

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	4/12	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4/13	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Sticha
Wednesday	4/14	6:00 PM	SP	+Carlton Miller
Thursday	4/15	8:30 AM	SC	Tomaschko Family
Friday	4/16	NO MASS		
Saturday	4/17	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	4/18	8:30 AM	SC	+JoAnn Simon
	4/18	10:30 AM	SP	+ For Our Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR April 17 & 18, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/17	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	4/18	Joan Nelson, Kristi Schulte
Lector	4/17	Rob Puncocar
	4/18	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	4/17	Ian DeGross
	4/18	Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	4/17	Mel Gregory
	4/18	Don Pesta

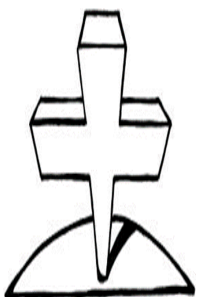
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/18	Lloyd Friske
Lector	4/18	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	4/18	Monica Muelken
Ushers	4/18	Dave Nelson, George Doheny
Greeters	4/18	Dianne Schumann, Janet Ryan

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

April 11: Fr. George Kinney, April 12: Fr. John Klockeman, April 13: Fr. Abraham Kochupurackal, April 14: Fr. David Kohner, April 15: Fr. Thomas Kommers, April 16: Fr. Lon Konold, April 17: Fr. Evan Koop.



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O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of your priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according you Your heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Your love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

Blessed are those who Believe

On the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also called Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel describing “doubting Thomas” is read (Jn. 20:19-31). It is an extraordinarily important passage of Scripture because it is about something that we are all called to have, and yet, that can be so difficult: faith. “Faith is man’s response to God, who reveals Himself and gives Himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life” (Catechism, 26). God has revealed Himself through His creation -- one can come to know the Creator through the things which He made. He also revealed Himself in history and in His word. “God communicates Himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ” (Catechism, 53). A response to this revelation is expected: faith.

This response is not always easy. There are many things that we live among that challenge the faith we have: suffering and death, evil in the world, and especially the lack of faith, or at least agreement of faith, that we find in others. Why do some people believe and other very good people do not? And why is there disagreement among believers about the specifics of our faith? It would be a lot easier to respond to God with faith if everyone believed exactly the same thing. Still, that would not guarantee a response of faith. All of the Apostles told Thomas that they had seen the risen Christ, still he would not believe. He placed a condition on his belief, that he must see and touch the risen Lord. The reason there is this disparity of belief is because people place a variety of conditions on their faith rather than having an openness of mind and heart to the power and reality of God. “That’s why faith in God is not a form of knowledge that can be learned like chemistry or mathematics, but remains a belief. It has a perfectly rational structure. It is not just some dark mystery or other with which I have dealings. It gives me insight. And there are perfectly comprehensible reasons for accepting it. But it is never simply knowledge. Since faith demands our whole existence, our will, our love, since it requires letting go of ourselves, it necessarily always goes beyond a mere knowledge, beyond what is demonstrable” (Benedict XVI, God and the World, p. 33).

This is why Jesus’ response to Thomas is, “do not be unbelieving, but believe” (Jn. 20:27). We are called to believe in the reality of a Person, and in the truths that this Person taught and continues to teach through the Church He founded. We will not understand everything we are



asked to believe because we cannot get our minds around it all. But we can grow into a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith when we remove the obstacles and conditions that we place in the way. Thomas did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead but he had risen. Likewise, another person's unbelief does not mean our faith is untrue. When it comes to our faith we are not required, or able, to prove everything beyond a shadow of a doubt. We are called, rather, to believe with the confidence that by doing so we will be blessed.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: *Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

2021/2022 BUDGETS: The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2021/2022 to the parish office. Thank you.

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.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: Your raffle tickets are available in the back of church to be picked up.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, April 19 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
3/28/21 Collection:	\$ 2,740.81
3/28/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 85.00
4/1/21 Holy Thursday:	\$ 436.00
4/2/21 Good Friday:	\$ 60.00
4/4/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 30.00
4/4/21 Easter Collection:	\$ 3,682.61



ST. CATHERINE

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 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

CEMETERY CLEANUP: The St. Catherine Cemetery Board will be doing their annual cemetery cleanup on Saturday, May 1. Please remove any winter pots/wreaths/decor that you would like to retain before that time. Thank you.

ALL CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: Please join us for St. Catherine's All Parish Indoor Church Cleaning on Saturday, April 24 from 9AM-12PM. Bring mops, rags, buckets and vacuums. Thanks you for helping keep our church looking clean and beautiful! Contact Laura Saarela at laurajsaarela@gmail.com for questions.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
3/28/21 Collection:	\$ 1356.00
3/28/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 105.00
4/1/21 Holy Thursday:	\$ 60.00
4/2/21 Good Friday:	\$ 346.00
4/4/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 50.00
4/4/21 Easter Collection:	\$ 1,527.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Janice Lane, Tom & Carma O'Callaghan, Judie Cervenka, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsche, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Witt), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zwebber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (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.

SPECIAL REQUEST: For those with loved ones on the prayer list- please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we'd like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

AN EASTER GREETING: Dear Fr. Miller and parishioners, My name is Sister Rose Vu. I will make a mission appeal at St. Patrick and St. Catherine on July 24-25, 2021. I want to wish you a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter. May Jesus our Risen Lord bless you with his love, peace and joy at Easter and always. Sincerely, Sister Rose Vu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. April 14th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 18th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. April 21st	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 25th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SOUTHERN VALLEY ALLIANCE: Sip away for SVA is a virtual event on Friday, April 30 at 7pm. Tickets, silent auction and info available at: SVAMN.ORG or 952-873-4214.