

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 8		NO MASS
Tuesday	Apr. 9	8:30 AM (SP)	Julie Toner
Wednesday	Apr. 10	6:00 PM (SP)	Mel & Kathy Gregory
Thursday	Apr. 11		NO MASS
Friday	Apr. 12	4:30 PM (SC)	+Arnold & Marie Kruse
Saturday	Apr. 13	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Apr. 14	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie & Laura Ryan

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 13 & 14, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/13	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	4/14	Heidi Michaelson, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lector	4/13	Brianne Jirik, Lynne Hoffman
	4/14	Jennifer Clancy, Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	4/13	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	4/14	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	4/13	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	4/14	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

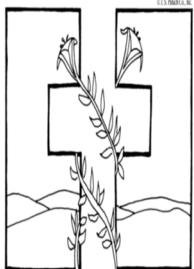
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/14	Kevin Mahowald, Frank Simons, Barbara Lerschen, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	4/14	Laura Saarela, Tim Saarela
Altar Servers	4/14	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	4/14	Dennis Maciej, Dave Nelson
Greeters	4/14	David & Joan Koller

*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. 8: Fr. Earl Simonson, Apr. 9: Fr. Robert Sipe,  
Apr. 10: Fr. Anthony Skaria, Apr. 11: Fr. Michael Skluzacek,  
Apr. 12: Fr. Gregory Skrypek, Apr. 13: Fr. Stanley Sledz,  
Apr. 14: Fr. Michael Slusser.



**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

### The Joy of Reconciliation

Last Sunday we heard the greatest parable of reconciliation: is the 15th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, the Prodigal Son, a more accurate title for which would be the lost son. Jesus tells two other parables before this one: the lost sheep, and the lost coin. All three illustrate the same point: that apart from God's friendship we are lost, and that being restored, or reconciled to Him is a cause for rejoicing. "I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). Why would the angels even care? Because God does. "Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Says the Lord God. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live? Return and live!" (Ezekiel 18:23,32). The angels rejoice because God does. I can testify that the most joyful experience of my priesthood is when someone returns to the Church. The cause of the joy is not necessarily how long they have been gone, as much as the fact that they have been gone. They may have left through serious sin, neglect, or even wandered away in search of a more "authentic" religion than the Catholic Church. The latter may not be "in sin" because they are searching for the truth in good conscience, and may genuinely believe that they have found it, but still they have wandered away from the true flock of Christ, which is His Church. The joy of their return to the Church, or entering it for the first time, comes from the fact that now their deepest hopes can be completely fulfilled by having access to the fullness of the truth (cf. Catechism, 816).

However, the main point of the three parables is the condition of separation from God caused by serious sin, of being lost. It is not that God does not know where we are, it is that in a certain sense we are out of His reach. He gave us the gift of freedom that gives us the power to remain in His friendship or to leave it. "Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude" (Catechism, 1731). In other words, our very happiness (beatitude) depends on our choices. This is clearly shown in the parable of the lost son. He freely chooses to leave his father's house and wastes his inheritance. His father respects his freedom to do so, even though this choice disrespects and hurts him, and will cause terrible unhappiness to his son. The son finally realizes this when he hits rock bottom. He comes to his senses and realizes that apart from his father's house and friendship he is lost and spiritually dead. He is sad and



unhappy as a result of his choices. When he returns he finds his father watching for him ready to forgive him. The result of the reconciliation is joy. The father is joyful because the son he loves is back. The son is joyful because he is back in his father's house. The same is true for each one of us and God. Apart from Him we are lost and unhappy, yet a choice away from the joy of reconciliation.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

\*Jim & Cathy Beuch, Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacquie Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

**THANK YOU:** A big thanks to the FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for sponsoring our April 5th Fish Fry. We will be receiving a \$600.00 grant from them!

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. OPEN MEETING:

Thursday, April 11th at 6:30 PM at Immaculate Conception Church in Lonsdale. This evening will include Silent Auction. The event is free, to register, please call 612-756-1345.

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. FUNDRAISER:

"BLINGO" (bingo with a twist). Sunday, April 28th. More information at the Open Meeting. Volunteers are needed. We are seeking cash donations for prizes. Please contact Doreen Hogan @ 612-756-1345 for more information

### MALA STRANA VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

**SOCIAL:** Monday, April 8th at 1:00 PM. Light snacks will be served. RSVP to Hayley @ 952-758-2511.

### ST. PATRICK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING:

Thursday, April 11th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Any questions, contact Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

**THE SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE**, sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W., was a success! Thanks to the help of parishioners and 14 vendors, we made \$1,200.00! Special thanks to Marge Sticha for leading the baking of 1100 caramel and cinnamon rolls!

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection March 31, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,858.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

Dave & Rosie Nelson, Tim & Laura Saarela, Pat Schroeder.

**THANK YOU:** Many thanks to Tim Saarela and Shawn O'Hern for their time on the St. Catherine Parish Council. We appreciate all your hard work! Tim was the Parish Council Chair and Shawn has moved on to being a St. Catherine Trustee. Welcome Dennis Maciej & Al Schneider, new members on the Council. Also, the new positions are: Deanna Vochoska—Chair, Rosie Nelson—Co-Chair, Deloris Friske—Secretary.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection March 31, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 871.07  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Dave Nickolay, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, April 6 & 7, we will have a second collection for Easter Flowers.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LAST SUPPER:** Looking for 12 men from St. Patrick & St. Catherine for Washing of the Feet at Holy Thursday Mass, April 18th. Volunteers may call Rita Ryan @ 952-461-2280 by April 11th.

**COMMITTEE BUDGETS:** It is budget time for the 2019/20 Fiscal Year. Committees chairs, please submit your budget requests by April 15th to the Parish Office.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 10	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Apr. 17		NO CLASS—Holy Week
Wed. Apr. 24	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. May 3	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, April 12	S.C.	5:00 PM	
Friday, April 19	S.P.	12:00 PM	
Friday April 19	S.C.	3:00 PM	Good Friday Service



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Men's Holy Week Retreat**, starts Holy Thursday evening and ends Saturday at noon at the Franciscan Retreat House in Prior Lake. Contact Ron McBroom @ 952-758-2408 for details.

**Do you Believe in Miracles?** Encounter Christ in the Vatican-approved "Eucharistic Miracles of the World" exhibit at St. Joachim & Anne. This beautiful display is a powerful reminder of Christ's true presence in the Holy Eucharist. Bring the whole family to view descriptions of more than 100 Eucharistic Miracles that have occurred around the world. Join us Apr. 12-14 at our St. Mark campus in Shakopee. Enter through the 3rd Avenue doors. The exhibit is sponsored by Real Presence Eucharistic Education and Adoration Association.