

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Apr. 9 | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | Apr. 10 | 10:00 AM (SP) | Funeral Mass/+Eugene Pavek |
| | | 6:00 PM (SP) | +Braden Flicek |
| Wednesday | Apr. 11 | 6:00 PM (SP) | +Brandon Bruzek |
| Thursday | Apr. 12 | 11:30 AM (SC) | Kathy Gregory |
| Friday | Apr. 13 | | NO MASS |
| Saturday | Apr. 14 | 5:00 PM (SP) | +Erin Kreuser |
| Sunday | Apr. 15 | 8:30 AM (SC) | +JoAnn Wermerskirchen |
| | | 10:30 AM (SP) | For Our People |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 14 & 15, 2018

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/14 | Jim & Kelley DeGross, Barbara Lewis |
| | 4/15 | Ron & Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin |
| Lectors | 4/14 | Lynne Hoffman |
| | 4/15 | Jennifer Clancy |
| Altar Servers | 4/14 | Ian DeGross, Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch |
| | 4/15 | Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Elias DeGeest |
| Ushers | 4/14 | Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek |
| | 4/15 | Leo Jacques, Rob Sticha |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/15 | Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Joan Bruzek, Barbara Lerschen |
| Lector | 4/15 | Pat Schroeder |
| Altar Servers | 4/15 | Lawson Eller, Addey Vochoska |
| Ushers | 4/15 | George Doheny, Lloyd Friske |
| Greeters | 4/15 | Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald |

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. 9: Fr. Richard Banker, Apr. 10: Fr. Patrick Barnes,
Apr. 11: Fr. David Barrett, Apr. 12: Fr. Jim Barry,
Apr. 13: Fr. Michael Barsness, Apr. 14: Fr. Cletus Baskela,
Apr. 15: Fr. John Bauer.



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

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. Just because Thomas did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead did mean that He did not rise. 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

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Jonathan & Angela Deutsch, Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Brian & Andrea Feist, Craig & Kristin Flicek.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

ST. PATRICK SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE:

Thanks to all who contributed baked goods and helped with this event. This fundraiser is sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W.

LuVerne Verhoeven

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

***We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

FATHER'S FESTIVAL LETTER & FESTIVAL RAFFLE

TICKETS: These are available in the back of church. Please pull the staples out of the raffle tickets before returning them. Thank you.

THANK YOU: We would like to give a special thanks to all our Group II volunteers who have given their time and hard work into making our Fish Fry the BEST Fish Fry in the area year after year. We cannot do it without you and for that we are truly grateful. We have continued to break our own records every years with this year being our best, by serving 770 meals, almost doubling our first goal. Thank you again!

Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Tish Scheffler, Rob Sticha

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 1, 2018

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| Received this week..... | \$ 3,855.05 |
| March 25 Collection..... | \$ 1,882.00 |
| Weekly budget requirement..... | \$ 2,006.00 |
| Holy Thursday Collection..... | \$ 256.00 |
| Good Friday Collection (Holy Land)..... | \$ 80.00 |



ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

ELECTION: April 14th & 15. If you would like to run for the parish council, please contact the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine Church is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency. Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now-early summer. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Come and enjoy a light brunch, friendship, with a meeting to discuss May crowning with new member coffee and discuss July Garden Tour/Brunch on Sunday, April 15th after Mass. Call Margaret (461-2214) if you would like to share a baked item or if a ride is needed to return home.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 1, 2018

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| Received this week..... | \$ 1,970.03 |
| March 25 Collection..... | \$ 781.22 |
| Weekly budget requirement..... | \$ 944.00 |
| Holy Thursday Collection..... | \$ 105.00 |
| Good Friday Collection (Holy Land)..... | \$ 200.00 |



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacques Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ralph Weiers, father of Bill.
+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eugene Pavek, husband of Marina, parishioner of St. Patrick.

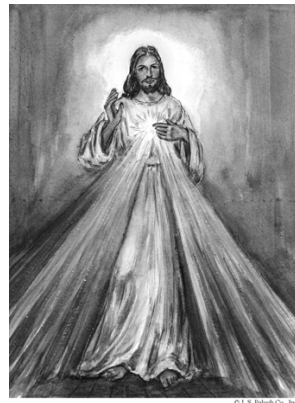
ATTENTION ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Budget time is fast approaching. Please submit your budget requests for the 2018/19 fiscal year to the parish office by Friday, April 13th, 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.

GREETINGS: My warmest Easter greetings to all the people of God of St. Patrick & St. Catherine. You are always in my Masses and prayers. God bless you all! *Fr. Orlando Tatel*

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:

Sunday, April 8, 2:00 P.M. at St. Michael in Farmington. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Silent Prayer, Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image, Rosary—Glorious Mysteries, St. Faustina’s Praises of Divine Mercy, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. 651-463-3360.



MEMORIAL FUND

DONATIONS: There are Memorial Fund envelopes in the back of church if you would like to make a donation to the Memorial Fund.

A PRAYER TO SPIRITUALLY ADOPT A BABY

WHO IS IN DANGER OF ABORTION:

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion. Amen.

(Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen)

Say the prayer every day for 9 months for the parents and baby.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 11 6:45-8:00 PM Class, grades 1-9. Confirmation interviews w/Fr.

18 PM **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE** Wed. Apr. 6:45-8:00 PM Class, grades 1-9.

6:00 PM Confirmation: Feed My Starving Children

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Sun. Apr. 15 S.C. C.C.W. Meeting after Mass
- Fri. Apr. 13 S.P. Men’s Club Euchre Tournament
- Sun. July 22 S.P. Parish Festival
- Sat. July 18 S.C. C.C.W. Garden Tour & Lunch

Community Creators meets on Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 AM at the New Prague Community Education Building. Enter through pool entrance on west side of building. We are a group of persons from the area willing to donate time to charity through knitting and crocheting. All are welcome. If you have yarn to donate, contact Mary @ 952-758-5744 or supplies can be brought to the Community Education Building. Items made will be distributed by group decision and all yarn donated will be used for only charitable purposes.

Men’s Club “Made from Scratch” Pancake & Sausage Breakfast, Sunday, April 8, serving 8:30 AM-noon in the Most Holy Trinity church basement in Veseli. \$8/Adult, \$4/5-12 yrs.

St. John the Baptist Catholic School in Jordan is now enrolling PK-6 for the 2018/2019 school year. Before & after school care available. Call 952-492-2030 for more information.

Holy Cross Catholic School in Webster welcomes all looking for a **joyful, faithful, successful**, experience in education. Our small class sizes and committed staff build excellence in learning which leads our students to be joyful people. One hundred years of history supports the successful outcome families have experienced with Holy Cross. Our value-based, comprehensive curriculum includes innovative academics, mastery of skills and content, spiritual and character development, joyful service, and active participation in the mission of the Church. We are now enrolling for 2018/2019 and invite you to question; is it time for something different? Learn more at HolyCrossSchool.net or call the school @ 952-652-6100 with any questions. Find, like, and follow our school on Facebook too!

Franciscan Retreats, Apr. 10-12 Women’s Retreat, Apr. 20-22 Women’s Retreat. Call 952-447-2182 for more information.

St. Patrick’s and St. Catherine’s Parishes have received hundreds of dollars in grants from the **First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association (FCSLA)**. The FCSLA offers life insurance, annuities, and prepaid funeral plans. If interested, call Ron McBroom @ 952-758-2408.

The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is May 4-6 in Buffalo. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at aapplications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

St. Nicholas Adoration Chapel Invitation, St. Nicholas has the great privilege of having the Saint John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. It is located in the old school building southeast of the main church. The entrance to the chapel is from the street level in the front doors and to the right. Currently, there are several open hours in which committed adorers are needed. We invite you to spend time with our Lord in adoration. If you would like to see the open hours or for more information, please visit <https://stncc.net/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration> or call Dana Murphy-Meyer @ 952-461-2492. You’re welcome to stop in anytime your schedule permits.

Are you being physically or emotionally hurt? Contact **Southern Valley Alliance for Battered Women** @ 952-873-4214. 19th Annual Silent Auction and Dinner Fundraiser is on Friday, April 27th at the new Mystic Lake Center.

Natural Family Planning Classes, The Couple to Couple League will be offering a series of classes, for engaged and

March 25, 2018 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
“Dear children! I am calling you to be with me in prayer in this time of grace when darkness is fighting against the light. Pray, little children, confess and begin a new life in grace. Decide for God and He will lead you towards holiness; and the cross will be a sign of victory and hope for you. Be proud that you are baptized and grateful in your heart that you are a part of God’s plan. Thank you for having responded to my call.”