

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 1	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 2	8:30 AM (SP) +Rev. Michael Tegeder
Wednesday	Aug. 3	8:30 AM (SC) +Rev. Robert Dobihal
Thursday	Aug. 4	8:30 AM (SP) +Richard Chodek
Friday	Aug. 5	8:30 AM (SP) +Braden Flicek
Saturday	Aug. 6	5:00 PM (SP) +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Aug. 7	8:30 AM (SC) +Bea Mushitz 10:30 AM (SP) For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 6 & 7, 2016

### St. Patrick

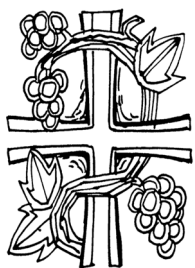
Extraordinary Ministers	8/6	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Rita Ryan
	8/7	Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Jan St. Aubin, Joan Nelson
Lectors	8/6	Shelley Shepherd
	8/7	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	8/6	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	8/7	Karlie Bjerke, Lindsey Bjerke
Ushers	8/6	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	8/7	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	8/7	Don & Elaine Pesta

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/7	Kevin Mahowald, Bonnie Theis, Paul & Linda Torgesen
Lector	8/7	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	8/7	Kendra Korbelt, Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy
Ushers	8/7	Bill Dillingham, Dave Nelson
Greeters	8/7	Margaret Sharkey, Lee Hesse

*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?** Aug. 1: Pope Francis Aug. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Aug. 3: Fr. Neil Bakker, Aug. 4: Fr. Michael Daley, Aug. 5: Fr. Paul Haverstock, Aug. 6: Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk, Aug. 7: Fr. Michael McClellan.



*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

### 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.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

\*Tim & Lisa Velishek, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Anthony Verhoeven John Verhoeven, Michael Verhoeven, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk.  
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: \*Bill & Anne Weiers, Martin & Karin Wagner, Joseph & June Wallerius, Leander & Brandi Weckman, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, David & Sandra Zwebler, John Zwebler.  
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

### **Church of St. Patrick 2016 Raffle Ticket Winners:**

\$500.00	Rose Lipovsky	Savage
\$200.00	Randy Johnson	New Prague
\$200.00	Robert Grams	Prior Lake
\$200.00	Dan Gulickson	New Prague
\$100.00	Fr. Dave Barrett	Union Hill
\$100.00	Annette Frawley	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Pat & Ann Soderlund	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Elmer Palma	Veseli
\$ 50.00	Jeff Belzer	New Prague
\$ 50.00	Randy O'Connor	New Prague

**Quilt Raffle:** Diane Sirek, Webster

**Split the Pot:** Kayla Puncocar, New Prague

**Weber Grill:** Steve Henry, Lakeville

**Adult Cooler:** Kay Pexa, New Prague

### **\$20 St. Patrick Tavern Gift Certificate Winners:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Raffle Books Sold</u>	<u>Sales Amt.</u>
Ron & Kathy McBroom	357	\$7,140.00
Chad & Emily Sandey	45	900.00
Francis & Colleen Beuch	27	540.00
Ted & Lorraine Simon	14	280.00
Craig & Kristin Flicek	10	200.00
Brandon & Gina O'Connell	10	200.00

**THANK YOU!** Silent Auction would like to say "Thank You" for your generosity and support over the years :-)

**ATTENTION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Please turn in your receipts from the festival to the parish office as soon as possible after the festival. We need them to send in the final report to the Gambling Control Board. Thank you.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING:** All women of the parish are invited to attend the C.C.W. Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. Come and check out the C.C.W. and find out more of what we do. Please contact Vickie Cross with agenda items @ 952-461-3036.

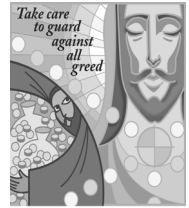
**CONGRATULATIONS!** Brandon & Jodi Jaeger on the baptism of their daughter Eden Erin Jaeger on July 23, 2016.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Sunday Collection July 24, 2016**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,861.25
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,925.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,137.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Ken & Becky Jilk, Joel & Deanna Vochoska.

**SUNDAY MORNING IN THE GARDEN:** All St. Patrick & St. Catherine parishioners are invited to enjoy the beauty of God's nature Sunday, July 31, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM at the home of Ken & Kathy Ceola. Call 952-440-6740 for directions.

### **ST. CATHERINE 31ST ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:**

Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 11th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. More details to come.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

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

**Sunday Collection July 24, 2016**

Received this week.....	\$ 652.52
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,001.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), 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, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**COMING SOON!** St. Patrick & St. Catherine parishes will be doing a new pictorial directory. We will need helpers. If you are interested in helping at St. Catherine, contact Deloris Friske @ 952-492-3827 or Tim Saarela @ 952-412-5212. If you are interested in helping at St. Patrick, please contact the parish office @ 952-492-6276. Photography dates will be Sept. 27 & 28 at St. Catherine and Sept. 29- Oct. 1 at St. Patrick.



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

Friday, October 7	S.P.	Steak Fry
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 6	S.C.	Turkey Bingo