

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 4	6:00 PM (SC)	Ceola grandchildren
Tuesday	Apr. 5	8:30 AM (SP)	+Virginia Thomas
Wednesday	Apr. 6	6:00 PM (SP)	+Rev. Vincent Colon
Thursday	Apr. 7		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 8		NO MASS
Saturday	Apr. 9	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Apr. 10	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 9 & 10, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/9	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan
	4/10	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	4/9	Shelley Shepherd
	4/10	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	4/9	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	4/10	Bryce Deutsch, Alycia Klegstad, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	4/9	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	4/10	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	4/10	Dan & Deb Cervenka

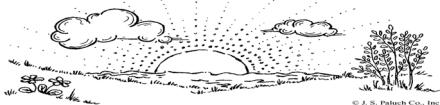
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/10	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Frank Simons, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	4/10	Dave Nelson
Acolytes	4/10	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Addey Vochoska
Ushers	4/10	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	4/10	Tim & Laura Saarela

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. 4: Fr. Ray Kirtz, Apr. 5: Fr. Francis Kittock, Apr. 6: Fr. Marvin Klaers, Apr. 7: Fr. Leon Klimczyk, Apr. 8: Fr. John Klockeman, Apr. 9: Fr. Abraham George Kochupurackal, Apr. 10: Fr. David Kohner.

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

Blessed are those who Believe

On the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also called Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel describing "doubting Thomas" is read (Jn. 20:19-31). It is an extraordinarily important passage of Scripture because it is about something that we are all called to have, and yet, that can be so difficult: faith. "Faith is man's response to God, who reveals Himself and gives Himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life" (Catechism, 26). God has revealed Himself through His creation -- one can come to know the Creator through the things which He made. He also revealed Himself in history and in His word. "God communicates Himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ" (Catechism, 53). A response to this revelation is expected: faith.



This response is not always easy. There are many things that we live among that challenge the faith we have: suffering and death, evil in the world, and especially the lack of faith, or at least agreement of faith, that we find in others. Why do some people believe and other very good people do not? And why is there disagreement among believers about the specifics of our faith? It would be a lot easier to respond to God with faith if everyone believed exactly the same thing. Still, that would not guarantee a response of faith. All of the Apostles told Thomas that they had seen the risen Christ, still he would not believe. He placed a condition on his belief, that he must see and touch the risen Lord. The reason there is this disparity of belief is because people place a variety of conditions on their faith rather than having an openness of mind and heart to the power and reality of God. "That's why faith in God is not a form of knowledge that can be learned like chemistry or mathematics, but remains a belief. It has a perfectly rational structure. It is not just some dark mystery or other with which I have dealings. It gives me insight. And there are perfectly comprehensible reasons for accepting it. But it is never simply knowledge. Since faith demands our whole existence, our will, our love, since it requires letting go of ourselves, it necessarily always goes beyond a mere knowledge, beyond what is demonstrable" (Benedict XVI, God and the World, p. 33).

This is why Jesus' response to Thomas is, "do not be unbelieving, but believe" (Jn. 20:27). We are called to believe in the reality of a Person, and in the truths that this Person taught and continues to teach through the Church He founded. We will not understand everything we are asked to believe because we cannot get our minds around it all. But we can grow into a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith when we remove the obstacles and conditions that we place in the way. Thomas did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead but he had risen. Likewise, another person's unbelief does not mean our faith is untrue. When it comes to our faith we are not required, or able, to prove everything beyond a shadow of a doubt. We are called, rather, to believe with the confidence that by doing so we will be blessed.

Fr. Michael J. Miller



**DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY**
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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 PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Congratulations Tish Scheffler and Steve Kreuser, our new parish council members. A big thanks to Chris Meyer for his two terms of service and Brandi Weckman for her years service!

THANK YOU: We would like to thank all of the Group II members for their help with the Fish Fry. It was a very busy evening and it took a lot of teamwork, commitment, dedication, and faith to make it the success it was. Thank you again and God bless you. *Rob & Jodie, John & Tish*

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

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 March 27, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 4,146.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00
Holy Thursday Collection.....	\$ 201.00
Good Friday Collection.....	\$ 90.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

David & Rosie Nelson, Timothy & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

FCSLA SPONSORED SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON: 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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, April 25th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS:

Congratulations Shawn O'Hern, newly elected parish council member and Tim Saarela, elected for his second term on the council. Much thanks to Rick Sirek who served two terms on the parish council (6 years)!

THANK YOU: The engraving on the new altar crosses in both churches and thurible at St. Catherine's was donated by Dan and Leah Wermerskirchen in memory of Ernie Wermerskirchen and in honor of Peg Wermerskirchen.

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

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection March 27, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,066.66
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Holy Thursday Collection.....	\$ 25.00
Good Friday Collection.....	\$ 212.00



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, Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, 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, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of James Prochaska. Our prayers and sympathy go out to his sister Kathy and their family.

AN EXCERPT FROM A LETTER FROM FR. TATEL:

I hope everything is fine at St. Patrick and St. Catherine. I consider the people of these two churches as my big family. I love them. I miss them. Please convey and say "HELLO" to all for me. May God bless you all!
Fr. Orlando G. Tatal

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, April 8	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Saturday, April 30	S.C.	C.C.W. Spring Salad Luncheon
Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 6	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class. Grades 1-9. Confirmation Interviews-lower level of social hall. Pizza for confirmation students.
Wed. Apr. 13	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class, 1-9. Confirmation students reconciliation at church.
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.