

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 22		NO MASS
Tuesday	Apr. 23		NO MASS
Wednesday	Apr. 24	6:00 PM (SP)	Casey & DeGross Families
Thursday	Apr. 25	8:30 AM (SC)	+Tom Ryan
Friday	Apr. 26	8:30 AM (SP)	+Brandon Bruzek
Saturday	Apr. 27	5:00 PM (SP)	For All Souls
Sunday	Apr. 28	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marion Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 27 & 28, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/27	Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis, Dave Roach
	4/28	Joan Nelson, Don Pesta, Rob Puncochar
Lector	4/27	Lynne Hoffman
	4/28	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	4/27	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross
	4/28	Cole, Ella, & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	4/27	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	4/28	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/28	Joan Bruzek, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	4/28	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	4/28	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	4/28	Tim Saarela, Dave Nelson
Greeters	4/28	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

*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. 22: Fr. William Stolzman, Apr. 23: Fr. Mark Stoppel-Wasinger, Apr. 24: Fr. Andrew Stueve, Apr. 25: Fr. Michael Sullivan, Apr. 26: Fr. Ralph Talbot, Apr. 27: Fr. Harold Tasto, Apr. 28: Fr. Eugene Theisen.



**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

### Christ Has Conquered!

This line is taken from the Exultet, the Easter Proclamation that is sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It is a proclamation of exuberant joy that tries to express the wonder and glory of the Resurrection. If we look carefully at the deepest and darkest menaces that have faced mankind since the fall of Adam and Eve we will find that they are sin and death. Neither was a part of God's original plan. "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living" (Wisdom 1:13). Death became a part of human existence through Adam and Eve's sin; "through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned" (Romans 5:12). Everyone became powerless against these two realities. Each destroys the life for which we were created, both spiritual and physical. Man was no more able to restore the life of God's grace to his soul, than he was to restore physical life to his body, or any one else's, after death. God alone could accomplish such a thing. And that is exactly what He did in the death and Resurrection of Christ.



This is the faith of the Church the Exultet tries to express, and why it is marked by such a joyful character: "Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!" Christ has conquered the age-old enemies of sin and death. He has done what no one else was able to do: restore to us, through His death and Resurrection, both the spiritual life of God's grace, and the future, physically new, life of our bodies. "For Christ has ransomed us with His blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father! ... This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave."

This is why the Church celebrates Christ's death and Resurrection so solemnly each year. They are central to our faith, and without them our faith would be little more than another code of ethics, and an attempt to give meaning to our existence. Yes, we still face sin and death in our lives, but now it is not with a hopeless sense of captivity. There is a real and effective deliverance from both. "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us the way to a new life" (Catechism, 654). So great and joyful is this reality that the Church especially uses one word to express it: Alleluia!

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

\*Jim & Cathy Beuch, Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. OPEN MEETING:

Thursday, April 25th, 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. Silent auction, meeting, and installation of 2019/2021 officers. To register, please contact Doreen Hogan @ 612-756-1345.

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. FUNDRAISER:

“BLINGO” (bingo with a twist). Sunday, April 28th. More information at the Open Meeting. Volunteers are needed. We are seeking cash donations for prizes. Please contact Doreen Hogan @ 612-756-1345 for more information.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Visit our website for a link to online giving.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Sunday Collection April 7, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 2,355.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00  
Flower Collection.....\$ 394.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Dave & Rosie Nelson, Tim & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** St. Catherine’s Autumn Dinner will be Tuesday, October 8th.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** There will be no meeting in April.

**THANK YOU:** A big thanks to the FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for sponsoring our Spring Luncheon. We will be receiving a \$600.00 grant from them!

### Stewardship of Treasure

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Sunday Collection April 7, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,102.60  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00  
Flower Collection.....\$ 328.00



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## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Dave Nickolay, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson’s sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**CATHOLIC SPIRIT:** If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to, contact Colleen at the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

**ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS:** The Knights of Columbus Council of New Prague invites all servers to a St. Paul Saints game on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Cost is free to servers and \$10.00 for adults wishing to chaperone. Free bus ride for the first 50 to sign-up. Hotdog lunch at the K.C. Hall in N.P. at 3:00 PM and the bus leaves promptly at 3:30 PM. Deadline to sign-up is April 30th. Contact Jim Wagner @ 612-940-0834 with questions and to sign-up.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who enjoyed our breakfast, donated money, cleaned tables, donated raffle items, flipped pancakes, contributed food, washed dishes, celebrated and prayed for Abigail Nelson!  
*The Barten Family*

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 24	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Sat. Apr. 27	10:00 AM	Confirmation at St. Dominic in Northfield
	10:30 AM	2nd grade-1st Comm. Practice
Sun. Apr. 28	8:30 AM	1st Holy Communion—S.C.
	10:30 AM	1st Holy Communion—S.P.
Wed. May 1	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
		Last day of class, Pizza Party

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

Fri. May 3	S.P.	Men’s Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Taste of Lebanon Dinner,** St. Maron Maronite Catholic Church will be holding its annual “Taste of Lebanon Dinner” on Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 602 University Avenue N.E., Minneapolis. Authentic Lebanese Dinner served from 11:30 AM to 5:30 PM. Tickets: \$17.00/adult, \$8.00/child (4-12 yrs.) Buy tickets online at [www.stmaron.com](http://www.stmaron.com) or pick up at the parish office.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends,** May 3-5 & July 12-14 in Buffalo, MN. For more information or to register, go to [twincitieswwme.org](http://twincitieswwme.org) or call 612-756-8720.