

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/21	6:30 PM	SP	+Dick & Nan Eischens
Tuesday	3/22	8:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques
Wednesday	3/23	6:00 PM	SP	+ Joe Horejsi
Thursday	3/24	NO MASS		
Friday	3/25	4:30 PM	SC	The Annunciation Of The Lord +Erin Kreuser
		5:00 PM	SC	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/26	5:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Sunday	3/27	8:30 AM	SC	+Vernie & Fern Friske
		10:30 AM	SP	Leah Sticha

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 26 & 27, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/26	Kelley DeGross
	3/27	Gloria Jacques
Lector	3/26	Jim DeGross
	3/27	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	3/26	Volunteer
	3/27	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	3/26	Mel Gregory
	3/27	Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/27	Kevin Mahowald
Lector	3/27	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	3/27	Volunteer
Ushers	3/27	Ken Ceola, Frank Simons
Greeters	3/27	Margaret Sharkey, Dianne Schumann

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

March 20: Fr. Michael Erlander, March 21: Fr. Gregory Esty, March 22: Fr. Peter Etzel, March 23: Fr. Bryce Evans, March 24: Fr. Dennis Evenson, March 25: Fr. Joseph Fedders, March 26: Fr. Paul Feela

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.

Stations of the Cross Schedule:		
Mass at 4:30 PM before Stations of the Cross		
3/25/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
4/1/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
4/8/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine



FROM THE PASTOR

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 MARCH: Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Leo & Gloria Jacques, *Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad

Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

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.

2022/2023 BUDGETS: The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2022/2023 to the parish office. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, March 21 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

GROUP II FISH FRY: The next fish fry is Friday, April 8 from 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids 4-12 \$6, 3 and under are free. Rob Sticha and Tish Scheffler are the chairs. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church. You can also sign-up online via sign-up genius at: signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group Set-up will be Thursday, April 7 at 6:00pm. Group II Members are asked to bring 2 dozen bars/cookies.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
3/13/22 Collection:	\$ 2,733.01
3/13/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 60.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Frank & Cathy Simons, Margaret Sharkey

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

WEDDING BANNS I: Morgan Berens and Drew Brevig

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

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
3/13/22 Collection:	\$ 1,240.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zwebber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: The new church directories are available for pick up in the back of church. Those parishioners who had photos taken or submitted photos and paid for a directory will find their copy labeled on the table in back. We do have a few extra copies available for purchase- \$15.00. Please contact the Parish Office if you would to purchase one.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

ABSTINENCE: All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

FASTING: All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	3/23/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	3/27/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN: Visit the website: stpanc.mn.org/reled.htm, click on the online registration form. There are forms in the back of the churches.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SURROUNDING PARISHES: Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale, St. Nicholas Church in New Market, and St. Wenceslaus/St. John/St. Scholastica Communities (rotating schedule between the 3 parishes) have Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7pm.

VESELI MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST: Veseli Men's Club "Made from Scratch" annual pancake and sausage breakfast is Sunday, March 27 serving from 8:30-12:00 in the Most Holy Trinity church basement. Adults: \$8, Children 5-12: \$4 under 5 free.

ROMAN BARTEN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST BENEFIT: Sunday, March 20 8am-1pm at the KC Hall in New Prague. Free Will Donation. Proceeds benefit 3 year old Emma Burns.

THE VILLAGES OF LONSDALE- The villages provides care for older adults and offers independent living, assisted living, and a secure memory care setting. Caring, trained staff are on-site 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide care and support. Call for a tour at 507-649-4947 or visit threelink.org. Flyers are also available in the back of church.