

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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|-----------|------|----------|----|-------------------------------|
| Monday    | 4/4  | NO MASS  |    |                               |
| Tuesday   | 4/5  | 8:30 AM  | SP | Mel & Cathy Gregory           |
| Wednesday | 4/6  | 6:00 PM  | SP | + Dick & Nan Eischens         |
| Thursday  | 4/7  | NO MASS  |    |                               |
| Friday    | 4/8  | 4:30 PM  | SC | + LeRoy Farrell               |
|           |      | 5:00 PM  | SC | Stations of the Cross         |
| Saturday  | 4/9  | 5:00 PM  | SP | For our Parishioners & Guests |
| Sunday    | 4/10 | 8:30 AM  | SC | +Jeff Schroeder               |
|           |      | 10:30 AM | SP | O'Connell Family              |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 9 & 10 2022

### St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/9  | Ron & Rosie Ryan                |
|                         | 4/10 | Leo & Gloria Jacques            |
| Lector                  | 4/9  | Rob Puncochar & Lynne Hoffman   |
|                         | 4/10 | Chad Sandey & Diana Schoenbauer |
| Altar Servers           | 4/9  | Weston Feist                    |
|                         | 4/10 | Norah and Annie Blaschko        |
| Ushers                  | 4/9  | Mark Rezac                      |
|                         | 4/10 | Pat Puncochar                   |

### St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/10 | Rosie Nelson                     |
| Lector                  | 4/10 | Dave Nelson & Petro Tsarehradsky |
| Altar Servers           | 4/10 | Volunteer                        |
| Ushers                  | 4/10 | Shawn O'Hern & Kevin Mahowald    |
| Greeters                | 4/10 | Frank & Cathy Simons             |

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

April 3: Fr. Joseph Fink, April 4: Fr. Kevin Finnegan, April 5: Fr. Brian Fischer, April 6: Fr. Thomas Fitzgerald, April 7: Fr. Robert Fitzpatrick, April 8: Fr. John Floeder, April 9: Fr. Louis Floder

**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.**



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## FROM THE PASTOR

### The Heart of Conversion

The heart of the message of Christ is a call to conversion, and the heart of conversion is contrition. *Jesus' call to conversion and penance, like that of the prophets before Him, does not aim first at outward works...but at the conversion of the heart, interior conversion.* (Catechism, 1430). *This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a 'contrite heart,' drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.* (1428). As we respond to this call of conversion, we turn away from sin and turn toward God, and we see sin in an entirely different light: the light of God's goodness and holiness. We can see sin not simply as the breaking of an impersonal law, but rather as the rejection of a person who loves us. Seeing it this way should move us to sorrow or contrition. Contrition is *a clear and decisive rejection of the sin committed, together with a resolution not to commit it again, out of the love which one has for God and which is reborn with repentance. Understood in this way, contrition is therefore the beginning and the heart of conversion...we do well to recall and emphasize the fact that contrition and conversion are even more a drawing near to the holiness of God, a rediscovery of one's true identity which has been upset and disturbed by sin, a liberation in the very depth of self and thus a regaining of lost joy, the joy of being saved.* (John Paul II, Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, 31).

That is why contrition is the most important thing that we bring to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Among the penitent's acts contrition occupies first place.* (Catechism, 1451). *The word contrition is taken from the Latin word which means to grind or pulverize; in an applied sense, it means being bruised in heart.* (Fulton Sheen, These are the Sacraments, p. 80). It is what we express in the Act of Contrition: "Oh, my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended thee." This causes a hatred for the sin in two ways: The first is imperfect contrition, or attrition. "And I detest all my sins because of thy just punishment." This is *a gift of God, a prompting of the Holy Spirit. It is born of the consideration of sin's ugliness or the fear of eternal damnation and other penalties threatening the sinner (contrition of fear).* (Catechism, 1453). It expresses the reality that sin is ugly and deserving of punishment; hell is real and possible.

Contrition is perfect when it arises from love: "but most of all because they offend thee, my God, who is all good *and deserving of all my love.*" It is when we love our will or our desires more than God that we turn away from Him and sin. This is why contrition is the heart of conversion. Once we really understand that sin is about hurting the One who is all good and deserving of all our love, how can our hearts not be broken? There is no other image that shows this more clearly than a crucifix. It was love that put Him there – not our love for Him, but His for us. *Indeed, out of love for His Father and for men, whom the Father wants to save, Jesus*



freely accepted his Passion and death. (Catechism, 609). "When I am lifted up, I will draw everyone to myself" (Jn. 12:32). Let us go to Him with confidence that He will not spurn a humbled, contrite heart.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL:** \*Mick & Cheryl Kotek, Jeff & Katie Kneipp, Mark & Connie Kreuser, Steve & Lin Kreuser, Mitchell & Megan Kruger, Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein  
Altar Linens: Rose Ryan

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

**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. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

**2022/2023 BUDGETS:** The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2022/2023 to the parish office. Thank you.

**GROUP II FISH FRY:** Friday, April 8 from 5-8pm. Adults \$14, Kids 4-12 \$6, 3 and under/free. Rob Sticha and Tish Scheffler are chairpersons; there are worker sign-up sheets in the back of church. You can also sign-up online via sign-up genius at: [signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group](http://signupgenius.com/go/10c0c44aea62aa4fdc25-group). Thursday, April 7; setup at 6:00pm; group II members are asked to bring 2 dozen bars/cookies.

**NOTE:** St. Patrick will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA Life (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event. Thank you FCSLA Life!

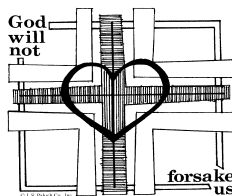
**MUSIC PRACTICE:** There will be a rehearsal for Holy Week and Easter music on Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 PM. Voices and instruments are welcome!

**MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT:** Friday, April 22 in the Social Hall. 6:30pm registration, 7pm start. Set up will be Thursday, April 21 at 7pm.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 2,400.00 |
| 3/27/22 Collection:        | \$ 2,759.46 |
| 3/27/22 Fuel Collection:   | \$ 20.00    |



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL:** No cleaning due to remodeling.

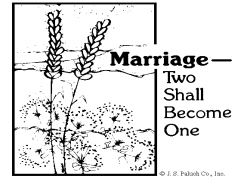
**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** Congratulations to Drew & Morgan Brevig on their marriage; April 2nd! We wish you MANY blessings in your new life together.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 1,160.00 |
| 3/27/22 Collection:        | \$ 704.00   |



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wednesday | 4/6/2022  | Grades 1-8 arrive at 6:30<br><b>Holy Week Program 6:45-7:30 (Church)</b><br>Confirmation class 6:30-7:45 PM |
| Sunday    | 4/10/2022 | CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM   |

**2022/23 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:** Visit our website: [stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm](http://stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm), click on the online registration form. There are also forms in the back of the church.

**CATECHISTS NEEDED:** We are in need of additional Catechists for our '22/'23 Religious Education Program. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kerri Sticha @ [kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com](mailto:kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com). Thank you for considering!

**SAVE THE DATE:** We are partnering with St. Wenceslaus Parish for the 2022 Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) on June 20-24 for the Kid's Program and June 19-23 for the Teen's Program.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**ANNUAL GOOD FRIDAY PRAYER VIGIL:** Friday, April 15th at Planned Parenthood in St. Paul. Bus leaves St. Michaels - Prior Lake @ 9:30AM and returns @ 1:00PM. Walk in silent prayer with over 2,500 fellow Christians to end abortion. Contact Joe Meurer @ 612-239-4698 to sign up or with questions.

**SW DEANERY CCW MEETING:** Thursday, April 21st-6:30PM @ Immaculate Conception-Lonsdale. The evening will include supper, business mtg. & speaker Maggie Stensaas of New Frontier Farms: Farm. Food. Family. RSVP to Colleen Hogan ([hoganc186@gmail.com](mailto:hogancl86@gmail.com) or 507-304-5755.)

**CARE FOR CREATION:** You are invited to a day focused on Laudato Si & ecological conversion on Saturday May 7th-Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake, 8:30-3:30 pm. Contact Mary Higgins for more information 952-240-1604 or [mjgh5174@gmail.com](mailto:mjgh5174@gmail.com)