

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Apr. 16 | 6:30 PM (SP) | Jamie Kreuser |
| Tuesday | Apr. 17 | | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | Apr. 18 | 6:00 PM (SP) | St. Patrick C.C.W. |
| Thursday | Apr. 19 | 11:30 AM (SC) | +Fr. Bill Stolzman |
| Friday | Apr. 20 | | NO MASS |
| Saturday | Apr. 21 | 5:00 PM (SP) | +Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch |
| Sunday | Apr. 22 | 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP) | +Brandon Bruzek For Our People |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 21 & 22, 2018

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/21 | Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers |
| | 4/22 | Heidi Michaelson, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka |
| Lectors | 4/21 | Mike Puncochar |
| | 4/22 | Greg Michaelson |
| Altar Servers | 4/21 | Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Joe Weiers |
| | 4/22 | Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson |
| Ushers | 4/21 | Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory |
| | 4/22 | Pat Puncochar, Norm Sticha |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/22 | Rachel Eicher, Kathy Prochaska, Lloyd & Deloris Friske |
| Lector | 4/22 | Ken Ceola |
| Altar Servers | 4/22 | Kendra Korbel |
| Ushers | 4/22 | Dave Nelson, Dennis Maciej |
| Greeters | 4/22 | Tim & Laura Saarela |

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. 16: Fr. John J. Bauer, Apr. 17: Fr. Peter Bauknecht,
Apr. 18: Fr. Rodger Bauman, Apr. 19: Fr. Michael Becker,
Apr. 20: Fr. Martin Beckman, Apr. 21: Fr. Terry Beeson,
Apr. 22: Fr. Corey Belden.



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

The Greatest Gift

Last weekend the second graders of our parish received for the first time the greatest gift that Jesus left to His Church. “It is the gift of Himself, of His person in His sacred humanity, as well as the gift of His saving work” (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11). The Eucharist is a gift and a mystery so profound that only God can understand it completely. This is because it is Jesus Himself making present to us His saving passion and resurrection. “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. The Eucharist is indelibly marked by the event of the Lord’s passion and death, of which it is not only a reminder but also the sacramental re-presentation. It is the sacrifice of the Cross perpetuated down the ages” (*Ecclesia*, 3,11).

This is the reason why it is so appropriate to celebrate first communion during the Easter Season. We may ask the question, “What does the Mass have to do with Easter?” The answer is “Everything.” “The institution of the Eucharist sacramentally anticipated the events which were about to take place, beginning with the agony in Gethsemane” (*Ecclesia*, 3). It is the way in which Jesus would make those events accessible and present throughout the ages until He would return. This is the heart of the Mass. This is what it means and what is going on. It is not about entertainment, or creating a form of worship that makes us feel good. It is about coming into the very presence of God, along with the saints and angels in heaven, and worshipping Him through the re-presentation of the events that made our salvation possible. The Mass is not something man has invented or created. It is not our idea; it is God’s. Jesus gave us the Eucharist, we did not make it up, nor can we re-invent or re-create it. For this reason the Mass is categorically different from any other prayer service, Catholic or not. Going to a worship service in a different denomination, no matter how long it is, or how “meaningful” it may seem, or how good it may make one feel, is not the same as going to Mass. Christ’s intentions must be followed regarding the meaning of the Mass, including the presence and reality of the priesthood, through which He re-presents His saving death and resurrection, and miraculously changes the bread and wine into His real and true Body and Blood. “There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist”; “The priest is a gift which the assembly receives through episcopal succession going back to the Apostles. It is the bishop who, through the Sacrament of Holy Orders, makes a new priest by conferring upon him the power to consecrate the



Eucharist” (John Paul II, Gift and Mystery, pp.77-78; Ecclesia, 29).

The priesthood and the Mass, as well as the Church itself, and the other sacraments were the ideas and direct will of Jesus Himself. These are gifts that He gave us, and that is how we must approach them: with the same innocent and childlike faith of the children who receive for the first time Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, His greatest gift.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Jonathan & Angela Deutsch, Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Flicek.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, April 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

CEMETERY BOARD MEETING: Monday, April 23rd at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

***We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

FATHER’S LETTER & FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: These are available in the back of church. Please pull the staples out of the raffle tickets before returning them. Thank you.

SILENT AUCTION: Hello Parish Members, It’s getting to be that time of year again where we are looking for items for the Church Festival Silent Auction. We are accepting new items, we always love basket items. Let your creative minds work their magic. Without your help our Silent Auction wouldn’t be such a success. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of us. Thank you.

*Cathy Theis (952-215-9526)
Jacque Bittner (952-270-2024)*

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection April 8, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,905.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL: David & Rosie Nelson, Timothy & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine Church is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency. Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now-early summer. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Come and enjoy a light brunch, friendship, with a meeting to discuss May crowning with new member coffee and discuss July Garden Tour/Brunch on Sunday, April 15th after Mass.

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Sunday Collection April 8, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,957.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon’s sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner’s uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wed. Apr. 18 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class, grades 1-9. |
| | 6:00 PM | Confirmation: Feed My Starving Children |
| Wed. Apr. 25 | 6:45-8:00 PM | Class, grades 1-9. |
| | | Confirmation Reconciliation |

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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| Sun. Apr. 15 | S.C. | C.C.W. Meeting after Mass |
| Sun. July 22 | S.P. | Parish Festival |
| Sat. July 28 | S.C. | C.C.W. Garden Tour & Lunch |

A PRAYER TO SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

Say the prayer every day for 9 months for the parents and baby.