

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 11	6:00 PM (SC)	For All Grandchildren
Tuesday	Apr. 12	8:30 AM (SP)	+Rev Ambrose Mahon
Wednesday	Apr. 13	6:00 PM (SP)	+Karen Liemandt
Thursday	Apr. 14		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 15		NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 16	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Apr. 17	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +Harold, Della, & Ed Schmitt

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 16 & 17, 2016

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/16	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	4/17	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	4/16	Mike Punicochar
	4/17	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	4/16	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	4/17	Elias DeGeest, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	4/16	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	4/17	Leo Jacques, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	4/17	Norm & Denie Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/17	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske
Lector	4/17	Laura Saarela
Acolytes	4/17	Molly O'Hern, Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy
Ushers	4/17	Dave Nelson, Tim Saarela
Greeters	4/17	Frank & Cathy Simons

*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?** Apr. 11: Fr. Thomas Kommers, Apr. 12: Fr. Lon Konold, Apr. 13: Fr. Evan Koop, Apr. 14: Fr. Dale Korogi, Apr. 15: Fr. Cole Kracke, Apr. 16: Fr. Thomas Krenik, Apr. 17: Fr. Michael Krenik.



***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

### *Eucharistic Amazement*



*Last weekend I had the privilege of giving Holy Communion for the first time to our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Like administering the other sacraments, it is a great joy; but giving this sacrament for the first time holds a special place in my heart. Perhaps it is because I remember so vividly the first time that I received Our Lord in Holy Communion 43 years ago on March 11, 1973 at Saint Wenceslaus Church from Father Raymond Zweber. I can remember that day as though it was yesterday. I recall the anticipation of receiving Jesus for the first time, and the joy that I felt when I did. I was as well prepared as I could have been, but now 43 years later, 20 of which I have been a priest, I realize that I understood so very little about the mystery I received that day and the thousands of times since. I have come to realize that the Eucharist is such a profound mystery that one can not comprehend it, but only be drawn more deeply into the meaning and beauty of this mystery of infinite love.*

*On Holy Thursday 2003, St. Pope John Paul II gave to the Church his 14<sup>th</sup> encyclical (a pastoral letter) called Ecclesia de Eucharistia. He begins by saying, "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church... The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. 'For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men.' Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of His boundless love" (No.1).*

*He goes on to explain and expound the Church's teaching on the Eucharist with a love and devotion of one who has spent most of his life in the presence of this mystery. His hope is that his "Encyclical Letter will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice (concerning it), so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery" (10). He also hopes that it will rekindle a "profound amazement and gratitude" for*

*the Eucharist. We should be amazed at what it is! It really, truly is Jesus Christ Himself! It is His sacrifice on the Cross made present to us here and now. "At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it" (3). That is truly amazing! It is this amazing mystery that these children received for the first time, just like I did 43 years ago. It is my hope and prayer that each one of them, and every Catholic, will continue to grow in their knowledge, love, devotion, and amazement of this greatest gift that Jesus gave to His Church.*

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

\*Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Ron & Rose Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn, Chad & Emily Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, April 18th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY BOARD MEETING: Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

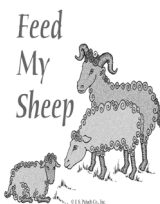
WOMEN OF ST. PATRICK'S: St. Catherine's C.C.W. would like to invite you to our **Country Gathering of Christian Women, Saturday, April 30th @ 11:00 AM.** Two motivational speakers/lunch/door prizes/positive Christian friendships shared for two hours to enjoy. Tickets available through any St. Catherine C.C.W. members.

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 April 3, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,689.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00  
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00  
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$16,637.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

David & Rosie Nelson, Timothy & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

FCSLA SPONSORED SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: 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 are \$12.00. If you would like to attend this wonderful event, please contact Margaret Sharkey @ 461-2214 or any St. Catherine C.C.W. member. There is a sign up sheet in the back of church for C.C.W. members who would like to participate.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEANING: We will be Spring Cleaning the church & grounds Saturday, April 23rd at 9:00 AM. Please bring a rake. Thank you.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.

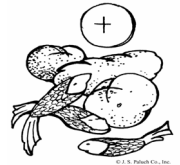
ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING: Sunday, May 15th after the 8:30 AM Mass.

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 April 3, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 916.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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 Fliceck, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, 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, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Saturday, April 30 S.C. C.C.W. Spring Salad Luncheon  
Sunday, July 24 S.P. Parish Festival

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 13 6:45-8:00 PM Religious Education Class, 1-9. Confirmation students reconciliation at church.  
Wed. Apr. 20 6:45-8:00 PM Religious Education Class, Grades 1-9. Pizza Party for grades 1-8. Confirmation students travel to Chanhassen.  
Wed. Apr. 27 7:00 PM

Speaker Laura Sobiech.  
Grades 6th, 7th, 8th, & conf. class.  
Students are encouraged to invite family and friends. No class for grades 1-5 so that Catechist may attend the speaker with family & guests.



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