

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 20	6:30 PM (SP)	Kim Studnicka
Tuesday	Mar. 21	6:30 PM (SP)	+Fr. Ronald Dahlheimer
		7:00 PM (SP)	Divine Mercy Video
Wednesday	Mar. 22	6:00 PM (SP)	For all Priests
Thursday	Mar. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	Jake Parlin
Friday	Mar. 24	6:30 PM (SC)	In Reparation for Sin & the Conversion of Sinners
		7:00 PM (SC)	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Mar. 25	5:00 PM (SP)	Thole Family
Sunday	Mar. 26	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 25 & 26, 2017

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/25	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	3/26	Heidi Michaelson, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek, Kristi Schulte
Lectors	3/25	Anne Marie Weiers
	3/26	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	3/25	Greta, Claire, & William Michaelson
	3/26	Cole Flicek, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	3/25	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	3/26	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha
Greeters	3/26	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/26	Pat Schroeder, Deanna Vochoska, Bonnie Theis, Joel Vochoska
Lector	3/26	Laura Saarela
Acolytes	3/26	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken
Ushers	3/26	Tim Saarela, Rick Sirek
Greeters	3/26	Ken & Kathy Ceola

*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. 20: Fr. Jerome Fehn, Mar. 21: Fr. Brian Fier, Mar. 22: Fr. Joseph Fink, Mar. 23: Fr. Kevin Finnegan, Mar. 24: Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, Mar. 25: Fr. John Fitzpatrick, Mar. 26: Fr. Robert Fitzpatrick.



***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'S DESK

### *Be Brave and Honest*

Perhaps the greatest fear that most people have about the sacrament of Confession comes from within themselves: the fear of telling our sins to another person. Many objections to this requirement are raised to cover this fear, the main one being: "I confess my sins directly to God, why do I have to tell a priest?" The way to answer this question is to ask another, "What does God want us to do?" If we insist that we will confess directly to God, but He wants us to confess to a priest as the ordinary way of forgiveness, then we have no more reasons not to do so. Very clearly this is the case. Jesus entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to the apostles: "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained" (John 20:22-23). It would be impossible for the apostles and their successors to do this if people did not tell them their sins. Jesus "has authority to forgive sins on earth" (Mark 2:10), and He gave this authority to His apostles: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matt. 16:19, and 18:18). Confessing sins to another person was not something new. As the people came to John the Baptist, "they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins" (Matt. 3:6). And James said, "declare your sins to one another" (James 5:16).



So why the objections to confessing to a priest? It is the internal fear of embarrassment, and also pride. We do not like to admit our failures, especially in some areas of our life, to another person. Yet we have a deep psychological need to do this. Guilt that is carried within us can tear us apart. We feel a great relief once we have gotten something "off of our chest." Jesus made confession a requirement partly to take care of this need. It helps to heal us. Because He made us, He understands us, and knows our needs: "More tortuous than all else is the human heart, beyond remedy; who can understand it? I, the Lord, alone probe the mind and test the heart" (Jeremiah 17:9-10).

In addition to this psychological need there is a spiritual and intellectual need as well. Sin is something we have chosen to do; we are responsible for it. Therefore, we need to admit it. The word confession means "to acknowledge, to admit." When we confess our sins we are not telling God something that He does not know. He knows everything. He knows our sins better than we do. He wants us to know them. We really know them when we can say them, not just privately, but to another. "Through such an admission man looks squarely at the sins he is guilty of, takes responsibility for them, and opens himself

again to God and to the communion of the Church in order to make a new future possible" (Catechism, 1455). The embarrassment we feel in doing this helps us to understand just how bad sin is. It breaks our friendship with God, and hurts other members of the Church. The priest stands in the place of both, thus reconciling us to both God and the Church. We must not let fear stand in the way of this reconciliation and healing. What I tell second graders preparing for their first confession is good for us all: be brave and honest. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

\*Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Douglas & Eugenia Klegstad, Cory & Angelique Kopas, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**GROUP II FISH FRY:** Friday, March 31, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (30th) night or Friday, (31st) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob Puncocar @ 612-499-3103 or Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496.

**ST.PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**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.

**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.

**STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT:** We have reached our goal! A big thank you to all that donated.

**THANK YOU:** To the anonymous donor that donated the 43 inch TV to St. Patrick for the Divine Mercy Video series.

**HELP NEEDED:** St. Patrick & St. Catherine Religious Education Program is looking for someone to help in the 8th grade classroom on Wednesday evenings. Please contact Elaine Pesta @ 952-758-4617.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection March 5, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,031.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00  
Fuel Collection.....\$ 100.00  
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 262.35

Steeple Repair Project .....\$36,900.00  
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$ .00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

**REDISCOVERING JESUS:** The C.C.W. has purchased copies of the book "Rediscovering Jesus". There are 40 chapters to follow along with the 40 days of lent. They are located on the back table. Please, one copy per parishioner family.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection March 5, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 841.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00  
Fuel Collection.....\$ 325.00  
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 208.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

**LENTEN FAITH-FORMATION FILM SERIES:** Tuesdays, March 7-April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM following 6:30 Mass at St. Patrick Church. Join us for a 10-episode (5 session) dramatic film journey titled "*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*". In this breathtaking film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God's merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** Each video viewing will be followed by a short discussion led by Fr. Michael Miller. There is no charge for this series. For a video preview go to : <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Friday, March 24th, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 22	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9. 2nd grade Learning Center
Wed. Mar. 29	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9
Wed. Apr. 5	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9

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

Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 28	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour