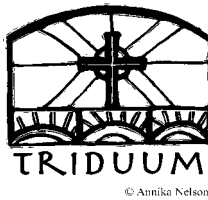


EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 21	9:00 AM (SP)	+William & Kathryn Toner
Tuesday	Mar. 22	9:00 AM (SP)	+Jorge Tatel
Wednesday	Mar. 23	9:00 AM (SP)	Living & Deceased Members of St. Patrick C.C.W
Thursday	Mar. 24	7:00 PM (SP)	+Alois & Susan Wagner
Friday	Mar. 25	7:00 PM (SC)	Good Friday Service
Saturday	Mar. 26	7:00 PM (SP)	The Thoele Family
Sunday	Mar. 27	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Lill Chodek

**READINGS FOR MARCH 27, 2005
EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD**



First Reading: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4
Gospel Reading: John 20:1-9

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 23		NO Religious Education.
Wed. Mar. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sat. April 2	9:30 AM	1st Communion Practice at S.C.
Sun. April 3	10:30 AM	1st Communion Mass at S.C.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAR. 26 & 27

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/24	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka
	3/26	Karen Keenan, Jan St. Aubin
	3/27	Joe & Nellie Carson, Ron McBroom
Lectors	3/24	Terrie Schoenbauer
	3/26	Lynne Hoffman, Tim Sonnek
	3/27	Ron McBroom
Acolytes	3/24	Alex Schoenbauer, Isaac Cross, Mike Verhoeven, Tony Verhoeven
	3/26	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Mike Verhoeven, Tony Verhoeven
	3/27	Alex Schoenbauer, Zachary Schoenbauer, Megan Ryan, Amy Ryan, Gabby Ryan
Ushers	3/24	Melvin Gregory, Matt Sirek
	3/26	Leonard Sticha, Steve Kreuser
	3/27	Don Pesta, Matt Trecker
Greeters	3/27	Ted & Mary Jirik

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/25	Bill Dillingham, Tom Fredrickson
	3/27	Rosetta Shea, Deloris Friske, Gordy & Julie Giles
Lector	3/25	Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder
	3/27	Cindy Grolla
Acolytes	3/25	Tommy Fredrickson, Timmy Fredrickson
	3/27	Matt Novak, Rachel Friske, Helen Korbel, Trevor Timm
Ushers	3/25	Dan Norman, Steven Rief
	3/27	Jeff Schoeder, Francis Seurer
Greeters	3/25	Dave & Rosie Nelson
	3/27	Jeff & Pat Schroeder

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 ladies 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!

*The parish office will be closed Good Friday, March 25th.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Kenneth & Marge Sticha, Allen & Mary Sticha, Lynn Sticha, Michael & Janice Sticha, Norman & Denie Sticha, Rob & Theresa Sticha, Craig & Mary Ann Svoboda, Dan & Cathy Theis. **Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done.* Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

FESTIVAL QUILTING: Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house March 26, from 8:00 AM to noon. We need lots of help as we prepare quilts for the 2005 Festival Quilt Auction in July. You need not be an experienced quilter! Come join us for fun and fellowship!

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at this summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of the social hall. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

ST. PATRICK CHOIR PRACTICE: Anyone interested in helping with music for Holy Week & Easter, please attend rehearsal on Tuesday, March 22, from 7-9 PM at the social hall.

FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: If you have toys to donate for Children's Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES: Please DO NOT put your capital improvement payment in your Sunday envelope! There are Capital Improvement Envelopes available in the social hall, or just use a regular white envelope marked Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE: March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month. We will be collecting food for Peace Center Food Shelf in New Prague. Food and money collected during March are counted and matched pound for pound and dollar for dollar by the St. Paul Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable goods such as: Cans: fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups, stews, etc. Boxes: jello, potatoes, pancake mix, crackers, meal in a box, cookies. Soaps: hand, dish, laundry, toilet tissue, Kleenex etc. Items may be brought and put in the hallway of the social hall. Call Evelyn Scheffler @ 758-4102 if you have questions.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: Please pick up your Festival letter & tickets in the back of the social hall.

THANK YOU: To all the Group II members that helped at the Fish Fry on March 11 and also the people that brought desserts. Special thanks to Carol Timmons for chairing the event.

