

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 26	6:30 PM (SC)	For the gift of faith for all who do not believe in Christ
Tuesday	Mar. 27	8:30 AM (SP)	For all husbands & wives
Wednesday	Mar. 28		NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 29	7:00 PM (SP)	For all priests, seminarians & vocations to the priesthood
Friday	Mar. 30	3:00 PM (SC)	
Saturday	Mar. 31	8:00 PM (SP)	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday	Apr. 01	8:30 AM (SC)	+Mary Hagen
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 29, 30, 31 & APRIL 1, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/29	Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross
	3/31	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	4/01	Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry, Heidi Michaelson
Lector	3/29	Shelley Shepherd
	3/31	Anne Marie Weiers
	4/01	Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	3/29	Wyatt Giesen, Hannah Langeberg
	3/31	Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers, Ben Simon
	4/01	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	3/29	Leo Jacques
	3/31	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	4/01	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/30	Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska
	4/01	Pat Schroeder, Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis, Kevin Mahowald
Lector	3/30	Kevin Mahowald, Mary Kay Mahowald
	4/01	Molly O'Hern
Altar Servers	3/30	Addey & Karley Vochoska
	4/01	Conner Anderson, Kendra Korbel
Ushers	3/30	Joel Vochoska, Ken Ceola
	4/01	Dennis Maciej, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	3/30	Ann Timmerman, Lee Hesse
	4/01	Ken & Kathy Ceola

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. 26: Fr. Leonard Andrie, Mar. 27: Fr. Michael Arms, Mar. 28: Fr. Dennis Backer, Mar. 29: Fr. Albert Backmann, Mar. 30: Fr. William Baer, Mar. 31: Archbishop Bernard Hebda, Apr. 01: Pope Francis.



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

Holy Week



Today we begin the most holy and solemn week in the Church year: Holy Week. The highpoint of Holy Week is the Easter Triduum: the three days in which the Church commemorates the death and resurrection of

Jesus. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At this Mass we recall the Last Supper when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist. He looked forward to the events of the next two days and embodied it for all time in the Mass. The saving reality of His passion is thus made present to us each time that we participate in the Holy Eucharist. His unselfish love, demonstrated to the full upon the cross was never to be forgotten. And so He commanded: "Do this in memory of me." "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the memorial of her Lord's death and resurrection, this central event of salvation becomes really present and the 'work of our redemption is carried out.' This sacrifice is so decisive for the salvation of the human race that Jesus Christ offered it and returned to the Father only after He had left us a means of sharing in it as if we had been present there. Each member of the faithful can thus take part in it and inexhaustibly gain its fruits." We are there: "At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it" (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11, 3).

On Good Friday we recall His suffering and death, "a death He freely accepted" in all its frightening detail. We see the price of sin, and the depth of God's love, pouring out of the wounds of Christ hanging on the cross. We behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. We read the account of the Passion of Our Lord, pray for the needs of the Church and the world, and venerate the wood of the cross on which hung the Savior of the world. Finally, we receive Holy Communion consecrated the night before. It is the only full day of the year on which Mass is not offered. We depart in silence and experience a taste of the sadness felt by the disciples.

Our mourning and fasting (if possible) continues until Holy Saturday night when the Church's liturgy reaches its highest point in the Easter Vigil. We gather in darkness, symbolic of the darkness of a world

without Christ. And then a single flame, symbolic of the risen Christ, pierces the darkness to show that He is the Light of the world bringing victory over sin and death. We sing, "Christ our Light. Thanks be to God." We hear this great news proclaimed in the awesome "Exultet"; we hear how it was foreshadowed and fulfilled in the Scriptures, we bless new water, bring new members into the Church, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the first time since Holy Thursday. The events of that night are seen in the bright light of Easter Sunday, which brings the Triduum to a close. What a glorious three days. They give meaning to the entire year. I hope as many people as possible will come and drink in the glory and holiness of these Sacred Liturgies, and discover more deeply the joy contained in the beautiful words: "Christ is risen. Alleluia!" -Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Debra Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Terry Connelly, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross, Kevin & Lisa DeGross. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

EASTER SET-UP: Church set-up for Easter will be Friday, March 30th at 5pm. Volunteers are welcome to help.

ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, sponsored by St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women. 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, April 6, 5:00-7:00PM in the social hall and before 9:00AM on April 7. Sign up sheets are posted at the back of church to help with baking and packaging of the rolls. Please help to make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community. Thank you!

-LuVerne Verhoeven

LENTEN MEN'S RETREAT: Holy Week Men's Retreat at Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake starts Holy Thursday evening and ends Saturday at noon. Contact Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408 for details.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 2,445.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 40.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine Church is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency. Items of high need include:

handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now-early summer. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 11, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 940.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 65.00
C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 45.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

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PARISHES: Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

***We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

THANK YOU: Thank you for the outpouring of support and love we have felt from you, our dear family and friends. It has greatly helped us thru the tragic loss of our loving son and brother, Tim. Words cannot express the gratitude we feel. Please accept this thank you as we continue on our journey of healing. -Brian, Shannon, Brittany, Travis, & Samantha Theis.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 30, 12:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 28 Holy Week No Class.
Wed. Apr. 4 6:45-8:00 PM Class, grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sat. Apr. 7 S.P. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 13 S.P. Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 22 S.P. Parish Festival