

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 1		NO MASS
Tuesday	Apr. 2		NO MASS
Wednesday	Apr. 3	6:00 PM (SP)	+John Theis
Thursday	Apr. 4	8:30 AM (SC)	+Bonnie Reller
Friday	Apr. 5	4:30 PM (SP)	+Teresa Grommesch
Saturday	Apr. 6	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Apr. 7	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Diane Hentges, +Leroy & Lila Bauer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 6 & 7, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/6	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis
	4/7	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross
Lector	4/6	Jim DeGross
	4/7	John Cassady
Altar Servers	4/6	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross
	4/7	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	4/6	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	4/7	Don Pesta, Pat Puncochar

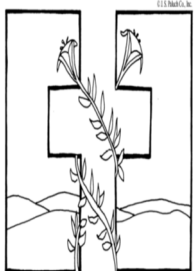
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/7	Rachel Eicher, Dave Nelson, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	4/7	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	4/7	Karley Vochoska, Drake Nelson
Ushers	4/7	George Doheny, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	4/7	Bonnie Theis, Ann Timmerman

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?

Apr. 1: Pope Francis, Apr. 2: Fr. Michael Miller,
Apr. 3: Fr. Paul Shovelain, Apr. 4: Fr. Pacal Siben,
Apr. 5: Fr. Martin Siebenaler, Apr. 6: Fr. John Siebenaler,
Apr. 7: Fr. Thomas Sieg.



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

The Seal of Confession

Having addressed some of the fears of confession that people have, I turn now to a very important one: the fear of disclosure. In other words, someone might fear that the priest would tell the sins they confess to another person. As with other fears, it is best to address it straight on. The priest is strictly forbidden to do so: "Given the delicacy and greatness of this ministry and the respect due to persons, the Church declares that every priest who hears confessions is bound under very severe penalties to keep absolute secrecy regarding the sins that his penitents have confessed to him. He can make no use of knowledge that confession gives him about penitents' lives. This secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the 'sacramental seal.' Because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains 'sealed by the sacrament' (Catechism, 1467). The Code of Canon Law (the universal law of the Church) says this: "The sacramental seal is inviolable; therefore it is absolutely forbidden for a confessor to betray in any way a penitent in words or in any manner and for any reason" (Canon 983). Anyone else who may have knowledge of sins confessed, such as an interpreter or someone who overheard a confession, is also bound by this seal. The penitent is not bound by the seal; that is, they are free to tell their sins to anyone they want. The reason for these strict regulations is to guarantee the absolute freedom of the penitent to acknowledge their sins through confession to a priest, which is "an essential part of the sacrament of Penance" (Catechism 1456). From a priest's point of view, I can assure you that there is no desire to disclose our penitent's sins. We do not think to ourselves, "Oh, I wish I could tell someone what so-and-so did." It simply is not there. Just as we would not want our confessors to tell someone our sins, so we do not have the desire to tell the sins of our penitents. The seal is in place as a safeguard and it shows how far the secrecy extends. If we were asked, bribed, or threatened, even with death, to tell what someone confessed, we are bound by the seal. Even if we thought we could accomplish some good we could not violate the seal in any way. This brings a great freedom to the confessor as well. We do not have to leave the confessional worrying about how we will fix the things we heard in confession. We cannot reveal that information by words or actions of any kind, even in the most round about way. We leave it in the confessional and in God's hands. We may counsel the penitent to try to repair the damage caused by their sins, but we cannot require them to make their sins known to another. The seal of confession provides a great freedom for both the penitent and the confessor, and should completely remove the fear of disclosure.

Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Joel & Andrea Beno, Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, April 5th, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child, 3 and under/free. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies for the Fish Fry. They can be dropped off at the social hall Thursday night, April 4th or Friday, April 5th. Thank you.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. OPEN MEETING:

Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. This evening will include Silent Auction. The event is free, to register, please call 612-756-1345.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. FUNDRAISER:

“BLINGO” (bingo with a twist). Sunday, April 28th. More information at the Open Meeting. Volunteers are needed. We are seeking cash donations for prizes. Please contact Doreen Hogan @ 612-756-1345 for more information

MALA STRANA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

SOCIAL: Monday, April 8th at 1:00 PM. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to Hayley by April 1st @ 952-758-2511.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Any questions, contact Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Thanks to all who contributed baked goods and helped with this event. This fundraiser was sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection March 24, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,787.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Dave & Rosie Nelson, Tim & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON:

Saturday, April 6th at 11:30 AM all are invited to our Spring Luncheon to hear an encouraging and uplifting talk by Rhonda Zweber, as she takes us on her amazing faith journey over the past 13 years in dealing with overwhelming struggles and an uncertain future. Luncheon cost is \$20.00; to order tickets, call Margaret @ 952-461-2214. Seating is limited, so get your tickets ASAP!

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection March 24, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 771.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Dave Nickolay, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson’s sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Donnie Cervenka. (Donnie is brother-in-law of Ron & Rosie and Mike & Rita Ryan families.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, April 6 & 7, we will have a second collection for Easter Flowers. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SUPPER: Looking for 12 men from St. Patrick & St. Catherine for Washing of the Feet at Holy Thursday Mass, April 18th. Volunteers may call Rita Ryan @ 952-461-2280 by April 11th.

COMMITTEE BUDGETS: It is budget time for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year. Committees, please submit your budget requests by April 15th to the Parish Office.

TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Available to ALL St. Patrick/St. Catherine parishioner students K-8 wishing to attend Catholic School. Get sign-up forms from the Parish office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-8.
Wed. Apr. 3	6:00-7:00 PM	Confirmation class—Feed My Starving Children in Chanhassen
Wed. Apr. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Apr. 17		NO CLASS—Holy Week

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Apr. 5	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Spring Luncheon
Fri. May 3	S.P.	Men’s Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

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Friday, April 5	S.P.	5:00 PM
Friday, April 12	S.C.	5:00 PM
Friday, April 19	S.P.	12:00 PM
Friday April 19	S.C.	3:00 PM

Good Friday Service

Thank you Joe Williamson for all your years of service to St. Catherine Parish! (Fr. Miller, Joe Williamson, & Tim Saarela)

