

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 21, 2004

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 22	8:30 AM (SP)	+Louis & Philomina Gregory
Tuesday	Mar. 23	8:30 AM (SP)	+Irene Kerber
Wednesday	Mar. 24	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marcella Frilseth
Thursday	Mar. 25		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 26	8:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques
Saturday	Mar. 27	5:00 PM (SP)	The Thoele Family
Sunday	Mar. 28	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Louis & Philomina Gregory

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Dick & Catherine Wornson, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, Wayne & Diane Whipps, Ronald & Connie Zabel, Robert & Suzanne Ziegler, David & Sandra Zweber, Mary Jo Andreasen, Donald & Susan Barlage. Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Elections will be held this weekend, March 20 & 21.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 27 & 28

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/27	Mark & Rita Mahowald, Karen Keenan
	3/28	Bob & Joan Goggins, Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lectors	3/27	Judie Cervenka
	3/28	Gerry Sandey
Acolytes	3/27	Erin Roach, Andy Roach, Mitchell Gareis
	3/28	Megan Ryan, Amy Ryan, Gabby Ryan
Ushers	3/27	Dave Roach, Francis Beuch
	3/28	Norm Sticha, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	3/28	Joe & Evelyn Scheffler

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/28	Connie Svoboda, Deanna Vochoska, Steve & Jude Boeser
Lector	3/28	Rosetta Shea
Acolytes	3/28	Clarice, Timmy, Tommy Fredrickson
Ushers	3/28	Ken Svoboda, Joe Williamson
Greeters	3/28	Jeff & Pat Schroeder

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 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!

**READINGS FOR MARCH 28, 2004
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21
 Second Reading: Philippians 3:8-14
 Gospel Reading: John 8:1-11



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 24	6:45 PM	Religious Education. Grades 1-10.
		1st Communion Parent Meeting.
Sun. Mar. 28	10:30 AM	Sunday School Program.
Wed. Mar. 31	6:45 PM	Religious Education. Grades 1-10.
		Confirmation Parent Meeting.
Sun. April 4	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

GROUP II FISH FRY:

Friday, March 26th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. Contact Carol Timmons @ 758-5960 for more information.

MARCH IS MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE MONTH:

We will be collecting food for Peace Center in New Prague. Food & money collected during March will be matched # for # and dollar for dollar by the St. Paul Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable goods in cans such as: fruits, vegetables, tuna, peanut butter, soups, stews, etc. In boxes: jello, crackers, potatoes, pancake mix, meal-in-a-box, cookies, etc. Hand soap, dish & laundry soap, & paper products. Food items may be dropped off in back of church. Monetary donations may be put into an envelope & labeled Food Share with donators name & put into the collection basket. Questions? contact Evelyn @ 758-4102.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING:

We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at next summer's church festival. Unfinished towels are located in the box at the back of church. Sign out as many as you'd like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks to all who have already done so many!

TOYS FOR THE FESTIVAL:

Toys for the festival are once again needed. If you would like to donate, call Cathy Theis @ 461-2636 or drop off donations at the church office. Thank you.

P.P.C. MEETING 3/15/04 MINUTES SUMMARY:

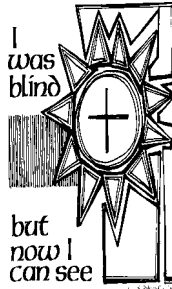
Finance report from Chad Sandey. Budgets are almost all in. Faith Formation Little Rock Scripture Study in 8th week. Dan Cervenka has accepted position as head of maintenance. Men's Club will discuss euchre tournament set for April 23rd. Men's Club projects planned are landscaping around rectory, and C.C.D. office wall and add another door. New doors for back of social hall are ordered. Discussed shed project. Colors selected for shed are dark green roof and wainscoting and sandstone sides. Start date is late April/early May. Discussed the kitchen project. Checking on dishwasher. Floor to be prepped on 3/16, then floor will get first coat of epoxy. Stainless tables for center of kitchen with shelves above tables. Renovation of sanctuary discussed. Arch above sanctuary will need to be exposed and evaluated for repairs. Any other work/painting will be undertaken after that is done. Scaffolding may be installed to do some inspection/repair work. This will be done after the kitchen and some other projects are done. Family Day is set for May 23rd. Tim Verhoeven & Barbara Lewis will be on the ballot for P.P.C. elections on March 20 & 21. Raffle tickets are ordered for the Festival (July 18th).

