

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	3/7	NO MASS		
Tuesday	3/8	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe & Evelyn Scheffler
Wednesday	3/9	6:00 PM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Thursday	3/10	NO MASS		
Friday	3/11	4:30 PM	SC	+Feldmeier Family
		5:00 PM	SC	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	3/12	5:00 PM	SP	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	3/13	8:30 AM	SC	For Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+Kremer Family

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 12 & 13, 2022

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	3/12	Ron & Rosie Ryan
	3/13	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	3/12	Kerri Sticha
	3/13	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	3/12	Jack Sticha
	3/13	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	3/12	Mark Simek
	3/13	Leo Jacques

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	3/13	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	3/13	Kathy Conway
Altar Servers	3/13	Volunteer
Ushers	3/13	Shawn O'Hern & Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	3/13	Ken & Kathy Ceola

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

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

March 6: Fr. Timothy Dolan, March 7: Fr. John Donahue, March 8: Fr. John Drees, March 9: Fr. William Duffert, March 10: Fr. Thomas Duffner, March 11: Fr. Quy Duong, March 12: Fr. Gerrald Dvorak.

**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 Schedule:

Mass at 4:30 PM before Stations of the Cross		
3/11/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
3/18/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
3/25/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine
4/1/22	5:00 PM	St. Patrick
4/8/22	5:00 PM	St. Catherine



## FROM THE PASTOR

### 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 (diabolos) 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 MARCH:** Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Leo & Gloria Jacques, \*Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer, Doug & Eugenia Klegstad  
Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

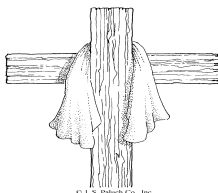
**THANK YOU:** Thank you to all Group I Members who helped with the recent fish fry. It was wonderful to join in fellowship again, and with the help of many hands, the fish fry was an overwhelming success. We appreciate each of your contributions. Chairs: Craig Barnd and Andrea Feist

**2022/2023 BUDGETS:** The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2022/2023 to the parish office. Thank you.

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
2/27/22 Collection:	\$ 2,750.81
2/27/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 623.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MARCH:** Frank & Cathy Simons, Margaret Sharkey

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Parishioners interested in serving on the Parish Council, please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
2/27/22 Collection:	\$ 515.00
2/27/22 Fuel Collection:	\$ 755.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauer (sister of Kathy Prochaska), 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.

**Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jeanette Sticha, may she rest in peace.**

**LENTEN FELLOWSHIP:** Light supper and viewing of the video series The Chosen– Sunday evenings 5-6:30 PM March 6th-April 10th, St. Patrick Social Hall. Contact Dave Nelson at dmnang2@gmail.com with questions.

**THANK YOU FOR VISITING THE ATRIUM:** We wish to thank our St. Patrick’s and St. Catherine’s parishioners for sharing your time to visit the atrium during the fish fry. Knowing and seeing how your youngest parishioners, ages 3 to 5, are experiencing a relationship with the Good Shepherd and the Mass is important to our parish life. Please continue to pray for the nine children in our program this year. The CGS Team: Vickie Cross, Deloris Friske, Kathy Conway & Kari Witt

**PIES FOR LIFE THANK YOU:** We want to thank everyone for their contributions this year. We have noted the issues and changes will be made. We look forward to your continued support next year.

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL FOUNDATION: \*NEW CORRECT envelopes have been mailed out to St. Patrick Parishioners\*\*** You may also give online at GiveCSAF.org, mail in your gift to: The Catholic Services Appeal Foundation P.O. Box 6488 St. Paul, MN 55106 or put into the collection basket.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** The Christian faithful are to do penance through prayer, fasting, abstinence, and by exercising works of piety and charity. All Fridays through the year, and especially during Lent, are penitential days.

**ABSTINENCE:** All who have reached their 14th birthday are to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and on all Fridays during Lent.

**FASTING:** All those who are 18 or older, until their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is allowed on days of fast. Two other meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one’s need: but, together, they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. The obligation does not apply to those whose health or ability to work would be affected seriously. People in doubt about fast or abstinence should consult a parish priest or confessor.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	3/9/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30–7:45 PM
Sunday	3/13/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS AT SURROUNDING PARISHES:** Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale, St. Nicolas Church in New Market, and St. Wenceslaus/St. John/St. Scholastica Communities (rotating schedule between the 3 parishes) have Stations of the Cross every Friday night at 7pm.

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

**SPIRITUAL DAY:** Saturday, March 19, 2022 at St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague. Registration (\$8) at 8:30 am, Mass at 9 am, followed by a Brunch and Silent Auction. Speaker Stephanie Mogren from Shieldsville will lead us in a "Lenten Reflection to Help in our Journey of Mercy". Please RSVP to SW Deanery President Colleen Hogan at cell 507-304-5755 or email: [hoganc186@gmail.com](mailto:hoganc186@gmail.com).

### ROMAN BARTEN MEMORIAL BREAKFAST BENEFIT:

Sunday, March 20 8am-1pm at the KC Hall in New Prague. Free Will Donation. Proceeds benefit 3 year old Emma Burns.