

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	7/27	6:30 PM	SC	+Clair Svestka
Tuesday	7/28	NO MASS		
Wednesday	7/29	8:30 AM	SP	Laura Lano
Thursday	7/30	NO MASS		
Friday	7/31	4:30 PM	SP	+Carol Williams
Saturday	8/1	5:00 PM	SP	+Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	8/2	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	Cavanaugh Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 1 & 2, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/1	None-COVID restrictions
	8/2	None-COVID restrictions
Lector	8/1	Jim DeGross
	8/2	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	8/1	None
	8/2	None
Ushers	8/1	Volunteer
	8/2	Volunteer

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/2	Deloris Friske
Lector	8/2	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	8/2	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	8/2	George Doheny, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	8/2	Janet Ryan, Bonnie Theis

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?

July 27: Fr. Simeon Thole, July 28: Fr. Dennis Thompson, July 29: Fr. Eugene Tiffany, July 30: Fr. Michael Tix, July 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Aug. 1: Bp. Andrew Cozzens, Aug. 2: Fr. Michael Miller.



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 Need for Prayer

If a person has any faith at all, even if it is buried beneath years of neglect, he instinctively will turn to God in prayer in the time of need. Even though it is a fairly common belief that prayer is something we do when we are in need, the truth of the matter is we always need prayer. There are different ways to define prayer. St. John Damascene says, "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God." St. Therese of Lisieux says, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy" (Catechism, 2558, 2559). In answer to the question, "What is prayer?" Pope John Paul II says, "It is commonly held to be a conversation. In a conversation there are always an 'I' and a 'thou' or 'you'. In this case the 'Thou' is with a capital T. If at first the 'I' seems to be the most important element in prayer, prayer teaches that the situation is actually different. The 'Thou' is more important, because our prayer begins with God... Man achieves the fullness of prayer not when he expresses himself, but when he lets God be most fully present in prayer" (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, pp.16, 18).



We can see why we need to pray when we realize that it is not simply us telling God what we need and hoping that He will somehow take care of it. "Your Father knows what you need before you ask Him" (Matt. 6:8). Rather, what is happening in prayer is that we are responding to God's invitation to speak with Him and by doing so we get to know Him better, and what He wants us to do. That is why our faith really comes to life when we begin to pray seriously everyday. We are communicating with God, we discover more clearly who He is, and what He is like. We find that He is good, beautiful, and true. We see that He is not just a powerful, impersonal force, but a loving Father who is active in our lives, who has a plan for us, a destiny that is marked by the sharing of His very life. This is why, when Jesus teaches His disciples how to pray He begins by focusing our attention on the One we are speaking to: "Our Father, who art in heaven."

Even more wondrous is that truth that Our Father has initiated this prayer. "God calls man first. Man may forget his Creator or hide far from His face; he may run after idols or accuse the deity of having abandoned him; yet the living and true God tirelessly calls each person to that mysterious encounter known as prayer. In prayer, the faithful God's initiative of love always comes first; our own first step is always a response" (Catechism, 2567). He is calling us to speak to Him and to know Him, but we may not hear His

voice over the din of daily life, and the attention we give to the things we want. Sometimes it is a great need that makes us aware of this call; it makes us aware that we are not all-powerful. It reminds us of the truth that we are dependent upon God ultimately for everything, including life itself, and all hope of a happiness that will not pass away. In prayer we see these things clearly, and we all need that.

THANK YOU!

I want to thank our parishioners and volunteers and especially our co-chairs Chad & Emily Sandy and Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, for the Festival, that wasn't. Thank you God for making our Festival, that wasn't, on Sunday such a success. Thanks to the workers that worked the snack bar & beer tent and any others that helped that day. Special thanks to Ron & Kathy McBroom for all their hard work on the raffle.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Michael & Sarah Brundage, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Meghan Blonigen, John & Cassie Boegeman, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Bill & Denise Buesgens, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey. Altar Linens: Lin Kreuser.

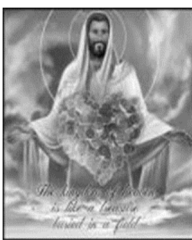
ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

FESTIVAL 2020 FINANCIAL DONATIONS: As you all know, our festival was cancelled this year because of Covid-19. Our festival is the largest annual fundraiser for our church. These funds are critical to our religious education programs, Pastoral and administrative support, and the maintenance and daily operations to our beautiful parish campus. In lieu of your time and talent that you so graciously give each year, we are asking you to consider a financial donation to Festival 2020! Please give by marking on a separate envelope "Festival 2020!" and deposit in the collection baskets during mass, the parish drop box or electronically as a special "one time" contribution. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection July 19, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 3,124.12
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00



Church of St. Patrick 2020 Raffle Ticket Winners:

\$ 500.00	Karin Witt	Prior Lake
\$ 250.00	Jim Simek	New Prague
\$ 250.00	Patti Sandey	Jordan
\$ 100.00	Joe Holden-donated back	New Prague
\$ 100.00	Lori Davis	Elko
\$ 100.00	Ben & Jean Bartusek	New Prague
\$ 100.00	Gary Nytes	Mesa, AZ
\$ 100.00	Don Sirek	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Kevin Langeberg	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Dave Herda	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Kathy Ceola-donated back	Belle Plaine
\$ 50.00	Roundbank-donated back	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Dan Cervenka	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Pat & Ann Soderlund	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Emma Kneip	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Cindy Troendle	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Mark Seifert-\$30 donation back to St. Patrick	Jordan
\$ 50.00	Don Efta	Princeton

Congratulations to all of the winners. A big thank you to the five that donated their prize money back to St. Patrick! (one wished to remain anonymous.) A special thank you to Ron & Kathy McBroom for all their hard work on the raffle!!!

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Paul & Linda Torgesen, Janet Ryan.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, July 27th at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection July 19, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 1,085.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: 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, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), 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, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

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

Friday	10/9/20	SP	Steak/Chicken Cook-Out
Tuesday	10/13/20	SC	Autumn Dinner
Sunday	11/1/20	SC	Turkey Bingo