

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Mon.	Mar. 28	6:00 pm (SC)	Rosetta Shea+
Tues.	Mar. 29	8:30 am (SP)	Richard Chodek+
Wed.	Mar. 30	6:00 pm (SP)	Karen Liemandt+
Thurs.	Mar. 31		— No Mass —
Fri.	Apr. 1		— No Mass —
Sat.	Apr. 2	8:00 pm (SP)	Rose Ann & Randy Sticha+
Sun.	Apr. 3	8:30 am (SC)	Albert Schneider, Sr.+
		10:30 am (SP)	For our people

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 2 & 3, 2016

St. Patrick

Ext. Ministers	4/2	Barb Lewis, Kelley & Jim DeGross
	4/3	Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Jan St. Aubin, Joan Nelson
Lectors	4/2	Lynne Hoffman
	4/3	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	4/2	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	4/3	Karlie & Lindsey Bjerke, Braden Flicek
Ushers	4/2	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	4/3	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	4/3	Don & Elaine Pesta

St. Catherine

Ext. Ministers	4/2	Kevin Mahowald, Barb Lerschen Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	4/2	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	4/2	Abbie & Jenna Kavouras, Kendra Korbel
Ushers	4/2	George Doheny, Tim Saarela
Greeters	4/2	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. 28: Fr. William Kenney; Mar. 29: Fr. Kevin Kenney;
Mar. 30: Fr. Ignatius Nguyen Dai; Mar. 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda;
Apr. 1: Pope Francis; Apr. 2: Fr. Michael Miller;
Apr. 3: Fr. George Kinney.

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

Christ Has Conquered!

This line is taken from the *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation that is sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It is a proclamation of exuberant joy that tries to express the wonder and glory of the Resurrection. If we look carefully at the deepest and darkest menaces that have faced mankind since the fall of Adam and Eve, we will find that they are sin and death. Neither was a part of God's original plan. "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living." (Wisdom 1:13) Death became a part of human existence through Adam and Eve's sin; "through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned." (Romans 5:12) Everyone became powerless against these two realities. Each destroys the life for which we were created, both spiritual and physical. Man was no more able to restore the life of God's grace to his soul, than he was to restore physical life to his body, or any one else's, after death. God alone could accomplish such a thing. And that is exactly what He did in the death and Resurrection of Christ.



This is the faith of the Church the *Exultet* tries to express, and why it is marked by such a joyful character: "Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!" Christ has conquered the age-old enemies of sin and death. He has done what no one else was able to do: restore to us, through His death and Resurrection, both the spiritual life of God's grace, and the future, physically new, life of our bodies. "For Christ has ransomed us with His blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father! ... This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave."

This is why the Church celebrates Christ's death and Resurrection so solemnly each year. They are central to our faith, and without them our faith would be little more than another code of ethics, and an attempt to give meaning to our existence. Yes, we still face sin and death in our lives, but now it is not with a hopeless sense of captivity. There is a real and effective deliverance from both. "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us the way to a new life" (Catechism, 654). So great and joyful is this reality that the Church especially uses one word to express it: Alleluia!

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK CHURCH

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: *Tim & Susan Rouseau, Dave & Julie Roach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Megan Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Sponsored by St. Patrick CCW will be held Saturday, April 2, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at St. Patrick 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, April 1, 5:00-7:00 pm in the social hall and before 9:00 am on April 2. 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.

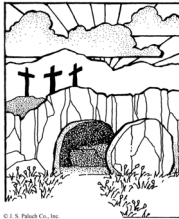
ACOLYTES NEEDED: St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your First Communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson at (952) 233-8772 or the parish office at (952) 492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection March 13, 2016

Received this week	\$ 2,345.00
Weekly budget requirement	1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining	\$16,637.00
C.C.W. Collection	\$ 55.00
Fuel Collection	\$ 10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$ 366.00



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PARISHIONERS' CORNER

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY OBSERVANCES — APRIL 3:



The South Metro Suburbs are celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday at All Saints Church in Lakeville from 2:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. with refreshments following.

The celebration at St. John the Baptist Church in Jordan is from 2:00—3:30 p.m.

See flyers on bulletin boards!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA: If you forgot to pick up a copy of the Novena to pray on the nine days preceding Divine Mercy Sunday, there are still copies available on the table in the church entry.

ICU MOBILE SPRING BANQUET:

ICU Mobile (formerly Alpha Women's Center in Savage) is hosting its Spring Banquet on Thursday, April 28, at the Crystal Lake Golf Club, 16725 Innsbrook Drive, Lakeville. Doors open at 6:00; Dinner and Program from 6:30—9:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00. For more information contact ICU Mobile Director, Hannah Carrizales, at (952) 447-5683.

CCW CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER:

The Southwest Deanery is sponsoring a Clergy Appreciation Dinner Wednesday, May 11, at Our Lady of the Prairie Church in Belle Plaine. There are a limited number of tickets available at a cost of \$18. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m.; the dinner is at 6:30. Contact Vickie Cross for information. (952) 461-3036.

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH: Gary & Ann Korbel, Joshua & Elizabeth Jerney, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk

COUNTRY GATHERING FOR CHRISTIAN WOMEN:

Join us for a Salad Luncheon on Saturday, April 30 at 11 a.m. Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neill will share their message, "APPRECIATE—ACCEPT—APPLAUD." Tickets—\$12. Contact Margaret Sharkey at (952) 461-2214

BAT EVICTION CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMPLETED!

We wish to extend a huge **Thank You** to the anonymous donor who paid off the entire balance of our Bat Eviction Capital Campaign! Thank you also to everyone who contributed to this campaign over the past several months!

ST. CATHERINE PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Congratulations to Shawn O'Hern and Tim Saarela on being elected to the St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council!

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Sunday Collection March 13, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 447.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
C.C.W. Collection.....	\$ 2500
Fuel Collection.....	\$ 50.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 119.00



PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES

Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Grace Bittner, John Thomas Byer, Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncocar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Braden Flicek, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Dave Hover, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Jennifer Lonergan, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons), Mary Munson (daughter of Sue Zender), Beatrice Mushitz, Ev Nelson, Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Laura Ryan, Therese Ryan, Pat Scharf, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Alex Schlink, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Benoite Stepka, Laura Stepka, Cynthia Troendle, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Celeste Wilson, Nicole Wood, and Mike Zender

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESCHOOL—GR. 9

Wed. Mar. 30	Religious Ed. Classes 6:45—8:00 p.m. 1st Communion Practice in church Confirmation Class at St. Michael Church
Sat., Apr. 2	1st Communion Practice—10:30 a.m. St. Patrick Church
Sun., Apr. 3	1st Communion Mass—10:30 a.m. (SP)
Wed., Apr. 6	Religious Ed. Classes 6:45—8:00 p.m. Confirmation Interviews
Wed., Apr. 13	Reconciliation Service

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, April 8	SP	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	SC	CCW Spring Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	SP	Parish Festival