

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 10	6:30 PM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Tuesday	Apr. 11	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	Apr. 12	6:00 PM (SP)	Anne Goda-85th b.d.
Thursday	Apr. 13	7:00 PM (SP)	John Hayes
Friday	Apr. 14	3:00 PM (SP) 7:00 PM (SC)	Stations of the Cross Good Friday Service
Saturday	Apr. 15	8:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Apr. 16	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	Lawrence, Marion, & John Jacques For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR APRIL 15 & 16, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/15	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	4/16	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Joan Nelson, Don Pesta
Lectors	4/15	Shelley Shepherd
	4/16	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	4/15	Dan DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	4/16	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Ben Simon
Ushers	4/15	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	4/16	Gerald Sandey, Don Pesta
Greeters	4/16	Gerald Sandey, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	4/14	Joel & Deanna Vochoska
	4/16	Kevin Mahowald, Joan Bruzek, Dave Nelson, Deloris Friske
Lector	4/14	Tim Saarela, Addey Vochoska
	4/16	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	4/14	Karley Vochoska, Kendra Korbel
	4/16	Karley Vochoska, Addey Vochoska
Ushers	4/14	Dave Nelson, Frank Simons
	4/16	Ken Ceola, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	4/14	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald
	4/16	Frank & Cathy Simons

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. 10: Fr. Joseph Gillespie, Apr. 11: Fr. Paul Gitter, Apr. 12: Fr. Nels Gjengdahl, Apr. 13: Fr. Edmund Goldbach, Apr. 14: Fr. Ralph Goman, Apr. 15: Fr. James Gorman, Apr. 16: Fr. Xavier Goulet.

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

Holy Week

Today we begin the most holy and solemn week in the Church year: Holy Week. The highpoint of Holy Week is the Easter Triduum: the three days in which the Church commemorates the death and resurrection of Jesus. The Triduum begins with the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday. At this Mass we recall the Last Supper when Our Lord gave us the Holy Eucharist. He looked forward to the events of the next two days and embodied it for all time in the Mass. The saving reality of His passion is thus made present to us each time that we participate in the Holy Eucharist. His unselfish love, demonstrated to the full upon the cross was never to be forgotten. And so He commanded: "Do this in memory of me." "When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, the memorial of her Lord's death and resurrection, this central event of salvation becomes really present and the 'work of our redemption is carried out.' This sacrifice is so decisive for the salvation of the human race that Jesus Christ offered it and returned to the Father only after He had left us a means of sharing in it as if we had been present there. Each member of the faithful can thus take part in it and inexhaustibly gain its fruits." We are there: "At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it" (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 11, 3).

On Good Friday we recall His suffering and death, "a death He freely accepted" in all its frightening detail. We see the price of sin, and the depth of God's love, pouring out of the wounds of Christ hanging on the cross. We behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world. We read the account of the Passion of Our Lord, pray for the needs of the Church and the world, and venerate the wood of the cross on which hung the Savior of the world. Finally, we receive Holy Communion consecrated the night before. It is the only full day of the year on which Mass is not offered. We depart in silence and experience a taste of the sadness felt by the disciples.

Our mourning and fasting (if possible) continues until Holy Saturday night when the Church's liturgy reaches its highest point in the Easter Vigil. We gather in darkness, symbolic of the darkness of a world without Christ. And then a single flame, symbolic of the risen Christ, pierces the darkness to show that He is the Light of the world bringing victory over sin and death. We sing, "Christ our



Light. Thanks be to God.” We hear this great news proclaimed in the awesome "Exultet"; we hear how it was foreshadowed and fulfilled in the Scriptures, we bless new water, bring new members into the Church, and celebrate the Holy Eucharist for the first time since Holy Thursday. The events of that night are seen in the bright light of Easter Sunday, which brings the Triduum to a close. What a glorious three days. They give meaning to the entire year. I hope as many people as possible will come and drink in the glory and holiness of these Sacred Liturgies, and discover more deeply the joy contained in the beautiful words: “Christ is risen. Alleluia!”

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

*Mike & Deb Kubes, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein, Gary & Barb Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Sparky & Susie Mahowald, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS: We will be electing two members for the Parish Council. If you are interested in running, please contact Father Miller, Joe O'Brien, or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

SPRING BAKE SALE & BOUTIQUE: Sponsored by the St. Patrick C.C.W. will be held Saturday, April 22, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Patrick's Social Hall. The sale will feature fresh-baked cinnamon and caramel rolls as well as home-baked items contributed by parishioners. In addition, home-party representatives and other vendors will make up the Boutique portion of the event. All parishioners are asked to contribute baked goods for this event. Donated items can be dropped off Friday, April 21, 5:00-7:00 PM in the social hall and before 9:00 AM on April 22. If you are able to help with the bake sale portion of the event, a sign-up sheet is posted in the church entry. Please help make this fundraiser a success with your participation and by promoting this event in the community! Thank you.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, April 17th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MEETING: Thursday, April 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

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.

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.

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL: Sunday, July 23, 2017. Now is the time to get toys for the Festival Children's Games.

We need approximately 2000 toys to make the Children's Games successful each year. We need all sizes and types of toys. Any and all help from you would be greatly appreciated. Please leave toys in back of church labeled *Children's Games 2017*.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection March 26, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,896.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL:

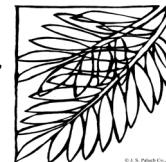
David & Rosie Nelson, Pat Schroeder.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection March 26, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 735.75
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Gerry Sandey, Mary Lee Androli, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Friday, April 14th, 3:00 PM at St. Patrick Church.

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Budget time is fast approaching. Please submit your budget requests for the 2017/18 fiscal year to the parish office by Friday, April 14th, 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.

SPECIAL DAY OF GRACE—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: St. Michael's in Prior Lake will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, April 23 from 2:00-4:30 PM. All are invited to join on this special feast day when we are called to experience God's infinite mercy and receive a cleansing of our soul similar to what happens in Baptism. Come early (1:00 PM) to see "The Face of Mercy" a stirring film that weaves together history and theology with moving examples of Divine Mercy, alive and present in our modern world. For more info. go to <https://www.stmichael-pl.org/divine-mercy-sunday>

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Apr. 12		NO CLASS, Spring Break
Wed. Apr. 19	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9. Confirmation interviews.
Sat. Apr. 22	10:30 AM	First Communion Practice.
Sun. Apr. 23	10:30 AM	First Communion.
Wed. Apr. 26	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9. Confirmation interviews.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sat. Apr. 22	S.P.	C.C.W. Spring Bake Sale & Boutique
Fri. Apr. 28	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 23	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour