

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 19	6:30 PM (SP)	+Ron DeGross
Tuesday	Mar. 20	6:00 PM (SP)	Mitch Dunham
Wednesday	Mar. 21	6:00 PM (SP)	For the Conversion of Sinners NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 22		For our Country
Friday	Mar. 23	6:30 PM (SC)	Thole Family
Saturday	Mar. 24	5:00 PM (SP)	For Our People
Sunday	Mar. 25	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 24 & 25, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/24	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barbara Lewis
	3/25	Everett Nelson, Joan Nelson, Don Pesta
Lectors	3/24	Jim DeGross, Shelley Shepherd
	3/25	Phillip Scheiber, Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	3/24	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Bryce Deutsch
	3/25	Cole, Ella, & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	3/24	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	3/25	Pat Puncuchar, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/25	Rachel Eicher, Barb Lerschen, Deloris Friske, Lloyd Friske
Lector	3/25	Laura Saarela, Tim Saarela
Altar Servers	3/25	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	3/25	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	3/25	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. 19: Fr. James Adams, Mar. 20: Fr. Stephen Adrian, Mar. 21: Fr. Peter Ali, Mar. 22: Fr. Robert Altier, Mar. 23: Fr. Jake Anderson, Mar. 24: Fr. Michael Anderson, Mar. 25: Fr. Joseph Andrade.



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

Reconciliation

What does the sacrament of Confession have to offer us, and why should we conquer the fears that stand in the way? We can answer this by looking at another name by which this sacrament is called:



Reconciliation. The word literally means, “to meet again”, implying that there is regular meeting, or friendship, that has been restored after having been broken. That is what the sacrament offers to us: “The whole power of the sacrament of Penance consists in restoring us to God’s grace and joining us with Him in an intimate friendship. Reconciliation with God is thus the purpose and effect of this sacrament” (Catechism, 1469). What pulls this friendship apart is sin.

“Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with Him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church” (1440). When the sin is serious, or mortal, it breaks that friendship. That is why these sins are called mortal, they cause this friendship to die. On our own, we are powerless to bring it back to life, which is why Jesus gave us a sacrament to re-establish that communion. “Indeed the sacrament of Reconciliation with God brings about a true ‘spiritual resurrection,’ restoration of the dignity and blessings of the life of the children of God, of which the most precious is friendship with God” (1469).

We can relate to this on the human level. When a friendship has been seriously damaged by the actions of one of the friends, there is a separation. Things are not the same. The communion between the two has been disrupted, even severed. Certain things will have to be done in order to restore that friendship. First, the offending party must acknowledge, or confess, their failure. Second, they must be sorry for it (have contrition), which causes them to seek the forgiveness of the friend they have hurt. Third, it naturally follows that they would want to make up for it, or make satisfaction for it (penance). If the one who was hurt is willing to accept the contrite acknowledgement of the other, then reconciliation is possible.

These same things apply to our friendship with God and our reconciliation with Him when we have sinned. But there are some differences. First, we can always be sure that any break in our friendship with Him is always our own fault. God never

wrongs us. He cannot sin against us; there is never a need, or possibility, to forgive God. Second, God is always willing and able to forgive us, when we sincerely seek that forgiveness. If we ever doubt this, we need only to reflect upon the events that we commemorate during Holy Week. We see in vivid detail, in Christ's suffering and death, the price of reconciliation, and how far God went to make it possible.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Debra Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Terry Connelly, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross, Kevin & Lisa DeGross. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

EASTER SET-UP: Church set-up for Easter will be Friday, March 30th at 5pm. Volunteers are welcome to help.

ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, sponsored by St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women. 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 6, 5:00-7:00PM in the social hall and before 9:00AM on April 7. Sign up sheets are posted at the back of church to help with baking and packaging of the rolls. Please help to make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community. Thank you!
-LuVerne Verhoeven

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT: Holy Week Men's Retreat at Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake starts Holy Thursday evening and ends Saturday at noon. Contact Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408 for details.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 2,445.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 40.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

ST. CATHERINE P.P.C. ELECTIONS: We are accepting nominations/submissions for St. Catherine's Parish Council. We have two seats available with Paul Torgesen running as an incumbent. Those interested should contact Tim Saarela @ 952-412-5212 or tim.saarela@integra.net. We will hold elections on Sunday, March 18th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 940.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 65.00
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 45.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

***We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

THANK YOU: We are excited to share that Danny Theis is cancer free! The power of prayer does miraculous things: it heals, while giving strength and guidance through difficult journeys in life. We are forever grateful for all of your generous prayers and thoughts. Thank you, Danny, Cathy Theis, & family.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM: The next sessions will be Tuesdays, March 20th The Catholic Life Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 23, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 21 6:45-8:00 PM Class, grades 1-9.
Wed. Mar. 28 Holy Week No Class

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sat. Apr. 7 S.P. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 13 S.P. Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 22 S.P. Parish Festival