THANK YOU: Special thanks to Don Hartmann of New Prague for his cash donation to our fish fry.

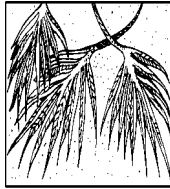
ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, March 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 13, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,627.36
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 35.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 55.00
Flower Collection.....	\$ 224.50
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 97,301.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 62,089.50 collected to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 6,273.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 6,240.70 pledged to date



PARISHIONERS NOTE: Both the 8:30 AM mass & the 10:30 AM mass on Sunday, April 3rd will be at St. Catherine.

RECONCILIATION: Monday, March 21-10:30 AM St. Patrick, 4:00 PM St. Catherine Tuesday, March 22-10:30 AM St. Catherine, 4:00 PM St. Patrick

PALMS

The Catholic faithful use palm branches at mass on Palm Sunday and bring them home for devotional purposes. "Palm Sunday" is the popular name for the Sunday before Easter, though its full title is "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion." Two Gospel passages are proclaimed at mass today. One tells of people waving branches or spreading cloaks to welcome Jesus in triumph to Jerusalem, and the other tells of his Passion and death.

Any branches may be used in the liturgy, but parishes usually provide palm branches, as mentioned in John's Gospel. The faithful hold them at the beginning of the mass for the blessing and procession.

After mass, people may bring the branches home as a sacramental. Various customs have developed. Some place branches behind a wall-mounted crucifix or other religious image. Others cleverly fold them into crosses. Still others incorporate blessed branches into improvised prayers for protection during harmful weather.

Used palm branches are burned the following year, and the ashes are placed on the heads of the faithful on Ash Wednesday. Some parishes burn their own ashes. People who wish to dispose of old palm branches may offer them back for burning or dispose of them at home in some reverent manner.

Palm branches appear in religious art as a symbol of martyrdom. In the Book of Revelation, a great multitude praises God with palm branches in hand. In the apocryphal Gospel of pseudo-Matthew, a palm tree miraculously bends over to nourish the Holy Family on the flight into Egypt, and an angel plants one of its branches in paradise, making the palm a sign of victory in any contest.

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

MARCH: *Shawn & Cheri O'Hern, Roger & LeAnn Brezina, Philip & Kim Moris, Ken & Connie Svoboda.

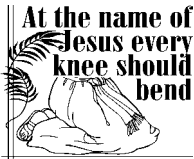
ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, March 28th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRINGTIME SALAD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW: Mark your calendars—Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 11:00 AM in the church basement.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 13, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 874.00
Flower Collection.....	\$ 150.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 30.00
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 4,825.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 4,420.00 pledged to date



At the name of Jesus every knee should bend

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Senior Health Insurance Medicare Helpers, Thur. Mar. 24, 11:00 AM at Philipp Square Apartments in New Prague.

Fish Fry, Fri. Mar. 25, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.50/adult, \$4.00/child, 4 and under free.

The Crucifixion, Fri. Mar. 25, 7:00 PM at St. John's in Savage.

Married Couples Retreat, Apr. 1-3 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Lyla Bauer (mother of Cathy Theis), Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk, Lorene Seurer, Helen Nelson, Marcella Backsen, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Lucille Schmitz. *Please pray for the repose of the soul of LuAnn Tellers, sister of Benoite Stepka.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 25th, 3:00 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 19 & 20 at St. Patrick and March 20 at St. Catherine.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 3 (1:30-4:30)—St. Catherine Join with us as we celebrate this extraordinary Day of Grace with the worldwide Catholic Church! When Pope John Paul II canonized St. Maria Faustina Kowalska as the first saint of the Jubilee Year 2000, he officially declared that the Sunday after Easter was to be known as *Divine Mercy Sunday* throughout the universal Church. Jesus appeared to St. Faustina in the 1930s and told her that He desired the Feast of Divine Mercy to be "a refuge and shelter for all souls, and especially poor sinners." On this day we are called to celebrate God's unfathomable Mercy, won for us by Jesus' Passion and Death on Good Friday and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. WE ARE ALL INVITED to take advantage of the innumerable graces available on the Feast of Mercy and receive a cleansing of our souls similar to what happens in baptism. For more info, all Mary Kay @ 952-447-3970.