

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/28	6:30 PM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
Tuesday	3/29	8:30 AM	SP	+Gary Erickson
Wednesday	3/30	6:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	3/31	NO MASS		
Friday	4/1	4:30 PM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
		5:00 PM	SP	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	4/2	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard, Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	4/3	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	O'Connell Family

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 2 & 3, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/2	Rita Ryan
	4/3	Dan Cervenka
Lector	4/2	Shelley Shepherd
	4/3	John Cassady
Altar Servers	4/2	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	4/3	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	4/2	Steve Kreuser
	4/3	Don Pesta

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/3	Dave Nelson
Lector	4/3	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	4/3	Volunteer
Ushers	4/3	Petro Tsarehradsky & Dennis Maciej
Greeters	4/3	Colleen Thoresen & Joan Bruzek

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

#### **WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

March 27: Fr. Jerome Fehn, March 28: Fr. Ettore Ferrario, March 29: Fr. Richard Fichtinger, March 30: Fr. Brian Fier, March 31: ABP Bernard Hebda, April 1: Pope Francis, April 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.**

<b>Stations of the Cross Schedule:</b>		
Mass at 4:30 PM before Stations of the Cross		
4/1/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
4/8/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine



## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Joy of Reconciliation

This year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday), we hear the greatest parable of reconciliation: the 15th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, the Prodigal Son, a more accurate title for which would be the lost son. Jesus tells two other parables before this one: the lost sheep, and the lost coin. All three illustrate the same point: that apart from God's friendship we are lost, and that being restored, or reconciled to Him is a cause for rejoicing. "I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). Why would the angels even care? Because God does. "Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Says the Lord God. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live? Return and live!" (Ezekiel 18:23,32). The angels rejoice because God does. I can testify that the most joyful experience of my priesthood is when someone returns to the Church. The cause of the joy is not necessarily how long they have been gone, as much as the fact that they have been gone. They may have left through serious sin, neglect, or even wandered away in search of a more "authentic" religion than the Catholic Church. The latter may not be "in sin" because they are searching for the truth in good conscience, and may genuinely believe that they have found it, but still they have wandered away from the true flock of Christ, which is His Church. The joy of their return to the Church, or entering it for the first time, comes from the fact that now their deepest hopes can be completely fulfilled by having access to the fullness of the truth (cf. Catechism, 816).

However, the main point of the three parables is the condition of separation from God caused by serious sin, of being lost. It is not that God does not know where we are, it is that in a certain sense we are out of His reach. He gave us the gift of freedom that gives us the power to remain in His friendship or to leave it. "Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude" (Catechism, 1731). In other words, our very happiness (beatitude) depends on our choices. This is clearly shown in the parable of the lost son. He freely chooses to leave his father's house and wastes his inheritance. His father respects his freedom to do so, even though this choice disrespects and hurts him, and will cause terrible unhappiness to his son. The son finally realizes this when he hits rock bottom. He comes to his senses and realizes that apart from his father's house and friendship he is lost and spiritually dead. He is sad and



unhappy as a result of his choices. When he returns he finds his father watching for him ready to forgive him. The result of the reconciliation is joy. The father is joyful because the son he loves is back. The son is joyful because he is back in his father's house. The same is true for each one of us and God. Apart from Him we are lost and unhappy, yet a choice away from the joy of reconciliation.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL:** \*Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Jeff & Katie Kneipp, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Mitchell & Megan Kruger, Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein

Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

**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.

**2022/2023 BUDGETS:** The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2022/2023 to the parish office. Thank you.

**GROUP II FISH FRY:** The next fish fry is Friday, April 8 from 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids 4-12 \$6, 3 and under are free. Rob Sticha and Tish Scheffler are the chairs. There are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church. You can also sign-up

online via sign-up genius at: [signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group](https://signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group) Set-up will be Thursday, April 7 at 6:00pm. Group II Members are asked to bring 2 dozen bars/cookies.

**NOTE:** St. Patrick will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA Life (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event. Thank you FCSLA Life!

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
3/20/22 Collection:	\$ 2,268.81
3/20/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 20.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL:** No cleaning due to remodeling.

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

**WEDDING BANNERS III:** Morgan Berens and Drew Brevig

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Monday, March 28 at 7:00pm.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
3/20/22 Collection:	\$ 632.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

**ABSTINENCE:** All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

**FASTING:** All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	3/30/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	4/3/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:** Visit the website: [stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm](http://stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm), click on the online registration form. There are forms in the back of the churches.

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are partnering with St. Wenceslaus Parish for the 2022 Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) on June 20-24 for the Kid's Program and June 19-23 for the Teen's Program.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SURROUNDING

**PARISHES:** Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale, St. Nicholas Church in New Market, and St. Wenceslaus/St. John/St. Scholastica Communities (rotating schedule between the 3 parishes) have Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7pm.

**THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** The "Servants of the Cross" group will re-enact the Passion of Jesus Christ at three locations on Good Friday, April 15th: 12:00pm at Church of St. Peter-North St. Paul (2600 Margaret St.), 3:30pm at St. Jude of the Lake-Mahtomedi (700 Mahtomedi Ave.), and 7:00pm at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary-Maplewood (1725 Kennard St.). A YouTube presentation is available for those homebound or unable to attend and more information is available at [www.servantsofthecrossmn.com](http://www.servantsofthecrossmn.com).