

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 23	6:30 PM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Tuesday	Apr. 24	6:00 PM (SP)	+Ambrose Eichens
Wednesday	Apr. 25	6:00 PM (SP)	For World Peace
Thursday	Apr. 26		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 27		NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 28	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	Apr. 29	8:30 AM (SC)	+Marion Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 28 & 29, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/28	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Tony Jirik
	4/29	Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	4/28	Shelley Shepherd
	4/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	4/28	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross
	4/29	Wyatt Giesen, Alycia Klegstad, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	4/28	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	4/29	Rob Sticha, Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/29	Ken & Kathy Ceola, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	4/29	Addey Vochoska
Altar Servers	4/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	4/29	Tim Saarela, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	4/29	Kathy Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey

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. 23: Fr. John G. Berger, Apr. 24: Fr. John W. Berger,
Apr. 25: Fr. Juan Betancourt, Apr. 26: Fr. Lawrence Blake,
Apr. 27: Fr. David Blume, Apr. 28: Fr. Daniel Bodin,
Apr. 29: Fr. Matthew Bonk.



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

We will Understand Later

Over the years I have experienced the Sacred Triduum in different places and in different ways. Through the more complicated rites I have found something new each year. This year as I read the Gospel on Holy Thursday I found one line that jumped off the page: "What I am doing, you do not understand now, but you will understand later" (Jn 13:7). This statement reveals both our limited abilities and the unfolding of God's providence in time. Pondering these realities can bring great solace especially in times of darkness. As we look back on our lives we sometimes can understand something that happened in the light of the present, including things on a much greater scale. Still, we may remain somewhat in the dark when it comes to the question of "why." I think that is why the event of the Resurrection is commemorated at the Easter Vigil firstly with the element of light; that it sheds the light of understanding on the events of the Passion of Christ, which in turn, sheds light on the events of history, both personal and general.



As Holy Saturday enters the darkness of night, the Church is gathered throughout the world and a fire is lit and blessed, as is a new Candle, with the reminder that "All time belongs" to Christ. That Candle is lit, and that single flame enters the church. Just as the knowledge and understanding of the Resurrection slowly entered the world, so too the light of that Candle, "a fire into many flames divided, yet never dimmed by sharing of its light (The Exsultet)" is a symbol of how the power of the Resurrection continues to shed light upon the world. The Faith must be shared as it was at the Resurrection: "Speak, Mary, declaring what you saw wayfaring. 'The tomb Christ, who is living, the glory of Jesus' resurrection'" (Sequence: Victimae paschali laudes).

These beautiful rites which we celebrate each year have an inherent power to open a soul to the grace that these events have brought into the world. The power to unlock that grace is faith. When Thomas missed the appearance of Jesus to the other disciples, he did not believe their testimony, even though he was their companion for the last three years. Jesus said to him, "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed" (Jn 20:29.). That is the essence of faith: we believe in the reality of that which we do not see. We often hear the phrase "I will believe it when I see it." That is not "faith," it is "Knowledge." I actually have an easier time believing most elements of our faith than I do some of the things that I actually see, especially when it comes to matters of technology or the evil that people inflict upon other people. I think we all say when we see things of this kind, "I do not believe it!" But there it is; it is real. Perhaps that is how the Disciples felt at the first news

of the Resurrection – it was too good to be true. But it was true. He really did rise from the dead! From the worst evil God brought out the greatest good. He can also do the same in our lives, as He can do in world events. It takes some time, and maybe we will not be able to understand it now, but through the grace of God, we will understand later.

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.

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.

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

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.

FESTIVAL 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)

THANK YOU: The Pavek family was very appreciative of the funeral lunch served after Eugene's funeral Mass. Thank you to all who brought food, helped serve, or helped set-up.

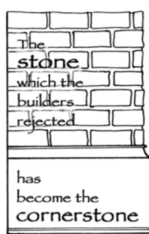
Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 15, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,862.00

Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



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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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 15, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 481.00

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) Annie 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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Lulabelle Cavanaugh, sister-in-law of Mary Cavanaugh, aunt of Jim (Mora) Cavanaugh.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER: Wed. May 23, 4:30 PM at St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Tickets \$18/person can be purchased at the parish office. Sponsored by the S.W. Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

THANK OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS: Donations are being taken for the end-of-year Religious Education Teacher Banquet for door prizes. Gift cards for gas, groceries, coffee, lunch, Target, Walmart, etc. would be much appreciated. Please place in the offertory basket by May 6th, marked "Teachers". We thank all our teachers and helpers for their time and talent!

TOOTSIE ROLL DRIVE: The Knights of Columbus will be selling tootsie rolls after Mass April 28 & 29 to raise money for people with intellectual disabilities. Thank you for your support.

ALTAR SERVERS TO THE TWINS GAME: Sun. May 20. Bus leaves K.C. Hall in New Prague at 11:30 AM. 11:00 AM hot dog lunch. Any altar server can go FREE and \$21 for adults. Contact Lyle Malecha, 651-269-3416 or e-mail Lyle at L.Malecha@cranems.com with any questions or to sign-up.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr 25	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9. Confirmation Reconciliation
Tue. May 1		Confirmation at St. Dominic, Northfield
Wed. May 2	6:45-8:00 PM	Class, grades 1-9. Pizza Night

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 28	S.C.	C.C.W. Garden Tour & Lunch