

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 27	6:30 PM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
Tuesday	Mar. 28	6:30 PM (SP)	
		7:00 PM (SP)	Divine Mercy Video
Wednesday	Mar. 29	6:00 PM (SP)	Jamie Kreuser
		7:00 PM (SP)	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	Mar. 30	NO MASS	
Friday	Mar. 31	6:30 PM (SP)	
		7:00 PM (SP)	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Apr. 01	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Apr. 02	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Sticha Families

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 1 & 2, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/01	Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis, Kelley DeGross
	4/02	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Gloria Jacques, Dan Pesta
Lectors	4/01	Jim DeGross
	4/02	Julie Volk
Acolytes	4/01	Ben Simon, Sam Lambrecht, & Dan DeGross
	4/02	Megan Theis, Sara Bjerke, & Alyssa Volk
Ushers	4/01	Dave Roach, Pat Punchocar
	4/02	Leo Jacques, Darryl Volk
Greeters	4/02	Leo Jacques, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/02	Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska, Frank Simons, Pat Schroeder
Lector	4/02	Ken Ceola
Acolytes	4/02	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	4/02	George Doheny, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	4/02	Bonnie Theis, Lee Hesse

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. 27: Fr. Martin Fleming Mar. 28: Fr. John Floeder, Mar. 29: Fr. John Forliti, Mar. 30: Fr. Daniel Friberg Mar. 31: ABP Bernard Hebda, Apr. 1: Pope Francis, Apr. 2: Fr. Michael Miller.



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'S DESK

John Hayes is our teaching

Seminarian from the diocese of New Ulm.



Mr. John Hayes

After a semester and a half of seminary, I would like give an update on how things are going. It has been a grace for me to be assigned to St. Patrick's and St. Catherine's. Both remind me of my home parish in Lafayette. I have felt very welcomed by the community.

Academics have also been a grace for me. This semester, I am taking five classes. Christology, introduction to worship and Sacraments, evangelization in the modern culture, Church history from Trent to Vatican II, and Synoptic Gospels. In Christology, we study the person of Christ both in the Gospels and in later writings about Him. Worship and Sacraments studies the theology behind the Sacraments. The evangelization class takes a look at modern culture and tries to see how best to evangelize. Church history studies both the theological aspect and the historical aspect of the Renaissance, Reformation, and post-Reformation periods. The Synoptic Gospels is the study of the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. All these classes have been very interesting and helpful for me. Every day I am amazed at the depth and richness of Catholic theology.

I have also been introduced into the rich tradition of the Church. This tradition lays out several steps for seminarians on their way to priestly ordination. The first step is candidacy, which I received last September. At candidacy, I present myself to the Church with the desire for ordination, and the Church accepts me as a viable candidate. As a candidate, I am allowed to wear the Roman collar, even though I am not a priest or deacon. This helps me prepare for the persona of the priest. I am much more aware of the impact of my actions and words. It also makes ordination seem much closer, even though I am currently almost three years away.

Three weeks ago, I was installed in the ministry of lector. During the ceremony, each of us seminarians approached the bishop who gave us the Bible and exhorted us, "Take this book of holy Scripture and be faithful in handing on the word of God, so that it may grow strong in the hearts of his people." It was a special moment when the Church publicly called us to become familiar with the Scriptures and to proclaim it to others in the liturgy. I am looking forward to the rest of the semester. I have been able to meet quite a few of you already. I'm looking forward to meeting the rest of you in the weeks to come. Know of my prayers for you during this Lenten season. *-John Hayes*

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Douglas & Eugenia Klegstad, Cory & Angelique Kopas, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 31, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (30th) night or Friday, (31st) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob Puncocar @ 612-499-3103 or Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE: Are you interested in participating on the Finance Committee? We are looking for a couple people to join. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: We will be electing 2 members for Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the Parish Office @ 952-492-6276.

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.

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.

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT: We have reached our goal! A big thank you to all that donated.

THANK YOU: To the anonymous donor that donated the 43 inch TV to St. Patrick for the Divine Mercy Video series.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 19, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,993.01
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00
 Fuel Collection.....\$ 0
 C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 33.00



Steeple Repair Project\$36,900.00
 Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH: Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

REDISCOVERING JESUS: The C.C.W. has purchased copies of the book "Rediscovering Jesus". There are 40 chapters to follow along with the 40 days of lent. They are located on the back table. Please, one copy per parishioner family.

ST. CATHERINE'S CCW: Next meeting after Mass on Sunday, April 2nd. Please plan to attend. We will discuss plans for our largest money-maker, the women's luncheon and this year a combined garden show on July 29th. If you have an item you want to discuss, contact Margaret Sharkey to place on the meeting agenda. If you need a ride home, it will be provided for you.

ST. CATHERINE'S PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Elections are **Today**, March 26th. We are voting for 2 members.

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Sunday Collection March 19, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 753.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00
 Fuel Collection.....\$ 0
 C.C.W. Collection.....\$ 30.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

LENTEN FAITH-FORMATION FILM SERIES: Tuesdays, March 7-April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM following 6:30 Mass at St. Patrick Church. Join us for a 10-episode (5 session) dramatic film journey titled "*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*". In this breathtaking film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God's merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** Each video viewing will be followed by a short discussion led by Fr. Michael Miller. There is no charge for this series. For a video preview go to : <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 31st, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 29 6:45-8:00 PM Classes, grades 1-9
 Wed. Apr. 5 6:45-8:00 PM Classes, grades 1-9
 Wed. Apr. 12 NO CLASS

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 31 S.P. Group II Fish Fry
 Sat. Apr. 22 S.P. C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
 Fri. Apr. 28 S.P. Men's Club Euchre Tournament
 Sat. July 29 S.C. Luncheon & Garden Tour

COMMUNITY EVENTS

10TH ANNUAL ROMAN BARTEN MEMORIAL

BREAKFAST: Sunday, March 26th at the KC Hall in New Prague. Pancakes, sausages and cinnamon rolls served 8am-1pm. Free will donation. Proceeds will benefit one-year-old Payton Faith Smith of Belle Plaine, who was born missing part of her brain.

ALL YOU CAN EAT FISH DINNER: Friday, April 7th from 4pm-8pm @ Immaculate Conception Civic Center, Lonsdale. Adults \$12, Children age 7-17 \$8, age 6 & under free. Proceeds will support local Pro-Life Ministries.