

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 25	6:30 PM (SC)	+Ardis Desmarais NO MASS
Tuesday	Mar. 26		
Wednesday	Mar. 27	5:00 PM (SP)	+Ginette Roger NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 28		
Friday	Mar. 29	4:30 PM (SC)	+Tom Ryan
Saturday	Mar. 30	5:00 PM (SP)	+Father Francis Roach
Sunday	Mar. 31	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Bernice Dellwo For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 30 & 31, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/30	Kelley DeGross, Dave Roach, Bill Weiers
	3/31	Rob Puncoschar, Volunteers
Lector	3/30	Shelley Shepherd
	3/31	Phil Scheiber
Altar Servers	3/30	Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers, Ben Simon
	3/31	Volunteers
Ushers	3/30	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	3/31	Volunteers

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/31	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Deanna Vochoska, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	3/31	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	3/31	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	3/31	Tim Saarela, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	3/31	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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. 25: Fr. Donald Schwalm, Mar. 26: Fr. Robert Schwartz, Mar. 27: Fr. Daniel Scorrano F.S.C.B, Mar. 28: Fr. Martin Shallbetter, Mar. 29: Fr. Christopher Shofner, Mar. 30: Fr. Paul Shovelain, Mar. 31: ABP. Bernard Hebda.



**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

### *Do Not Be Afraid*

If we are serious about Christ's call to conversion and holiness, this sacrament must be a regular part of our lives. Yet, I would say that it is the most underused and most needed sacrament of our time. I think it is so needed precisely because it is underused. We will always need it because "the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life" (Catechism 1426). I think it is underused because it is not properly understood, and that it is unnecessarily feared. I think there is more fear associated with this sacrament than with any other. The best way to deal with these fears is to address them head on. This is what I do with children as I prepare them to receive this sacrament for the first time. I think everyone has basically the same fears.

One fear is that "the priest will think badly of me after I tell him my sins." The only way to dismantle this fear is to state that it is false. In fact, I always think more highly of someone when they have the humility to admit their sins honestly, and to seek God's forgiveness. Related to this is the fear that "the priest will not understand my weakness, and how I could have committed this sin." First, I think every priest receives a special gift when he is ordained to help him understand human weakness and the subtle power of temptation. This gift may exhibit itself more or less among various priests, but I think it is there because we really do understand the penitent. Also, the ministry of reconciliation is so central to a priest's ministry that God will surely give His priests the graces needed to fulfill it. Second, every confessor (the priest hearing the confession), has already been, and will continue to be, a penitent (the one going to confession). A priest cannot absolve himself. He knows what it feels like to be on the other side in a real and practical way, not simply theoretically. Having needed and received God's mercy himself, the priest is better prepared to be its minister. This practical experience along with God's grace, and a clear understanding of the delicacy and importance of this ministry, will help the priest to be a good confessor. It is a tremendous responsibility. "He should have a proven knowledge of Christian behavior, experience of human affairs, respect and sensitivity toward the one who has fallen; he must love the truth, be faithful to the Magisterium of the Church, and lead the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity" (Catechism 1466). Knowing this about the one who hears the confession should remove the fears that the priest will not understand the penitent, or that he will think badly of him or her. I will cover some other fears in my next article. But to them all, the words that Jesus often used should comfort us and echo in our minds, "Do not be afraid."

*-Fr. Michael J. Miller*



## ST. PATRICK

**CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:** \*James & Anette Trecker, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Tim & Lisa Velishek, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk, Todd & Larissa Wagner, Joseph & June Wallerius, Leander & Brandi Weckman, Bill & Anne Weiers, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, David & Sandra Zweber. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**GROUP II FISH FRY:** Friday, April 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W.:** The SWD April Open Meeting will be Thursday, April 11th at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. This evening will include a meal and a Silent Auction. The event is free to attend. To register, please call 612-756-1345.

### ST. PATRICK C.C.W SPRING BAKE SALE &

**BOUTIQUE:** Saturday, March 30th, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM in the 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, March 29, 5:00-7:00 PM in the social hall and before 9:00 AM on March 30. 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.

**FOOD DONATIONS:** The Peace Center Food Pantry in New Prague is in need of food donations this month. Donations can be left in the bin in the back of church. Whether it is food or money, it will be matched by the 2nd Harvest Food Bank. When donating consider donating the following: personal care items, breakfast items, rice & grain varieties, seasonings, & soup.

**COMMITTEE BUDGETS:** It is budget time for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year. Committees, please submit your budget requests by April 15th to the Parish Office.

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SOCIAL:** Any volunteers are invited to Mala Strana's Volunteer Appreciation Social on Mon., April 8th at 1pm. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to Hayley by April 1st: 952-758-2511, hbujalski@monarchmn.com

### Stewardship of Treasure

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

Sunday Collection March 17, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,548.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

John & Bonita Kane, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

**ST. CATHERINE FINANCE COMMITTEE:** There is a vacancy to fill on the finance committee. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office.

**C.C.W. NEWS:** St. Catherine C.C.W. new officers for 2019 are, President: Linda Torgeson, Secretary: Deloris Friske, Treasurer: Joan Bruzek. **We are still in need of a Vice President. Please consider this position.** Contact Linda Torgeson or the parish office to volunteer.

### Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection March 17, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,326.75  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Available to ALL St. Patrick/St. Catherine parishioner students K-8 wishing to attend Catholic School. Up to \$1000 per student, annually, is available for Tuition Reimbursement. Get sign-up forms from the Parish office.

**ST. CATHERINE SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON:** Saturday, April 6th. All are invited to our Spring Luncheon to hear an encouraging and uplifting talk by Rhonda Zweber, as she takes us on her amazing faith journey over the past 13 years in dealing with overwhelming struggles and an uncertain future. Luncheon cost is \$20; to order tickets, call Margaret at 952-461-2214. Seating is limited, so get your tickets ASAP!

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Dave Nickolay, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 27		NO CLASS-Spring Break
Wed. Apr. 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Apr. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.

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

Sat. Mar. 30	S.P.	C.C.W. Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Spring Luncheon
Fri. May 3	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 29	S.C.	5:00 PM
Friday, April 5	S.P.	5:00 PM
Friday, April 12	S.C.	5:00 PM