

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 28	4:00 PM (SP)	+Bob & Genny Roach
Tuesday	Mar. 29	9:00 AM (SP)	+Jorge Tatel
Wednesday	Mar. 30		NO MASS
Thursday	Mar. 31	4:00 PM (SC)	Living & Deceased Members of S.C. C.C.W.
Friday	Apr. 1	9:00 AM (SP)	+William & Kathryn Toner
Saturday	Apr. 2	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Apr. 3	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Sophie Greger For Our People

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:
 *William & Carol Timmons, Dave & Laurie Theis, Mark & Lori Tiede, James & Anette Trecker, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, ***Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done.** Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at this summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of the social hall. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: If you have toys to donate for Children's Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: Please pick up your Festival letter & tickets in the back of the social hall.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES: Please **DO NOT** put your capital improvement payment in your Sunday envelope! There are Capital Improvement Envelopes available in the social hall, or just use a regular white envelope marked Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE: March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month. We will be collecting food for Peace Center Food Shelf in New Prague. Food and money collected during March are counted and matched pound for pound and dollar for dollar by the St. Paul Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable goods such as: Cans: fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups, stews, etc. Boxes: jello, potatoes, pancake mix, crackers, meal in a box, cookies. Soaps: hand, dish, laundry, toilet tissue, Kleenex etc. Items may be brought and put in the hallway of the social hall. Call Evelyn Scheffler @ 758-4102 if you have questions.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 2 & 3

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/2	Evelyn Scheffler, Dick Chodek
	4/3	Joe & Nellie Carson, Amy Holden
Lectors	4/2	Lynne Hoffman
	4/3	Terrie Schoenbauer
Acolytes	4/2	Jed Kreuser, Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman
	4/3	Alex Schoenbauer, Zachary Schoenbauer, Tony Verhoeven
Ushers	4/2	Melvin Gregory, Matt Sirek
	4/3	Don Pesta, Matt Trecker
Greeters	4/3	Joe & Nellie Carson

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/3	Cindy Grolla, Kevin Mahowald, Rosemary Hatcher, Dave Nelson
Lector	4/3	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	4/3	Kristine Busse, Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm
Ushers	4/3	Ken Svoboda, Joe Shea
Greeters	4/3	Margaret Sharkey, Rosetta Shea

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 ladies 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!

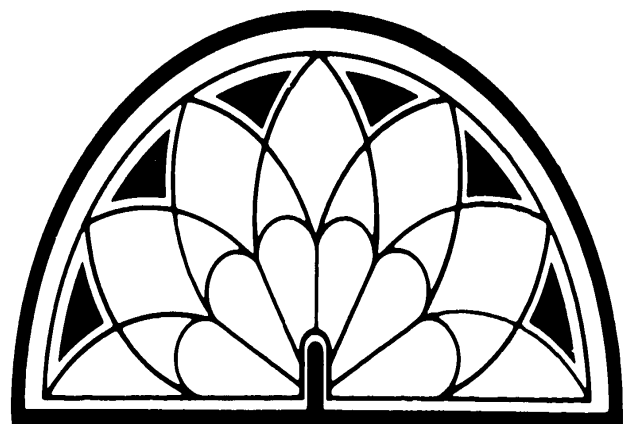
**READINGS FOR APRIL 3, 2005
 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)**



First Reading: Acts 2:42-47
 Second Reading: Peter 1:3-9
 Gospel Reading: John 20:19-31

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Sat. April 2	9:30 AM	1st Communion Practice at S.C.
Sun. April 3	12:15 PM	1st Communion Mass at S.C.
Wed. April 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.



HAPPY EASTER

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

APRIL: *Dick & Vera Taylor, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf, Dave & Rosie Nelson, Billy & Teri Theis.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, March 28th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE DONUT SUNDAY: April 10. Join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship downstairs after mass.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRINGTIME SALAD

LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW: Mark your calendars—Saturday, April 23, 2005 at 11:00 AM in the church basement.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Ron Stepka, Lawrence Simek, Ken Jilk, Lorene Seurer, Helen Nelson, Marcella Backsen, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Lucille Schmitz.

