

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 4	8:30 AM (SP)	+Frank Pexa
Tuesday	Apr. 5	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest Personal Intention
Wednesday	Apr. 6		NO MASS
Thursday	Apr. 7	8:30 AM (SC)	Richard & Steven Greger
Friday	Apr. 8	8:30 AM (SP)	+Gilbert Laurent
Saturday	Apr. 9	5:00 PM (SP)	+Nellie Carson & +Debbie Pfannes
Sunday	Apr. 10	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Marion Jacques For our parishioners guests, and visitors

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR
APRIL 9 & 10, 2011**

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/9	Kelley DeGross, Dave Roach, Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	4/10	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
Lectors	4/9	Jim DeGross
	4/10	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	4/9	Rachel & Dan DeGross, Jed & Will Kreuser
	4/10	Jennifer & Rachel Theis, Lily & Bella Schulte
Ushers	4/9	Roman Stepka, Steve Kreuser
	4/10	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	4/9	Don & Elaine Pesta
	4/10	Norm & Denie Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/10	Bev Grossman, Barbara Lerschen, Rosemary Hatcher, Dave Nelson
Lector	4/10	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	4/10	Bryce Horejsi, Addey Vochoska, Victoria Erickson
Ushers	4/10	Ken Ceola, Joel Vochoska
Greeters	4/10	Jeff & Pat Schroeder

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 ladies 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!

**READINGS FOR APRIL 10, 2011
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**



First Reading: Ezekiel 37:12-14
Second Reading: Romans 8:8-11
Gospel Reading: John 11:1-45

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Joe & Monica O'Brien, Chris & Lynn Meyer, James & Amy Milinkovich, Caryn Mullikin, Everett & Joan Nelson, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, John & Ann Oellrich, Steven & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson. Altar Linens: Laura Ryan.

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Check out the goodies available after the masses this weekend! Thanks to all who have contributed baked goods and helped with this event. This fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W.

ST. PATRICK GROUP II FISH FRY: Friday, April 8, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$10.00/person, \$5.00/child, under 3/ free. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church. All Group II members are asked to bring 3 dozen cookies or bars. There are flyers in back of church, please take some and post them in your workplace.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: The next C.C.W. Meeting will be Monday, April 11th @ 7:00 PM in the social hall. The meetings are open to all women (18 years of age or older) of the parish. Thanks to Geri Mages and Mary Simek who have volunteered to bring refreshments. Hope to see you there!

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE: March is Minnesota Food Shelf Month. We will be collecting food for the Peace Center in New Prague. Food and money collected during March are counted and matched pound for pound and dollar for dollar by the St. Paul Food Bank. We will be collecting non-perishable goods such as; Cans—fruits, vegetables, tuna, soups, stew, etc. Boxes—Jello, potatoes, pancake mix, crackers, meal in a box, cookies. Soaps—hand, dish, laundry. Toilet tissue, Kleenex, etc. Items may be brought and put in the back of church. We do buy the basic food items such as sugar, flour, oatmeal, etc. with the cash that is donated. Questions, call Evelyn Scheffler, 758-4102.

FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT—SILENT AUCTION:

The Silent Auction has been organized and chaired by Emily Sandey and has been around for about the last 10 years. In the past 5 years alone, we went from making around \$800 on this event to almost \$1800 last year. This year we will have new chairs for this event. Jacque Bittner and Cathy Theis have volunteered to take this over.

All silent auction items are donated by parishioners. Some ideas for donated goods are wood crafts, different filled baskets (kids stuff, wine, coffee, etc.), pictures or any other larger item. Please contact Jacque @ 758-7245 or Cathy @ 461-2636 if you have any questions. Donated items can be given to either Jacque or Cathy anytime between now and the week of the festival. The sooner the better so they can start getting things organized.

Finally, we would like to thank Emily for all her hard work in organizing and taking care of this event in the past!! Also thank you to Jacque and Cathy for volunteering to take this over!

Chad & Emily Sandey, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 27, 2011

Received this week.....\$ 1,510.50
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,615.00

ST. CATHERINE CHURCH CLEANING FOR

THE MONTH OF APRIL: Maureen Casey, David & Rosie Nelson, Stephen & Maureen Rief, Jeff & Pat Schroeder.

