

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/29	6:30 PM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
Tuesday	3/30	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler Family
Wednesday	3/31	8:30 AM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	4/1	7:00 PM	SP	+George & Rosie Pexa
Friday	4/2	12:00 PM	SP	Stations of the Cross
	4/2	3:00PM	SC	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
Saturday	4/3	8:00 PM	SP	+Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	4/4	8:30 AM	SC	+Lawrence, Marion & John Jacques
	4/4	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR April 1, 2, 3 & 4, 2021

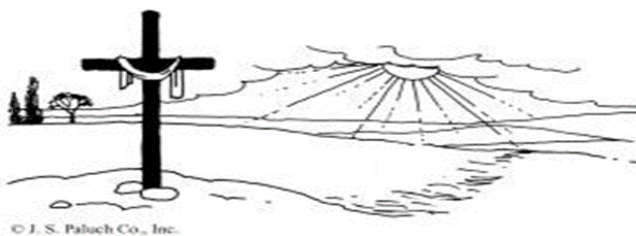
### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/1	Joan Nelson
	4/3	Kelley DeGross (choir) & Rita Ryan
	4/4	Gloria Jacques (choir) & Leo Jacques
Lector	4/1	Jennifer Witt
	4/3	Rob Puncocar & Max Eischens
	4/4	Chad Sandey & Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	4/1	Alycia Klegstad
	4/3	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	4/4	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	4/1	Volunteer
	4/3	Volunteer
	4/4	Volunteer

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/2	Rachel Eicher
	4/4	Kevin Mahowald
Lector	4/2	Tim & Laura Saarela
	4/4	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	4/2	Karley Vochoska
	4/4	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	4/2	Lloyd Friske & Dave Nelson
	4/4	Dave Koller & Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	4/2	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald
	4/4	Ken & Kathy Ceola

*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!*



## 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" (St. 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 APRIL:** \*Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Nicholas & Bobbi Reak, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi  
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

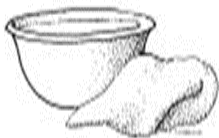
**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

**ST. PATRICK CEMETERY MEETING:** Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Mike Sticha with any questions at 952-758-2022.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
3/14/21 Collection	\$ 2,429.47



## ST. CATHERINE

**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.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Monday, April 26 at 7:00pm.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
3/14/21 Collection:	\$ 762.00
CCW Collection	\$ 105.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Ione Hasselton (Joan Nelson's sister), Judie Cervenka, Kevin Roach, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**SPECIAL REQUEST:** For those with loved ones on the prayer list— please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we'd like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

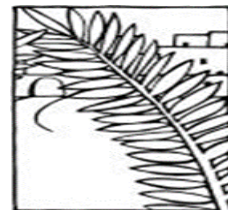
**MEN'S HOLY WEEK RETREAT:** This retreat is from Holy Thursday evening on April 1 until Holy Saturday on April 3. It is held at the Franciscan Retreat and Spirituality Center in Prior Lake. Call Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408 for details.

**MONEY COUNTERS:** We are in need of a few money counters to count the weekend collections. Please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276 if you are interested.

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

March 28: Fr. Paul Kammen, March 29: Fr. Randal Kasel, March 30: Fr. Michael Kearney, March 31: ABP Bernard Hebda, April 1: Pope Francis, April 2: Fr. Michael Miller, April 3: Fr. Jonathan Kelly.

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.



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. March 31st	NO CLASS	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 4th	NO CLASS	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. April 7th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 11th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** Love one another as I have loved you. "John 13:34" - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekend is April 16-18, 2021 in Olivia, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or contact Miki Schultz at [applications@twincitieswwme.org](mailto:applications@twincitieswwme.org) or 507-227-8229.