C.C.W. SPRING CRAFT & BAKE SALE: Saturday & Sunday, March 27 & 28, after the masses at St. Patrick, at the back of church. Parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods and spring theme craft items. These items can be dropped on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 AM to noon or before mass on Sat. or Sun. Thank you, in advance for your participation!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 14, 2004

Received this week.....\$ 1,234.83
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,601.00
 C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 81.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Kenneth & Kathleen Ceola, James & Barbara Lerschen, Shawn & Cheri O'Hern, Tom & Wendy Hesse, Bruce Brumm.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS will be held March 21.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, March 22nd at 7:00 PM.

ATTENTION PARENTS: If you have a senior graduating this year, please contact Ann Korbel @ 447-1454. The graduation mass will be on Sunday, May 16th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 14, 2004

Received this week.....\$ 857.00
 Fuel Collection.....\$ 20.00
 C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 55.00



February 25, 2004 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear Children! Also today, as never up to now, I call you to open your hearts to my messages. Little children, be those who draw souls to God and not those who distance them. I am with you and love you all with a special love. This is a time of penance and conversion. From the bottom of my heart, I call you to be mine with all your heart and then you will see that your God is great, because He will give you an abundance of blessings and peace. Thank you for having responded to my call."

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL: If you haven't already done so, please return your A.C.A. pledge to the parish office as soon as possible. St. Patrick goal is \$5778. St. Catherine's is \$5013.

EASTER FLOWER COLLECTION: We will have a second collection next weekend, March 27 & 28, for Easter flowers. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Budgeting for the 2004/2005 fiscal year will begin soon. If you will have a child in Catholic School next year, please complete one of the Tuition Assistance Forms, available in the back of church, and return it to the parish office by April 1, 2004. Thank you. (A complete Tuition Assistance Policy Booklet is available at the parish office.)

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will be collecting new and gently used pots and pans to donate to Bridging, Inc. (a non-profit group that provides furnishings to needy families). They are located in Bloomington. Please turn in items to St. Patrick Social Hall no later than April 3rd.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to Margaret Sharkey & JoAnn Erickson for planning, preparing, and serving lunch for the Priest's Deanery Meeting on March 11th at St. Patrick Rectory.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: We are still in need of "periodic" volunteers to assist with Comfort Meals given to a parishioner who has just had surgery or are ill. If you can pop a muffin in the oven, you have a gift to share. 461-2214 for info.

STEWARDSHIP— *Tithing has vital, practical uses as well as spiritual significance. It helps the church: Meet basic needs.* Tithing is necessary. Every church has fixed expenses which must be met every month: building maintenance, utilities, salaries, etc. Through tithing, the church can meet its practical responsibilities without putting a burden on just a few members.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Anna Sandey, Mathew Odette (grandson on Don & Virginia Odette), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), Bob Juris, George & Charolette Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Ronald Greger (brother of Diane Williamson), Lawrence Simek, Silverius Becker.

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY: GENESIS

Genesis will meet at 7:00 PM every Thursday evening in the St. Patrick Social Hall (through April 1st).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 26, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

After the Passion . . . try **Catholic Radio** 1530 AM, **Christian Radio** KTIS 98.5, Spirit FM 95.9 or 107.5.

Website: www.catholic.org/clife/prayers/stations.php.

Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Auction, benefit for Brian Kasper, senior at N.P. High School. Friday, Apr. 16, 4:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in N.P. Brian was injured in an auto accident in July 2003 & is paralyzed from the chest down. Tickets in advance \$15, \$20 at the door. Students \$10, under 5 free. Rosie Ryan will be selling tickets after masses at St. Patrick this weekend.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM: Proverbs 4:23 "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

We tend frequently, to place others and their needs before our own. I encourage you to be aware this Lenten time of your "TOTAL" image of Christ; your mind, body, and spirit. Take time to look at yourself, be aware of what/who you are. Feed yourself. Is your reading or viewing material centered on your growth towards God? Are you eating right, exercising-walking?