

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 5		NO MASS
Tuesday	Mar. 6	6:30 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Wednesday	Mar. 7	6:00 PM (SP)	+Leo Maciej
Thursday	Mar. 8	11:30 AM (SC)	+Jeff Schroeder
Friday	Mar. 9	6:30 PM (SC)	For All Grandchildren
Saturday	Mar. 10	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Mar. 11	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Jerry Cavanaugh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 10 & 11, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/10	Barbara Lewis, Dave Roach, Bill Weiers
	3/11	Aimee Henry, Gloria Jacques, Leo Jacques
Lectors	3/10	Anne Marie Weiers
	3/11	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	3/10	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	3/11	Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Elias DeGeest
Ushers	3/10	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	3/11	Pat Puncture, Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/11	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Frank Simons, Joan Bruzek
Lector	3/11	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	3/11	Conner Anderson, Monica Muelken
Ushers	3/11	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	3/11	Rick & Linda Sirek

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. 5: Fr. Joseph Williams, Mar. 6: Fr. Peter Williams, Mar. 7: Fr. Harry Winter, Mar. 8: Fr. Thomas Wilson, Mar. 9: Fr. Peter Wittman, Mar. 10: Fr. Benjamin Wittnebel, Mar. 11: Fr. James Wolnik.



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

What is the Will of God?

Following God's will not only makes perfect sense, but is also the only way we will have peace in our souls. The next question would be what is God's will, and how do we know it? Another way of saying "God's will" is to say what does God want or desire for us, and from us? We can look at it in a general and a particular way. The general is what He wants everyone to do at all times. It is best summed up this way: "Our Father 'wills everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth' (1 Tim. 2:4). 'He is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance' (2 Peter 3:9). His commandment is 'that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another' (John 13:34). This commandment summarizes all the others and expresses His entire will" (Catechism, 2822).

This, generally speaking, is God's will. He wants us to be saved, i.e., to go to heaven, not hell, after we die. This is not guaranteed. When we are able to choose, this will be determined by our choices. We must follow His commandments, which are what He desires, or wills, us to do. These are written very deeply in our souls, so that even if someone is not taught God's commandments there is still the possibility for the person to follow God's will. "Deep within his conscience man discovers a law which he has not laid upon himself but which he must obey. Its voice, ever calling him to love and to do what is good and to avoid evil, sounds in his heart at the right moment: do this, shun that. For man has in his heart a law inscribed by God. His dignity lies in observing this law, and by it he will be judged. His conscience is man's most secret core and his sanctuary. There he is alone with God whose voice echoes in his depths. By conscience, in a wonderful way, that law is made known which is fulfilled in the love of God and of one's neighbor" (Vatican II, Gaudium et Spes, 16; Catechism 1776).

This law is revealed very clearly through the Scriptures. It has been revealed perfectly through Christ and continues to be taught through His Church, which is guided by the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately, people often look at this law as being something restrictive and therefore bad. But it is the opposite. It is good that we know God's will, for at the heart of it is our greatest good, our salvation, eternal happiness – the very purpose of our lives. This must be the central goal of our lives. Everything else is



secondary, and anything that leads us away from this goal is ultimately harmful to us. That is why following God's will, His call to holiness, is the best and brightest thing we can do; and why it alone can bring peace to our souls, now and forever.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Debra Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Terry Connelly, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross, Kevin & Lisa DeGross. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Tuesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 16, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$12/adult, \$5/child. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post them in your work place and other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday night the 15th or Friday the 16th prior to 5:00 PM. If you have any questions, please contact Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496 or Rob Puncocar @ 612-499-3103. We hope to see you all there and God bless you.

ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, April 7, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, sponsored by St. Patrick Council of Catholic Women. We are looking for 10 vendors to participate. There is a \$40 fee for the space which includes one eight foot banquet table (additional tables are available on a limited basis at no extra cost). A light lunch is provided. If you are interested, please e-mail me back, tjverhoeven@aol.com or by phone @ 612-619-1891. *LuVerne Verhoeven*

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 25, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,876.64
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 476.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

ST. CATHERINE P.P.C. ELECTIONS: We are accepting nominations/submissions for St. Catherine's Parish Council. We have two seats available with Paul Torgesen running as an incumbent. Those interested should contact Tim Saarela @ 952-412-5212 or tim.saarela@integra.net. We will hold elections on Sunday, March 18th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection February 25, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 657.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 334.05



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

R.C.I.A. PROGRAM:

The next sessions will be Tuesdays,
March 6th Prayer and Adoration
March 13th A Catholic Moral Vision
March 20th Topic TBA
Sessions will be held at 6:30 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. All are welcome.

MEMORIAL FUND DONATIONS: There are Memorial Fund envelopes in the back of church if you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Fund.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 9, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.

A PRAYER TO SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

Say the prayer every day for 9 months for the parents and baby.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 7	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9.
Sun. Mar. 11	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Mar. 14	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9.
Sun. Mar. 18	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

Certificate presented at Mass.
Reception to follow in social hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 16	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 7	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 13	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival