

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/22	6:30 PM	SP	Flores Family
Tuesday	3/23	8:30 AM	SP	+Joseph & Helen Pesta Family
Wednesday	3/24	6:00 PM	SP	+Carlton Miller
Thursday	3/25	8:30 AM	SP	+Richard Eischens
Friday	3/26	6:30 PM	SC	+Betty Zanmiller
	3/26	7:00 PM	SC	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/27	5:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	3/28	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
	3/28	10:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR March 27 & 28, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/27	Rosie Ryan
	3/28	Dan Cross (choir)
Lector	3/27	Rob Puncochar & Shelley Shepherd
	3/28	Diana Schoenbauer & Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	3/27	Sam Lambrecht
	3/28	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	3/27	Volunteer
	3/28	Volunteer

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/28	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	3/28	Pat Schroeder & Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	3/28	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/28	George Doheny & Ken Ceola
Greeters	3/28	Kathy Conway & Dianne Schumann

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

March 21: Fr. Colin Jones, March 22: Fr. Mark Joppa, March 23: Fr. Saw Joseph, March 24: Fr. Tony Judge, March 25: Fr. Mark Juettner, March 26: Fr. Richard Kaley, March 27: Fr. Michael Kaluza.

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

Human Nature and the Ten Commandments



After Jesus drove the money changers out of the Temple, John writes that Jesus, “did not need anyone to testify about human nature. He Himself understood it well” (Jn.2:25). Of course He did: “Through Him all things were made.” He knows our nature better than we do. First, we have an intellect that is capable of knowing reality, which exists outside of our mind and imagination. The great Dr. Richard Connell said in one of his philosophy courses that I took in the early 1990’s, that the human intellect is the lowest possible form of intelligence. That might seem insulting at first, but think about it: we know nothing when we are born; we have to learn about reality through our senses through which we reason from observable to unobservable things. This takes time and experience and we make a lot of mistakes along the way. We often do not see the consequences of our decisions. The Angels have a different type of intellect which apprehends reality immediately, which is why redemption is not possible for those that chose to rebel against God.

We also have a will that enables us to choose what is presented by our intellect and emotions. This too is compromised by Original Sin. “Ignorance of the fact that man has a wounded nature inclined to evil gives rise to serious errors in the areas of education, politics, social action, and morals” (Catechism, 407). This is more evident in today’s culture than at any time in modern history. Thanks to our current technology, we have these serious errors pumped into our minds and senses 24 hours a day from multi-media sources. It is even worse for the young who did not live at a time when things were different and are indoctrinated with the fallacy that everything from that time was the fruit of racism and every other phobia that is cast about as so much meaningless confetti.

Still, let us not despair, for immutable truths remain precisely so because they are eternally valid and unchangeable. Human nature is one of them: “Created in the image of the one God and equally endowed with rational souls, all men have the same nature and the same origin. Redeemed by the sacrifice of Christ, all are called to participate in the same divine beatitude: all therefore enjoy an equal dignity” (Catechism, 1934). Accidental differences and talents do not define human dignity but rather call us to respect it all the more. The Ten Commandments (the Decalogue), “although accessible to reason alone, have been revealed. To attain a complete and certain understanding of the requirements of the natural law, sinful humanity needed this revelation: ‘A full

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Ione Hasselton (Joan Nelson's sister), Judie Cervenka, Kevin Roach, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

SPECIAL REQUEST: For those with loved ones on the prayer list— please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we'd like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

MONEY COUNTERS: We are in need of a few money counters to count the weekend collections. Please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276 if you are interested.

MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT: This retreat is from Holy Thursday evening on April 1 until Holy Saturday, April 3. It is held at the Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake. Call Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408 for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. March 24th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. March 28th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. March 31st	NO CLASS	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 4th	NO CLASS	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

CATHOLICS AT THE CAPITOL: There's no time more important than now to speak up for life and dignity. So join Catholics from across Minnesota for this year's Catholics at the Capitol, a special day of prayer, education and advocacy in St. Paul on Thursday, April 15. Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. Paul, hear from inspiring speakers, and take part in a Eucharistic procession to the capitol before sharing your Catholic convictions with your elected officials. Visit catholicsatthecapitol.org to learn more and to register.

ARE YOU HURTING?: If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities' retreats are open to anyone impacted by abortion - women, men, grandparents, siblings, and health care professionals. The next retreat is April 16-18, 2021 in Buffalo, MN. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org.

explanation of the commandments of the Decalogue became necessary in the state of sin because the light of reason was obscured and the will had gone astray” (Catechism, 2071).

The Commandments have not been imposed upon us to restrict our freedom and to make life miserable, but rather to show us clearly the path of freedom. It is precisely in this time of cancel culture, when so many of the Commandments are turned up side down, and human nature has been reduced to preferences and grievances, that we must look to the only One who can set us free: the One whose foolishness is wiser than our wisdom and whose weakness is stronger than our strength, who, when “Lifted up from the earth” (Jn 12:32) will draw everyone to Himself, and who alone has “the words of everlasting life” (Jn 6:68).

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: *Joe & Monica O'Brien, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Kyle & Melissa Plekkenpol, Roger & Jackie Pomije
Altar Linens: Rosie 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.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING RESCHEDULED: Monday, March 22 at 7 PM in the Social Hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
3/14/21 Collection	\$ 2,429.47



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Tim & Laura Saarela, Frank & Cathy Simon

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
3/14/21 Collection:	\$ 762.00

