

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/23	6:30 PM	SC	For Our Country
Tuesday	3/24			NO MASS
Wednesday	3/25	8:30 AM	SP	+Carlton Miller
Thursday	3/26			NO MASS
Friday	3/27	5:00 PM	SP	For The Church
Saturday	3/28	5:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Sunday	3/29	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	+Fr. Francis Roach

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 28 & 29, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/28	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers & Tony Jirik
	3/29	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka & Dan Cross
Lector	3/28	Brianne Jirik
	3/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	3/28	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	3/29	Ally Volk, Mason & Megan Deutsch
Ushers	3/28	Mark Rezac & Math Sirek
	3/29	Norm Sticha & Rob Sticha

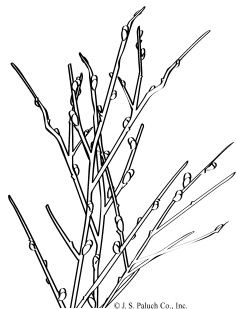
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/29	Barb Lerschen, Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis & Kathy Prochaska
Lector	3/29	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	3/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	3/29	Shawn O'Hern & Frank Simons
Greeters	3/29	Joe & Ruth Romanowski

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! 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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Mar. 23: Fr. Hugo Pazmino, Mar. 24: Fr. Mark Morairty,
Mar. 25: Fr. Robert Morin, Mar. 26: Fr. Paul Moudry,
Mar. 27: Fr. Desmond Alhassan, Mar. 28: Fr. William Murtaugh, Mar. 29: Fr. Hoang Nguyen.



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

The Other Side of Joy



Today is Laetare Sunday, a word that means rejoice. In Advent the third Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which is another Latin word for rejoice. It is easy to remember which is which. The letter G comes before L, just as Advent comes before Lent, and 3 comes before 4. Hence the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and the 4th Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The purpose of each is to remind us of the joy of salvation. The names, and the rose colored vestments worn on those days, are not emphasized as much as they used to be, but the reminder to rejoice in our faith remains very important as there are so many realities on the other side.

I think that when we look at the other side of joy we will understand why. The other side is our misery, and the causes of it. The causes of our misery can be reduced to two: sin and death. Sin brought death into the world, and the things that are connected with death cause great fear, anxiety, suffering and pain. Sin, too, is ruthless in its effects: spiritual blindness, enslavement, feelings of worthlessness, despair, the pain we suffer because of the sins of others, to name a few. We deal with these things every day. Indeed, because of these two things, and all of their effects, life can be filled with misery, and even become unbearable. Until we remember the Pascal Mystery – the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through them He offers to us the real possibility of escape and victory over sin and death, and all of their effects. It is a real possibility offered to us everyday. Yes, we will continue to experience them in this life, but we realize that they are only temporary, and our suffering can even be redemptive. He is willing and able to forgive our own sins as soon as we ask. And He offers us a share in His own resurrection where death will be powerless and have no effect. We will have to wait to receive some of these promises, but they will be fulfilled. We have Christ's word. He taught it in His life; sealed it with His blood; guaranteed it in His Resurrection.

Lent and Easter ingrain within us the truth that Christ's victory over sin and death is not merely a passing thought, but is rather the very heart of following Him. It is the joy of salvation and redemption. "The Creator of man is also his Redeemer. Salvation not only confronts evil in each of its existing forms in this world but proclaims victory over evil. "I have conquered the world (cf. Jn 16:33). The full promise of these words is found in the Paschal Mystery. Therefore the cause of our joy is to give us the strength to defeat evil and to embrace the divine adoption which constitutes the essence of the Good News. God gives this power to mankind through Christ. 'For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him (Jn 3:17). Naturally, this is neither a naïve joy, nor a vain hope. The joy of the victory over evil does not obfuscate -- it actually intensifies -- the realistic awareness of the existence of evil in the world and in every man. The Gospel teaches us to call good and evil by name, but it also teaches: 'Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good' (Rom 12:21)" (John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, pp. 21-22). In Christ, we can experience the other side of misery: joy.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chad & Emily Sandey, Mitchell Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Phillip & Leanne Scheiber, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Chris & Shelley Shepherd.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

CEMETERY MEETING: Thursday, April 2nd At 7PM; St. Patrick Social Hall.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

****CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE****

(Due to COVID-19)

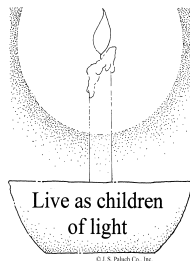
1. ST. PATRICK GROUP II FISH FRY– March 27th
2. SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE– April 4th
3. MEN’S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNEY– April 17th

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection March 15, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,603.41
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 10.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk, Volunteers.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, March 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection March 15, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 635.75
Weekly budget requirement.....\$1,040.00
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 10.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Dan Cross, Carol Williams (mother of Jan Sticha), Stephanie Prochaska, Richard Knutson, Sue Bode, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Amber Rosenwinkel (granddaughter of Kathy Prochaska), Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane

Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, 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, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 27th at 5:30 PM at St. Patrick’s Church.

FAITH FORMATION: *NEW DATES!* A Study of St. Joseph, Sunday evenings, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall, April 19th to May 17th. Contact Dave Nelson @ 952-492-3402 or dmmang2@gmail.com.

EASTER FLOWERS: There will be a second collection next week; 3/28 & 3/29 for Easter flowers.

OFFICE HOURS: 8:00-12:00 through Thursday; 3-26.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	3/25/20	6:45 PM	NO Religious Education (1-9)
Sunday	3/29/20	9:15 AM	NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ages 3-5
Wednesday	4/1/20	6:45 PM	NO Rel. Ed.; Grades 1-9
Sunday	4/5/20	9:15 AM	NO Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, ages 3-5

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday	3/27/20	SP	(Cancelled) Group II Fish Fry
Saturday	4/4/20	SP	(Cancelled) Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday	4/17/20	SP	(Cancelled) Men’s Club Euchre Tourney
Sunday	7/19/20	SP	Parish Festival
Tuesday	10/13/20	SC	Autumn Dinner

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Archdiocese of Saint Paul & Minneapolis COVID-19 page:
<https://www.archspm.org/covid19/>
Stay up to date and find helpful resources; online daily masses.

CANCELLED- Roman Barten Memorial Breakfast, Sun. Mar. 22 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Proceeds benefit 8-yr.-old Gage Hoy of Lonsdale, diagnosed at age 3 with leukemia.
Donations can be made online at: GO FUND ME: gf.me/u/xqz4gw **OR** in person to Frandsen Bank & Trust (Lonsdale)- “Gage Hoy Benefit” Account.