

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 6	NO MASS
Tuesday	Mar. 7	6:30 PM (SP) 7:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser Divine Mercy Video
Wednesday	Mar. 8	6:00 PM (SP) +Ann Oellrich
Thursday	Mar. 9	NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 10	6:30 PM (SC) 7:00 PM (SC) +Brandon Bruzek Stations of the Cross
Saturday	Mar. 11	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Mar. 12	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP) +Jeff Schroeder For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 11 & 12, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/11	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Green
	3/12	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	3/11	Shelley Shepherd
	3/12	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	3/11	Bryce & Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	3/12	Megan Theis, Alycia Klegstad, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	3/11	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	3/12	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	3/12	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/12	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske
Lector	3/12	Molly O'Hern
Acolytes	3/12	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	3/12	Dave Nelson, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	3/12	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. 6: Fr. Thomas Dufner, Mar. 7: Fr. Anthony Dummer, Mar. 8: Fr. Gerald Dvorak, Mar. 9: Fr. Douglas Ebert, Mar. 10: Fr. John Echert, Mar. 11: Fr. Lyle Ehmke, Mar. 12: Fr. Dale Ehrman.



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

Temptation



Every Ash Wednesday churches around the world are abnormally full. Even though it is not a holy day of obligation, twice as many people attend. The painful memories of a half-empty church on a holy day are somewhat healed by a full church at the beginning of Lent. I think this happens because most people have a real desire to “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” (Mark 1:15), as we hear when ashes are placed on our forehead. The other option is “Remember, you are dust, and to dust you shall return” (Genesis 3:19, Psalm 103:14-16). We are reminded of our mortality, and the reality of judgment, which is a great impetus for repentance. Yet, in the face of these good desires, intentions, and resolutions we experience the reality of sin and the power of the temptations that lead to it. Hopelessness and discouragement follow, and those good intentions are overpowered, leaving many imprisoned as before.

That is why it is so important to understand temptation. The Latin root for the word temptation means, “to try” in the sense of “to touch, feel, or handle.” It is an enticement, an invitation to experience something. The devil’s temptation to Adam and Eve was to make them desire the experience of being like God (Genesis 3:5). What makes a temptation evil is when it contradicts the will of God. Ultimately, behind every temptation is the devil, who uses our flesh, with its desires, disordered by original sin, and the things of the world. The final two petitions in the Our Father are concerned with these realities: “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.” “In this petition, evil is not an abstraction, but refers to a person, Satan, the Evil One, the angel who opposes God. The devil (dia-bolos) is the one who ‘throws himself across’ God’s plan and His work of salvation accomplished in Christ” (Catechism, 2851). This is what he tries to do when he tempts Jesus in the desert. He tries to divert Him from the Father’s plan by offering Him other things that would seem better, including the whole world. He would try again later using Peter who said, when Jesus foretold His suffering and death, “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” Jesus knew who was really behind this temptation and replied, “Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me” (Matt. 16:22-23). He then goes on to say, “What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?” (Matt. 16:26).

And so it is with us. On this earth we will be tempted to turn away from God’s will – to try, or touch something else. These things will be presented to us as being something good and pleasurable; something that promises us happiness. But they are empty promises. Make no mistake about it; the devil is very good at temptation. Though fallen, he is still an angel, meaning that his intellect is much greater than ours; we have no chance of outsmarting him, or making a deal with him. He is “‘a murderer from the beginning... a liar and the father of lies,’ Satan is ‘the deceiver of the whole world’ (Jn 8:24, Rev 12:9). Through him sin and death entered the world” (Catechism, 2852). And that is exactly what Christ saves us from. We must never give in to the temptation to believe anything else.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Douglas & Eugenia Klegstad, Cory & Angelique Kopas, Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Michael & Megan Krausman, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 31, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There are sign-up sheets and flyers in the back of church. Please take some flyers and post in work place or other public places. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen bars or cookies. They can be dropped off Thursday, (30th) night or Friday, (31st) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob Puncocar @ 612-499-3103 or Tish Scheffler @ 612-799-6496.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Monday, March 13th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. We will be watching a short video on the Catechist of the Good Shepherd Program scheduled to start fall of 2018. The other video will be about a new project called Sole Hope. Please plan on attending to see these videos. ALL women of the parish are welcome to attend. Any other agenda items, please e-mail Vickie Cross at vacross@catholicexchange.com or call 952-461-3036.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: March 18 & 19. We will be electing two members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, March 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

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.

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.

STEEPLE REPAIR PROJECT: See the display in the back of church. Take a look at the book. Please consider making contributions in 2017 before the end of this campaign. We will be making a plaque with everyone's name on it that has donated.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 26, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,507.80
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 439.52



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$ 2,300.25

HAT LADY SALAD LUNCHEON: Sat. Mar. 11, 10:00 AM at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child.
PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sun. Mar. 12, 8:30 AM-noon at Holy Trinity Church in Veseli. \$8.00/adult, \$4.00/child (5-12).

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.

REDISCOVERING JESUS: The C.C.W. has purchased copies of the book "Rediscovering Jesus". There are 40 chapters to follow along with the 40 days of lent. They are located on the back table. Please, one copy per parishioner family.

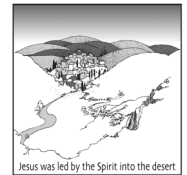
ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

ELECTIONS: We are accepting candidate submissions for the parish council. Elections are planned for Sunday, March 19.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 26, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 885.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 339.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

LENTEN FAITH-FORMATION FILM SERIES: Tuesdays, March 7-April 4, 7:00-8:30 PM following 6:30 Mass at St. Patrick Church. Join us for a 10-episode (5 session) dramatic film journey titled "*Divine Mercy In The Second Greatest Story Ever Told*". In this breathtaking film series important revelations from heaven and actual events that have taken place within the last 100 years are interwoven together to reveal the amazing story of God's merciful love and to proclaim to our world of today that **NOW IS THE TIME FOR MERCY!** Each video viewing will be followed by a short discussion led by Fr. Michael Miller. There is no charge for this series. For a video preview go to : <https://www.lighthousecatholicmedia.org/mercy>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, March 10th, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 8	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Mar. 12	10:30 AM	Sunday School.
Wed. Mar. 15	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.
Sun. Mar. 19	10:30 AM	Sunday School.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Mar. 31	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 28	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour