

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mon.	Mar. 21	6:00 pm (SC)	Ike Adams+
Tues.	Mar. 22	8:30 am (SP)	Wilfred Wagner & Family+
Wed.	Mar. 23	6:00 pm (SP)	Richard Chodek+
Thurs.	Mar. 24	7:00 pm (SP)	Ronald DeGross+
Fri.	Mar. 25		— No Mass —
Sat.	Mar. 26	8:00 pm (SP)	SP CCW
Sun	Mar. 27	8:30 am (SC)	Lawrence, Marion, and John Jacques+
		10:30 am (SP)	For our people

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 26 & 27, 2016

### St. Patrick

Ext. Ministers	3/24	Ron, Rosie, & Megan Ryan
	3/26	Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan Kelley & Jim DeGross
	3/27	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Ev & Joan Nelson
Lectors	3/24	Tim Sonnek
	3/26	Lynne Hoffman
	3/27	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	3/24	Megan & Rachel Theis, Alyssa Volk
	3/26	Mitchell Rousseau, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	3/27	Karlie & Lindsey Bjerke, Braden Flicek
Ushers	3/24	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
	3/26	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	3/27	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	3/27	Don & Elaine Pesta

### St. Catherine

Ext. Ministers	3/25	Deanna & Joel Vochoska
	3/27	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Deloris & Rachel Friske
Lector	3/25	Tom Fredrickson, Rachel Friske
	3/27	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	3/25	Karley & Addey Vochoska
	3/27	Kendra Korbel, Molly O'Hern Bryce Horejsi
Ushers	3/25	Bruce Brumm, Ken Ceola
	3/27	Dennis Maciej, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	3/25	Gary & Ann Korbel
	3/27	Kathy Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey

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

Mar. 21: Fr. Paul Kammen; Mar. 22: Fr. Randal Kasal;  
Mar. 23: Fr. Robert Keane; Mar. 24: Fr. Jerome Keiser,  
Mar. 25: Fr. Lawrence Keller; Mar. 26: Fr. Jonathan  
Kelly; Mar. 27: Fr. Patrick Kennedy.

*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 pleas-  
ing to You, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Fri. Mar. 25 (Good Friday) 3:00 p.m. St. Patrick

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### Holy Week

Today we begin the most holy and solemn week in the Church year: Holy Week. The highpoint of Holy Week is the Easter Triduum: the three days in which the Church commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At this Mass we recall the Last Supper when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist. He looked forward to the events of the next two days and embodied it for all time in the Mass. The saving reality of His passion is thus made present to us each time that we participate in the Holy Eucharist. His unselfish love, demonstrated to the full upon the cross was never to be forgotten. And so He commanded: "Do this in memory of Me." "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the memorial of her Lord's death and resurrection, this central event of salvation becomes really present and the 'work of our redemption is carried out.' This sacrifice is so decisive for the salvation of the human race that Jesus Christ offered it and returned to the Father only after He had left us a means of sharing in it as if we had been present there. Each member of the faithful can thus take part in it and inexhaustibly gain its fruits." We are there: "At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it" (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11, 3).



***On Good Friday we recall His suffering and death, "a death He freely accepted" in all its frightening detail. We see the price of sin, and the depth of God's love, pouring out of the wounds of Christ hanging on the cross. We behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. We read the account of the Passion of Our Lord, pray for the needs of the Church and the world, and venerate the wood of the cross on which hung the Savior of the world. Finally, we receive Holy Communion consecrated the night before. It is the only full day of the year on which Mass is not offered. We depart in silence and experience a taste of the sadness felt by the disciples.***

Our mourning and fasting (if possible) continues until Holy Saturday night when the Church's liturgy reaches its highest point in the Easter Vigil. We gather in darkness, symbolic of the darkness of a world without Christ. And then a single flame, symbolic of the risen Christ, pierces the darkness to show that He is the Light of the world bringing victory over sin and death. We sing, "Christ our Light. Thanks be to God." We hear this great news proclaimed in the awesome "Exultet"; we hear how it was foreshadowed and fulfilled in the Scriptures, we bless new water, bring new members into the Church, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the first time since Holy Thursday. The events of that night are seen in the bright light of Easter Sunday, which brings the Triduum to a close. What a glorious three days. They give meaning to the entire year. I hope as many people as possible will come and drink in the glory and holiness of these Sacred Liturgies, and discover more deeply the joy contained in the beautiful words: "Christ is risen. Alleluia!"

Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH:** \*Tim & Susan Rousseau, Dave & Julie Roach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Megan Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

**HOLY WEEK MEN'S RETREAT—MARCH 24—26:** Franciscan Retreat Center, Prior Lake. For information contact Ron McBroom at (952) 758-2408.

**MUSIC REHEARSAL:** Choir members, instrumentalists, and anyone interested in helping with the Mass music during Holy Week, is asked to attend a rehearsal Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

**SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:** Sponsored by St. Patrick CCW will be held Saturday, April 2, 9:00 am to 3:00 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 1, 5:00-7:00 pm in the social hall and before 9:00 am on April 2. 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.

**THANK YOU:** We want to extend a big thank you to all who made our husband, dad and grandpa's last days with us so precious. From those that attended the wake and funeral, to Fr. Mike Miller who offered such an amazing mass and to all who helped with the mass, to the St. Patrick Church choir who sounded like angels above us, to St. Patrick Church Group II and other parishioners who helped set up, order food, prepare, serve and clean up after the meal, as well as all the family and friends who brought food, it was wonderful. Thank you again to all of you who made our last days with our husband, dad, and grandpa so memorable.

The family of Jerome Cavanaugh

**WE NEED ACOLYTES:** St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your First Communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson at 952-233-8772 or the parish office at 952-492-6276.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection March 6, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,078.50
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$ 38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 208.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 65.00



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

Saturday, April 2	SP	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday, April 8	SP	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	SC	CCW Spring Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	SP	Parish Festival

## ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH:** Gary & Ann Korbek, Joshua & Elizabeth Jerney, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk

**COUNTRY GATHERING FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN:** Join us for a Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neill will share their message, "APPRECIATE—ACCEPT—APPLAUD." Tickets—\$12. Contact Margaret Sharkey at (952) 461-2214

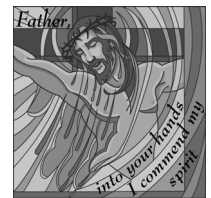
**BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** The total cost for the eviction and abatement of all guano and the insulation, sanitizing/deodorizing, and re-insulating is \$13,645.80. If you wish to donate to this campaign, please place your contribution in the collection basket and mark your envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Bat Removal"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until we meet our goal. If you have further questions, contact Joe Williamson, Gary Korbek, or Tim Saarela.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection March 6, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 933.84
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....	\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining....	\$ 4,141.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 280.00
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 295.00



## PARISHIONERS' CORNER

**DIVINE MERCY NOVENA BEGINS GOOD FRIDAY:** Jesus, through St. Faustina, invited us to pray a novena of Divine Mercy Chaplets leading up to the Feast of Divine Mercy on the Sunday after Easter. *By this novena, He said, I will grant every possible grace to souls.* Copies of the prayers for the nine-day novena are available today on the table in back of church.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Grace Bittner, John Thomas Byer, Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncchar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Braden Flicek, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Dave Hover, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Jennifer Lonergan, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons), Beatrice Mushitz, Ev Nelson, Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Laura Ryan, Therese Ryan, Pat Scharf, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Alex Schlink, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Benoite Stepka, Laura Stepka, Cynthia Troendle, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Celeste Wilson, Nicole Wood, and Mike Zender

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESCHOOL—GR. 9

Wed. Mar. 23	NO CLASS—Holy Week
Wed. Mar. 30	Religious Education Class Grades 1—9
(6:45-8:00 pm)	1st Comm. Practice in church
	Confirmation Class at St. Michael's