

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 18	6:00 PM (SC)	+James Prochaska
Tuesday	Apr. 19	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuzer
Wednesday	Apr. 20	6:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Thursday	Apr. 21		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 22		NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 23	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	Apr. 24	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 23 & 24, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/23	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	4/24	Heidi Michaelson, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek, Kristi Schulte
Lectors	4/23	Anne Marie Weiers
	4/24	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	4/23	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	4/24	Greta Michaleson, Claire Michaelson, Cole Fliccek
Ushers	4/23	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	4/24	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha
Greeters	4/24	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/24	Barbara Lerschen, Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder
Lector	4/24	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	4/24	Kendra Korbel, Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken
Ushers	4/24	Ken Ceola, Frank Simons
Greeters	4/24	Rick & Linda Sirek

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. 18:

Fr. Paul Kubista, Apr. 19: Fr. Michael Kueber, Apr. 20: Fr. Joseph Kuharski, Apr. 21: Fr. Allen Kuss, Apr. 22: Fr. Paul LaFontaine, Apr. 23: Fr. Stephen LaCanne, Apr. 24: Fr. Anton Lachner.

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

The Big Change

People may wonder why I “wash the dishes” after Communion, and other priests do not. First it is important to realize that it is not the same as washing dishes. It is properly called purifying the sacred vessels. The chalice, paten, and ciboria cannot be used for any other purpose. After their use they are to be washed or purified not for their sake (that they will be clean for the next use, like our dishes at home) but rather for the sake of what is being washed: the particles of Holy Communion that have broken off, or the few drops of Precious Blood that cling to the chalice. The Church teaches that Jesus is really present in every piece of the host, and every drop of the Precious Blood, no matter how small. “The Eucharistic presence of Christ begins at the moment of the consecration and endures as long as the Eucharistic species subsist. Christ is present whole and entire in each of the species and whole and entire in each of their parts, in such a way that the breaking of the bread does not divide Christ” (Catechism, 1377). The tiniest piece of the host must be treated with the same reverence as the whole because Jesus is equally present. It is the logical result of “transubstantiation”, or as I called it for the second graders making their First Communion, “The Big Change.” When the priest says the words of consecration (This is my Body . . . This is the chalice of my Blood) there is a total and complete change from bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. In more technical language, “By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the Body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of His Blood. This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called “transubstantiation” (Catechism, 1376). This change is not qualified by time or size: as long as the sacred species remain, no matter how small, so does the real presence.

That is why after Communion the remaining hosts are placed in the tabernacle, and the remaining parts are treated with reverence and consumed, i.e., the vessels, and even my fingers, are cleansed. This may be done at a side table, in the sacristy after Mass, or at the altar. I prefer to do it right away at the



altar. That way I can greet people after Mass and not worry that something important concerning the Eucharist must still be done. We can take that minute or two and thank Jesus for the incredible gift we have just received. We can speak to Him in the silence of our hearts, knowing that we are as close to Him as we can get this side of heaven. I have felt this way every day that I have been a priest. A long time ago I brought this up with a priest who did not purify the vessels during the Mass, or after. I did the research, and showed him the evidence. He did not accept it. He said, "when you're a priest, you can wash the dishes." And so I do. I recently found another priest who had witnessed the confrontation was so inspired by it that he purified the vessels at his Masses ever since.

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 10, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 2,236.25
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: Saturday, April 30th at 11:00 AM in St. Catherine church basement. 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.

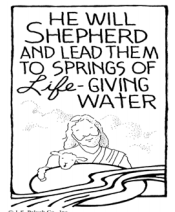
ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING: Sunday, May 15th after the 8:30 AM Mass.

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

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Sunday Collection April 10, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 817.48
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, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, 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, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Our parish community is saddened by the deaths of Braden Flicek, Laura Ryan, and Bea Mushitz. We offer our prayers and sympathy to their family and friends.

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. 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, & confirmation 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.