannies.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W.: The 1st meeting of the year will be March 24th in the church basement after the 8:30am mass. We hope to see you there!

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection March 10, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 796.31
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

ST. CATHERINE SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: Saturday, April 6th. All are invited to our Spring Luncheon to hear an encouraging and uplifting talk by Rhonda Zweber, as she takes us on her amazing faith journey over the past 13 years in dealing with overwhelming struggles and an uncertain future. Luncheon cost is \$20; to order tickets, call Margaret at 952-461-2214. Seating is limited, so get your tickets ASAP!

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori +Please pray for the repose of the soul of Myron Eischens.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wed. Mar.. 20 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class for grades 1-9. |
| Wed. Mar. 27 | | NO CLASS-Spring Break |
| Wed. Apr. 6 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class for grades 1-9. |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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| Sat. Mar. 30 | S.P. | C.C.W. Bake Sale & Boutique |
| Fri. Apr. 5 | S.P. | Group II Fish Fry |
| Sat. Apr. 6 | S.C. | C.C.W. Spring Luncheon |
| Fri. May 3 | S.P. | Men's Club Euchre Tournament |
| Sun. July 21 | S.P. | Parish Festival |

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| Friday, March 22 | S.P. | 5:00 PM |
| Friday, March 29 | S.C. | 5:00 PM |
| Friday, April 5 | S.P. | 5:00 PM |
| Friday, April 12 | S.C. | 5:00 PM |