

**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Apr. 11	NO MASS
Tuesday	Apr. 12	NO MASS
Wednesday	Apr. 13	NO MASS
Thursday	Apr. 14	NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 15	NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 16 5:00 PM (SP)	+Lill Chodek
Sunday	Apr. 17 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Francis & Elizabeth Doyle For Our People

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 16 & 17**

**St. Patrick**

Extraordinary Ministers	4/16	Jim DeGross, Bob Goggins
	4/17	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Evelyn Scheffler
Lectors	4/16	Jim DeGross
	4/17	Chris Bisek
Acolytes	4/16	Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Jed Kreuser
	4/17	Emily Sticha, Travis Sticha, Mitch Sandey
Ushers	4/16	Matt Sirek, Francis Beuch
	4/17	Dean Bisek, Gerry Sandey
Greeters	4/17	Norm & Denie Sticha

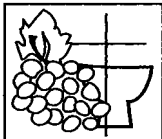
**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	4/17	Tony & Claire Robling, Margaret Sharkey, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	4/17	Samantha Muraski
Acolytes	4/17	Clarice, Nicholas, & Timmy Fredrickson
Ushers	4/17	Bruce Brumm, Dave Buresh
Greeters	4/17	Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson

*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 ladies 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!*

\*Father Orlando will be on retreat and vacation April 4—May 11.

**READINGS FOR APRIL 17, 2005  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**



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First Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25  
Gospel Reading: John 10:1-10

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. April 13	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10. Confirmation Parent Meeting-10th grade.
Wed. April 20	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education, grades 1-10.
Mon. April 25	7:00 PM	Confirmation—St. Wenceslaus.
Wed. April 27	6:45 PM	Religious Education, Pizza Party.

**ST. PATRICK**

**APRIL 10, 2005**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:**

\*William & Carol Timmons, Dave & Laurie Theis, Mark & Lori Tiede, James & Anette Trecker, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, *\*Cleaning will be done in the social hall until the church renovation is done.* Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

**DISHTOWEL FINISHING:** We need help hemming and decorating dishtowels to be sold at this summer's church festival. The big box containing unfinished towels is located at the back of the social hall. Sign out as many as you like to embroider, appliqué, or decorate creatively and hem! Just return the finished towels to the same box when complete. Thanks!

**FESTIVAL QUILTING:** Della Schmitt will be hosting Saturday morning quilting at her house April 16, 23, and 30, from 8:30 AM to 12:00 noon. We need lots of help as we prepare quilts for the 2005 Festival Quilt Auction in July. You need not be an experienced quilter! Come join us for a morning of fun and fellowship!

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING:** Monday, April 11, 7:00 PM, at the social hall. All women of the parish are invited. Agenda items include upcoming election of officers and S.W. Deanery Open Meeting, which we will host on April 21st at St. Patrick. All women of the parish are invited! LuVerne Verhoeven and Karen Farago will bring refreshments. See you there!

**ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB EUCBRE TOURNAMENT:** Friday, April 22nd at the St. Patrick Social Hall. 6:30 PM Registration, 7:30 PM Start. Cost: \$20.00 per team.

**FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED:** If you have toys to donate for Children's Games, please contact Cathy Theis @ 461-2636.

**ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:** Please pick up your Festival letter & tickets in the back of the social hall.

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ENVELOPES:** Please **DO NOT** put your capital improvement payment in your Sunday envelope! There are Capital Improvement Envelopes available in the social hall, or just use a regular white envelope marked Capital Improvement Fund. Thank you.

**STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITY:** Donations will be taken for the painting of (14) stations of the cross @ \$50. 00 each, Statue of St. Patrick \$180.00, Statue of Blessed Virgin Mary \$160.00, Statue of St. Joseph \$160.00, Statue of Jesus \$125.00. Please contact the parish office to make your donation.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection April 3, 2005

Received this week.....	\$ 1,425.14
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,680.00
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 150,500.00 goal
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 98,201.00 pledged to date
Capital Campaign.....	\$ 63,073.00 collected to date
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 6,273.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$ 6,345.70 pledged to date
Group II Fish Fry 3/11/05.....	\$ 2,982.52



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**APRIL:** \*Dick & Vera Taylor, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf, Dave & Rosie Nelson, Billy & Teri Theis.

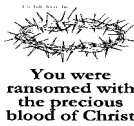
**ST. CATHERINE DONUT SUNDAY:** April 10. Join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship downstairs after mass.