1ST COMMUNION MASS: If you like to sing and you'd like to help the 2nd grade class as they make their First Communion on Sunday April 3rd, please join us for practice on Saturday, April 2nd at 9:30 AM at St. Catherine. The First Communion Mass will be at 12:15 PM at St. Catherine. "Will you come and follow me" to be there! Contact LuVerne Verhoeven @ 758-3546 for more information.

IMMERSION

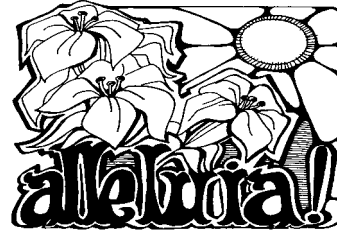
Baptism in the Catholic Church may be administered either by immersion or pouring. The two options are always listed in that order, indicating a preference for baptism by immersion, even though pouring is more commonly practiced.

Christian Initiation, General Introduction says, "As the rite for baptizing, either immersion, which is more suitable as a symbol of participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, or pouring may lawfully be used." The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says, "Baptism is performed in the most expressive way by triple immersion in the baptismal water." The National Statutes for the Catechumenate approved by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1986 say, "Baptism by immersion is the fuller and more expressive sign of the sacrament and, therefore, is preferred. . . . Provision should be made for its more frequent use in the baptism of adults."

For many centuries, Catholic Churches were equipped with baptismal fonts suitable for pouring water three times over the head of an infant. Since the Second Vatican Council, many parishes have erected larger fonts for the immersion of infants and adults. The documents never specify exactly how immersion takes place, but several practices have evolved. When immersing an infant, the minister gently lowers the baby three times into a large bowl of blessed water. When immersing an adult, there are other options. Adults may kneel in a pool while the minister pours water three times over their heads. Or the minister may bring them face forward into the water three times. Or, if the pool is deep enough, while the adult stands, the minister may take him or her backwards into the pool three times.

STEWARDSHIP— Serve through Church Programs.

**Be active in Church affairs* by accepting a church officer's position, by becoming a committee member, etc.
**Work to Develop Fellowship* and love within the church. Greet newcomers, entertain visitors, help out in a home where there is illness, watch over aging and shut-in members, etc.
**Participate in Fund-Raising* and work actively to sustain the church and its programs.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Married Couples Retreat, Apr. 1-3 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 1-3 at Yankee Square Inn in Eagan. For more information, call 651-426-4710.

The **School Sisters of Notre Dame** invite single Catholic women (high school junior-age 35) to a weekend at their Motherhouse in Mankato April 8-10. For more information, 507-389-4296.

Archdiocesan Retreat/Conference for Men, Sat, April 9th at University of St. Thomas Field House. 8:30AM-2:30 PM. \$20.00 per person. For more info, contact the parish office.

A Parish Celebration of Word & Song, Sat. Apr. 9, 7:30 PM at St. Olaf Catholic Church in Mpls. 612-332-7471.

Women's Retreat, Apr. 15-17 & Apr. 22-24 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

All You Can Eat Shrimp Dinner, Fri. Apr. 29 at the MVEC Office Building in Jordan. For more info, Chris @ 492-8210.

Southern Valley Alliance Dinner & Silent Auction, Fri. Apr. 29 at the O.K. Corral in Jordan. For more info, 952-873-4214.

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 3 (1:30-4:30)—St. Catherine
Why is Divine Mercy Sunday so important? Our Lord promised that the soul that would go to confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Mercy would attain complete remission of sin and punishment. He promised that the divine floodgates through which graces flow would be open on this special day. Jesus told St. Maria Faustina in the 1930's, as recorded in her diary, *Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet... The greatest sinners would attain the greatest sanctity if they would but turn to Me with trust*. Be an apostle—bring your loved ones and invite others to celebrate this incomparable Day of Grace. For more info, call Mary Kay @ 952-447-3970.