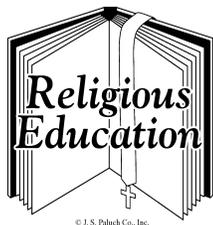
A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL: If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. SPRING LUNCHEON: Saturday, April 9th at 11:00 AM. All parishioners are asked to please bring your best salad to serve 10-12 people. The church basement will be open at 9:00 AM Saturday morning to drop off salads. Enjoy a great morning together and bring your mother, daughters, sisters & friends. If you would like more tickets or to donate a door prize, please contact Mary Kay Fredrickson @ 952-447-7019.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 27, 2011

Received this week.....\$ 1,062.31
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,070.00



Tue. Apr. 5 7:00 PM Confirmation at
Divine Mercy in Faribault.
Wed. Apr. 6 6:45 PM Religious Education,
grades 1-8. 2nd grade
learning centers.
Wed. Apr. 13 6:45 PM Religious Education,
grades 1-9.

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Don O'Connor, Tracey Preisser (cousin of Shelley Shepherd), Chris Larson, George Pexa, Florian & Kathy Bauman (Bryan Bittner's aunt and uncle), Sue Zender, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Larry Gross, Silverius Becker, Brad Johnson, Grace Bittner, Kyle Vosejпка (grandson of Jeanette Sticha), Phil O'Hern, Rose Menke, Francis Weidauer (sister of Doug St. Aubin) Laura Klamar, Laura Stepka, Benoite Stepka, Lisa Baker (cousin of Dan Cross), Jennifer Lonergan (sister of Vickie Cross), & John Thomas Byer.

*Please keep Shane Bauer (nephew of Cathy Theis) and Joshua Fattal in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS! Rena Bjerke & Tim Sonnek elected to St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council and Al Schneider & Frank Simons elected to St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council. We want to thank Ev Nelson, Amy Holden, and Barbara Lerschen for all their years of dedicated service!

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Budget time is fast approaching. Please submit your budget requests for the 2011/2012 fiscal year to the parish office by April 13 so we have them before the Finance Committee Meeting. The committees we need budgets from are: Parish Council, Maintenance, Welcome, Faith Formation, Liturgy & Music, and Religious Education.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, April 8th, 7:00 PM at St. Patrick.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, April 9 & 10, we will have a second collection for Easter flowers. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, April 8 S.P. Group II Fish Fry
Saturday, April 9 S.C. C.C.W. Spring Luncheon
Friday, April 15 S.P. Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sunday, July 24 S.P. Festival

FASTING

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?" (Is 58:6-7).

One of the central lessons of the cross is compassion; the heavy burdens we carry help us to appreciate the suffering in others. When Jesus encourages us to help our neighbor, he means anyone who suffers from poverty, brokenness, loneliness, anxiety, or fear. When we slow down and begin to see with the eyes of Christ, we realize that suffering is all around us in those broken in body or spirit: children, the elderly, family members, parishioners, strangers, and friends.

And, as Scripture reminds us, sharing our material goods is often just the beginning of real Christian giving. We are called to give of ourselves, of our time, to others in need—perhaps an even more challenging form of sacrifice. While this authentic giving is not easy, sharing what we have been given—through the forty days of Lent and beyond—reminds us that everything we have, even our very life itself, comes from God.

Almsgiving opportunities are all around us:

- collect and donate canned goods to a local food pantry
- box up and donate extra clothing and coats
- increase donations to the local parish
- give funds to a global charity foundation
- listen more closely to colleagues and family members
- visit a shut-in or start an ongoing friendship with a resident of a local nursing home
- volunteer at a neonatal center, giving premature babies a human touch
- help soldiers returning from war integrate back into daily life
- tutor a child, or mentor a college graduate
- offer free babysitting for a single parent
- send a letter, card, or e-mail to someone who might be lonely or sick
- donate blood

Being aware of needs around us can encourage us to make almsgiving a habit, a way to acknowledge our dependence on Christ and show our gratitude for God's constant care.

March 25, 2011 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear Children! In a special way today I desire to call you to conversion. As of today, may new life begin in your heart. Children, I desire to see your 'yes' and may your life be a joyful living of God's will at every moment of your life. In a special way today, I bless you with my motherly blessing of peace, love, and unity in my heart and in the heart of my Son Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call."