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON & STYLE SHOW:** Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 AM in the church basement. All tickets or money need to be back in to JoAnn Erickson, P.O. Box 71, New Market, MN 55054 by April 16 so we have a count. We are still looking for workers, a sign-up sheet is in the back of church.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** I. Bradley Eller & Jennifer Hanson.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection April 3, 2005



Received this week.....	\$	794.00
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$	4,825.00 goal
Annual Catholic Appeal.....	\$	4,615.00 pledged to date

## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Ron Stepka, Lorene Seurer, Helen Nelson, Marcella Backsen, Sister Kathleen Lonergan (aunt of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Lucille Schmitz.

\*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Schumann, who passed away Monday night, brother-in-law of Gene Zephirin, nephew of Dianne & Art Schumann.

**CHURCH DEDICATION & FAMILY DAY:** Sunday, May 29th at St. Patrick. Anyone that would like to help with this event, please contact Pat Simon, (chair) @ 952-758-6214.

**2005/2006 BUDGET:** The St. Patrick & St. Catherine Finance Committees will be working on the 2005/2006 budgets soon. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requests to the parish office by Sunday, April 17th. The St. Patrick Finance Committee will meet Monday, April 18th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. If you have any questions or concerns, please attend the meeting that night.

**TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM:** Budgeting for the 2005/2006 fiscal year will begin soon. If you will have a child in Catholic School next year, please complete one of the Tuition Assistance Forms, available in the back of church, and return it to the parish office by April 17, 2005. Thank you. (A complete Tuition Assistance Policy is available at the parish office.)

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to your generosity, 48 families are only worried about one thing tonight . . . their child. Because you're a recent donor, you're invited to see first hand your contribution at work and experience the House that Love Built . . . Please join us for a tour (approx. 45-60 minutes) Monday, April 11-6:00 PM or Wednesday, April 20-6:00 PM. RSVP requested 612-331-5752.

*Ronald McDonald House*

### STEWARDSHIP— Serve through Teaching

Help spread the good news of the Gospel and a Christian understanding of social problems.

**Develop** religious education programs for children and adults. **Teach** a church school class, a teachers' training class or a Bible school. **Sponsor or lead** discussion groups on topics such as —family life —death and dying —drug abuse and alcoholism —physical and mental health —Bible study —ecumenical dialogue —ethics —energy conservation.

### GRACE IS FREE, BUT THE CHURCH NEEDS HELP

A young lad bouncing through the front door was carrying a large candy bar. Quite curious, his mother asked, "Where did you get that?" "I bought it with the money you gave me." the boy replied. "Why didn't you give it to the church?" she asked. "I was going to but the minister met me at the door and didn't ask for the money. I got in for free."

We all like to go places and experience happy times for free. When we go to worship we never buy a ticket, never bargain to serve in lieu of money, and never are compelled to put money in the offering plate. Basically, we can if we wish, get in and out of a church without any cost at all.

More than that, it is likely that while worshipping we will come to understand that God's grace is also free. After all, God is our parent and provides for our needs with unlimited love. And it is freely given. God alone does not need our money, just our hearts. Still, God's house and God's work, which we are to do on earth, do require gifts and services. A church must have people who volunteer to help pay the bills of the church. A church always needs more givers than takers.

A church must have workers to serve in countless ways. A church must provide for missionaries, services to the needy, support for the sick and elderly, a place for children of whatever age. We must be "workers together with God" or we are not really the church.

Some years ago, a minister was considering a call to a church in a small city. Unknown to any of the members, he and his wife went to the city and slipped into the church to see what it was like. Sad to say, they found the sanctuary unclean, the altar clothes greasy and stained, many repairs needed to be done throughout the building. The parsonage was worse than the sanctuary and the educational wing. The house was greatly run-down and in need of a complete makeover.

Hopefully, many pastors would have seen the sad situation as a challenge. But that particular pastor on that particular day could only think, "If God's house has been allowed to deteriorate this much, it must reflect how spiritually lacking the members must be." He felt that at that time in his life, he was not up to the challenge and he let the "opportunity" pass by.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CHORE Services**, Mon. Apr. 11, 11:00 AM at Philipp Square Apartments, 116 First Ave. N.W. in New Prague. 952-226-6670.

**Couples for Christ Anniversary Celebration**, Sun. Apr. 17, 2:00 PM at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church in Bloomington.

**Chicken Barbecue**, Sun. Apr. 17 at the K.C. Hall in New Prague. Serving begins at 5:00 PM. 952-758-9605.

**Catholic Defense League Annual Banquet**, Fri. Apr. 22 at Sheridan Midway Hotel in St. Paul. For info, 651-766-7896.

**Women's Retreat**, Apr. 15-17 & Apr. 22-24 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.