

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Mar. 7	6:00 PM (SC)	+Rosetta Shea
Tuesday	Mar. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Wednesday	Mar. 9	6:00 PM (SP)	+Karen Liemandt
Thursday	Mar. 10		NO MASS
Friday	Mar. 11	6:30PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Saturday	Mar. 12	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Mar. 13	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People Fr. Michael Miller

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 12 & 13, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/12	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	3/13	Heidi Michaelson, Tim Sonnek, Everett & Joan Nelson
Lectors	3/12	Shelley Shepherd
	3/13	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	3/12	Mitchell Rousseau, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	3/13	Greta & Claire Michaelson, Cole Flicek
Ushers	3/12	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	3/13	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha
Greeters	3/13	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/13	Rachel Friske, Deloris Friske, Barbara Lerschen, Kevin Mahowald
Lector	3/13	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	3/13	Kendra Korbel, Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy
Ushers	3/13	Tim Saarela, Rick Sirek
Greeters	3/13	Ann Timmerman, Margaret Sharkey

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. 7: Fr. Paul Jarvis, Mar. 8: Fr. Andrew Jaspers, Mar. 9: Fr. Glen Jenson, Mar. 10: Fr. Paul Johnson, Mar. 11: Fr. Joseph Johnson, Mar. 12: Fr. Michael Johnson, Mar. 13: Fr. Michael Joncas.
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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fri. Mar. 11	7:00 PM	St. Patrick
Fri. Mar. 18	7:00 PM	St. Catherine
Fri. Mar. 25	3:00 PM	St. Patrick (Good Friday)

Mass & Benediction each Friday at 6:30 PM before Stations.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Other Side of Joy

Today is Laetare Sunday, a word that means rejoice. In Advent the third Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday which is another Latin word for rejoice. It is easy to remember which is which. The letter G comes before L, just as Advent comes before Lent, and 3 comes before 4. Hence the third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and the fourth Sunday of Lent is Laetare Sunday. The purpose of each is to remind us of the joy of salvation. The names, and the rose colored vestments worn on those days, are not emphasized as much as they used to be, but the reminder to rejoice in our faith remains very important as there are so many realities on the other side.



I think that when we look at the other side of joy we will understand why. The other side is our misery, and the causes of it. The causes of our misery can be reduced to two: sin and death. Sin brought death into the world, and the things that are connected with death cause great fear, anxiety, suffering and pain. Sin, too, is ruthless in its effects: spiritual blindness, enslavement, feelings of worthlessness, despair, the pain we suffer because of the sins of others, to name a few. We deal with these things every day. Indeed, because of these two things, and all of their effects, life can be filled with misery, and even become unbearable. Until we remember the Pascal Mystery – the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Through them He offers to us the real possibility of escape and victory over sin and death, and all of their effects. It is a real possibility offered to us everyday. Yes, we will continue to experience them in this life, but we realize that they are only temporary, and our suffering can even be redemptive. He is willing and able to forgive our own sins as soon as we ask. And He offers us a share in His own resurrection where death will be powerless and have no effect. We will have to wait to receive some of these promises, but they will be fulfilled. We have Christ's word. He taught it in His life; sealed it with His blood; guaranteed it in His Resurrection.

Lent and Easter ingrain within us the truth that Christ's victory over sin and death is not merely a passing thought, but is rather the very heart of following Him. It is the joy of salvation and redemption. "The Creator of man is also his Redeemer. Salvation not only confronts evil in each of its existing forms in this world but proclaims victory over evil. "I have conquered the world" (cf. Jn 16:33). The full promise of these words is found in the Pascal Mystery. Therefore, the cause of our joy is to give us the strength to defeat evil and to embrace the divine adoption which constitutes the essence of the Good News. God gives this power to mankind through Christ. "For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him" (Jn 3:17). Naturally, this is neither a naïve joy, nor a vain hope. The joy of the victory over evil does not obfuscate -- it actually intensifies -- the realistic awareness of the existence of evil in the world and in every man. The Gospel teaches us to call good and evil by name, but it also teaches: "Do not be conquered by evil but conquer evil with good" (Rom 12:21)" (John Paul II, Crossing the Threshold of Hope, pp. 21-22). In Christ, we can experience the other side of misery: joy.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

*Tim & Susan Rousseau, David & Julie Roach, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Megan Ryan, Mike & Rita Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan.
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Monday, March 7th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: There will be no meetings in March.

GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, March 11, 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 on Thursday, (10th) night or Friday (11th) during the day or that night. If you have any questions, call Rob & Jodie Puncochar @ 952-758-5143.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

March 19 & 20. We will be electing two new 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.

MUSIC REHEARSAL: Choir members, instrumentalists, and anyone interested in helping with the Mass music during Holy Week, is asked to attend a rehearsal Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Sponsored by St. Patrick C.C.W. will be held Saturday, April 2, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall. The sale will feature fresh-baked cinnamon and caramel rolls as well as home-baked items contributed by parishioners. In addition, home-party representatives and other vendors will make up the boutique portion of the event. All parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods for this event. Donated items can be dropped off Friday, April 1, 5:00-7:00 PM in the social hall and before 9:00 AM on April 2. If you are able to help with the Bake Sale portion of the event, a sign-up sheet is posted in the church entry. Please help make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community! Thank you.

WE NEED ACOLYTES: St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your 1st communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson @ 952-233-8772 or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 28, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,591.50
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$16,637.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 372.00



FCSLA SPONSORED SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association, a Catholic Fraternal Life Insurance Co. is sponsoring the Luncheon for the benefit of St. Catherine's C.C.W on Saturday, April 30th.

In the past years, the Spring Luncheon has been primarily given by the C.C.W. but this year, we have been selected to receive a \$600.00 matching grant from FCSLA who are sponsoring this Luncheon. Our "special" nuns, Sister Michelle Meyers and Sister Kay O'Neil will share their message, "Appreciate—Accept—Applaud". Tickets \$12.00. Contact Margaret Sharkey @ 461-2214.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: There will be no meeting in March.

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 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection February 28, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 675.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00
Bat Eviction Capital Campaign budget.....\$13,646.00
Bat Eviction Campaign amt. remaining.....\$ 4,191.00
Fuel Collection.....\$ 95.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), James & Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Cavanaugh. We offer our prayers and sympathy to his family and friends.

WELCOME CHRIS ADAMSON! Chris will be renting the St. Patrick Rectory. You can listen to Chris on KCHK Radio—11:25-noon on the Trading Post, 3-6 on the Afternoon Dance Party, and he also does the New Prague Sports Broadcast.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, March 11	S.P.	Group II Fish Fry
Saturday, April 2	S.P.	Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Friday, April 8	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	S.C.	Spring Salad Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Mar. 9	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class.
Grades 1-9.	2nd Grade Learning Center.	Reconciliation—7 & 8.
Sun. Mar. 13	10:30 AM	Sunday School—Last Class.
		Receive certificates at Mass.
Wed. Mar. 16	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class.
		Grades 1-9. Reconciliation—grades 2 & 3.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH:

Gary & Ann Korbel, Joshua & Elizabeth Jerney, Jeremy & Teresa Pannkuk.