

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	4/5	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4/6	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler Family
Wednesday	4/7	6:00 PM	SP	+Tammy, John & Pat Dudley
Thursday	4/8	6:30 PM	SP	+Richard Eischens
Friday	4/9	5:00 PM	SC	+Russ Egan
Saturday	4/10	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	4/11	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
	4/11	10:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR April 10 & 11, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/10	Tony Jirik & Dave Roach
	4/11	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	4/10	Brianne Jirik
	4/11	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	4/10	Weston Fiest
	4/11	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	4/10	Brian Fiest
	4/11	Leo Jacques

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/11	Dave Nelson
Lector	4/11	Kathy Conway
Altar Servers	4/11	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	4/11	Petro Tsarehradsky & Dennis Maciej
Greeters	4/11	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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

April 4: Fr. Jonathan Kelly, April 5: Fr. Patrick Kennedy, April 6: Fr. Kevin Kenney, April 7: Fr. William Kenny, April 8: Fr. James Kent, April 9: Fr. Tony Kilroy, April 10: Fr. Hak Kim.

O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of your priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according you Your heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Your love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



FROM THE PASTOR

Christ Has Conquered!



This line is taken from the *Exultet*, the Easter Proclamation that is sung at the beginning of the Easter Vigil. It is a proclamation of exuberant joy that tries to express the wonder and glory of the Resurrection. If we look carefully at the deepest and darkest menaces that have faced mankind since the fall of Adam and Eve, we will find that they are sin and death. Neither was a part of God's original plan. "God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living." (Wisdom 1:13) Death became a part of human existence through Adam and Eve's sin; "through one person sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all, inasmuch as all sinned." (Romans 5:12) Everyone became powerless against these two realities. Each destroys the life for which we were created, both spiritual and physical. Man was no more able to restore the life of God's grace to his soul, than he was to restore physical life to his body, or any one else's, after death. God alone could accomplish such a thing. And that is exactly what He did in the death and Resurrection of Christ.

This is the faith of the Church the *Exultet* tries to express, and why it is marked by such a joyful character: "Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor, radiant in the brightness of your King! Christ has conquered! Glory fills you! Darkness vanishes forever!" Christ has conquered the age-old enemies of sin and death. He has done what no one else was able to do: restore to us, through His death and Resurrection, both the spiritual life of God's grace, and the future, physically new, life of our bodies. "For Christ has ransomed us with His blood, and paid for us the price of Adam's sin to our eternal Father! ... This is the night when Christians everywhere, washed clean of sin and freed from all defilement, are restored to grace and grow together in holiness. This is the night when Jesus Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant from the grave."

This is why the Church celebrates Christ's death and Resurrection so solemnly each year. They are central to our faith, and without them our faith would be little more than another code of ethics, and an attempt to give meaning to our existence. Yes, we still face sin and death in our lives, but now it is not with a hopeless sense of captivity. There is a real and effective deliverance

from both. "The Paschal mystery has two aspects: by His death, Christ liberates us from sin; by His Resurrection, He opens for us the way to a new life" (Catechism, 654). So great and joyful is this reality that the Church especially uses one word to express it: Alleluia!

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Ione Hasselton (Joan Nelson's sister), Judie Cervenka, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

SPECIAL REQUEST: For those with loved ones on the prayer list— please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we'd like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

"LIFE NIGHT": Our next "Life Night" will be Thursday, April 8 after the 6:30 PM mass at St. Patrick. This will provide opportunity for Adoration, Reconciliation, Praise & Worship, and Benediction through personal prayer. Please join us and reach out to DRE Erin with any questions at religionsdstpatricks@gmail.com

CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to, contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

PEACE CENTER: The Peace Center Food Shelf is New Prague's local food shelf, open and ready to serve those in need. If you are in need of food, or if you know someone who is, please call 952-758-4688. No referral is necessary.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: *Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Nicholas & Bobbi Reak, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

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

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY MEETING: Thursday, April 8 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall. Contact Mike Sticha with any questions at 952-758-2022.

2021/2022 BUDGETS: The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2021/2022 to the parish office. Thank you.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
3/21/21 Collection:	\$ 2,215.98
3/21/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 451.00



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. April 7th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Fri. April 9th	6:00 PM	1st Communion Practice
Sat. April 10th	10:30 AM	1st Communion
Sun. April 11th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Wed. April 14th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. April 18th	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

ST. CATHERINE

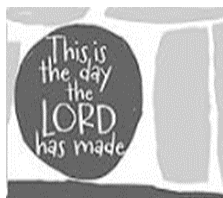
ALL CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: Please join us for St. Catherine's All Parish Indoor Church Cleaning on Saturday, April 24 from 9AM-12PM. Bring mops, rags, buckets and vacuums. Thanks you for helping keep our church looking clean and beautiful! Contact Laura Saarela at laurajsaarela@gmail.com for questions.

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.

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
3/21/21 Collection:	\$ 1,497.00
3/21/21 Easter Flower Collection:	\$ 185.00



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