

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 24	6:30 PM (SC)	+Norm Theis & +Gene VonBank
Tuesday	Apr. 25	6:30 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Wednesday	Apr. 26	6:00 PM (SP)	Fr. Orlando Tatel
Thursday	Apr. 27		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 28		NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 29	5:00 PM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	Apr. 30	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/29	Barb Lewis, Kelley DeGross, Dave Roach
	4/30	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	4/29	Jim DeGross
	4/30	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	4/29	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	4/30	Bella & Lily Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	4/29	Steve Kreuser, Matt Sirek
	4/30	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	4/30	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/30	Joan Bruzek, Bill Dillingham, Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske
Lector	4/30	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	4/30	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	4/30	Frank Simons, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	4/30	Gary & Ann Korbel

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. 24: Fr. Byron Hagan, Apr. 25: Fr. Ronald Harrer, Apr. 26: Fr. Robert Hart, Apr. 27: Fr. David Haschka, Apr. 28: Fr. Daniel Haugan, Apr. 29: Fr. Paul Haverstock, Apr. 30: Abp. Bernard Hebda.



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

Eucharistic Amazement

This weekend I have the privilege of giving Holy Communion for the first time to our 2nd graders. Like administering the other sacraments, it is a great joy; but giving this sacrament for the first time holds a special place in my heart. Perhaps it is because I remember so vividly the first time that I received Our Lord in Holy Communion 44 years ago on March 11, 1973. I can remember that day as though it was yesterday. I recall the anticipation of receiving Jesus for the first time, and the joy that I felt when I did. I was as well prepared as I could have been, but now 44 years later, 21 of which I have been a priest, I realize that I understood so very little about the mystery I received that day and the thousands of times since. I have come to realize that the Eucharist is such a profound mystery that one can not comprehend it, but only be drawn more deeply into the meaning and beauty of this mystery of infinite love.



On Holy Thursday 2003, St. John Paul II gave to the Church his 14th encyclical (a pastoral letter) called Ecclesia de Eucharistia. He begins by saying, "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church... The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. 'For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men.' Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of His boundless love" (No.1).

He goes on to explain and expound the Church's teaching on the Eucharist with a love and devotion of one who has spent most of his life in the presence of this mystery. His hope is that his "Encyclical Letter will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice (concerning it), so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery" (10). He also hopes that it will rekindle a "profound amazement and gratitude" for the Eucharist. We should be amazed at what it is! It really, truly is Jesus Christ Himself! It is His sacrifice on the Cross made present to us here and now. "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" (3). That is truly amazing! It is this amazing mystery that these children receive for the first time, just like I did 44 years ago. It is my hope and prayer that each one of them, and every

Catholic, will continue to grow in their knowledge, love, devotion, and amazement of this greatest gift that Jesus gave to His Church.
Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein, Gary & Barb Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Sparky & Susie Mahowald, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson.
 Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

THANK YOU! A big thank you to everyone that helped with the church grounds clean-up. It looks really nice!

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Thanks to all who contributed baked goods and helped with this event. This fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W.

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL: Sunday, July 23, 2017. We are looking for Silent Auction items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Here are some examples of what can be donated . . . gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kid's games . . . We are grateful for any donated item.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection April 9, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,789.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00
 Easter Collection.....\$ 3,482.67
 Holy Thursday.....\$ 145.00
 Good Friday.....\$ 130.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

David & Rosie Nelson, Pat Schroeder.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, April 24th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP:

St. Catherine Church cleaning includes raking the church grounds and cleaning the inside of the church on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 AM. Bring your garden rake and vacuum cleaner. We need many hands to help make our Church sparkle for the Lord.

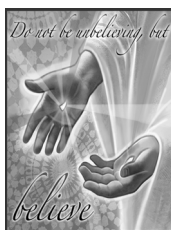
WELCOME SUNDAY, GRADUATE RECEPTION, MAY CROWING:

On Sunday, May 7th we will be introducing our new parishioners: Matthew & Katie Heitman and son Caleb. We will recognize our graduates: Victoria Erickson & Bryce Horejsi. Bryce will also be honored for receiving his rank of Eagle Scout. We especially honor our Blessed Mother in the month of May with a crowning of roses on this day. Please join us after the crowning for refreshments.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection April 9, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,125.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00
 Easter Collection.....\$ 1,913.00
 Holy Thursday.....\$ 50.00
 Good Friday.....\$ 370.00



CONGRATULATIONS! Rosie Nelson and Deloris Friske who have been elected to the St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council for a second term.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Fr. Francis Roach, Jan Ferrazzo, Rosie Ryan, Gerry Sandey, Mary Lee Androli, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

SPECIAL DAY OF GRACE—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

St. Michael's in Prior Lake will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 from 2:00-4:30 PM. All are invited to join on this special feast day when we are called to experience God's infinite mercy and receive a cleansing of our soul similar to what happens in Baptism. Come early (1:00 PM) to see "The Face of Mercy" a stirring film that weaves together history and theology with moving examples of Divine Mercy, alive and present in our modern world. For more info. go to <https://www.stmichael-pl.org/divine-mercy-sunday>

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY:

Tuesday, April 18-May 9, 7:00 PM, following 6:30 PM Mass at St. Patrick. This 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima is a perfect time to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary. All are welcome to join in the 33-day preparation. Fr. Michael Gaitley's do-it-yourself retreat book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, is available in both churches. The accompanying video series continues on Tuesday nights at St. Patrick, with the final video and consecration on Saturday, May 13.

FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION:

Sunday, May 7 Archbishop Hebda will lead the 70th annual Family Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to the St. Paul Cathedral. All are invited to join in this procession while praying the Rosary for the hastening of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Participants will begin assembling for the procession at 1:30 PM at the State Capitol. The procession will begin at 2:00 PM from the State Capitol to the Cathedral, followed by a prayer service with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

Transportation from St. Michael Church in Prior Lake to this event is being provided free of charge by the Knights of Columbus. The bus will leave St. Michael at 1:00 PM and return at approximately 4:15. To sign-up for the bus contact Mary Kay @ 952-447-3970 or mkmahowald@integra.net (See also: <http://www.familyrosaryprocession.org/> and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vZOW_RGtxUY)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 26	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9. Confirmation interviews.
Wed. May 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Pizza Night. Reconciliation-Confirmation.
Thur. May 11	7:00 PM	Confirmation-St. Dominic Northfield, MN

*We have a great position open and looking for someone to serve as Assistant Director of Religious Education. If interested, contact Elaine Pesta @ 952-758-4617.

Fri. Apr. 28	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 23	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour