

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 15	6:30 PM (SP)	+James Prochaska
Tuesday	Aug. 16	8:30 AM (SP)	+Laura Ryan
Wednesday	Aug. 17	8:30 AM (SC)	Mike Stehlik
Thursday	Aug. 18	8:30 AM (SP)	+Rev. Ambrose Mahon
Friday	Aug. 19		NO MASS
Saturday	Aug. 20	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Aug. 21	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 20 & 21, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/20	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	8/21	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	8/20	Lynne Hoffman
	8/21	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	8/20	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	8/21	Elias DeGeest, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	8/20	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	8/21	Leo Jacques, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	8/21	Don & Elaine Pesta

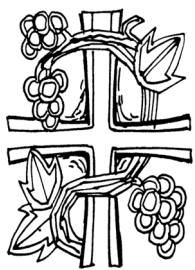
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/21	Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska, Dave Nelson, Pat Schroeder
Lector	8/21	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	8/21	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken, Molly O'Hern
Ushers	8/21	Frank Simons, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	8/21	Tim & Laura Saarela

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. 15: Fr. Troy Przybilla, Aug. 16: Fr. James Radde, Aug. 17: Fr. Phillip Rask, Aug. 18: Fr. Terry Rassmussen, Aug. 19: Fr. Michael Redding, Aug. 20: Fr. James Reidy, Aug. 21: Fr. Peter Richards.



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 Moon and the Clouds

A few years ago in late August I got to spend a night on the farm. And as I have for many years, I went out for a slow, prayerful saunter before turning in for the night. Even when it is very dark, as when it is cloudy or when the only light is from the stars, I take no source of light with me for I know every inch of that farm – every building, every step. It is a time of very deep prayer, especially of thanksgiving and contemplation. For here upon the grounds on which I grew up I can see my whole life, how I grew up safely and serenely in the Father's house under the loving care of my family. I can see how He protected me and prepared me for the work He would do in me and through me: the vocation to holiness that we all have.



This night in particular had all of my favorite elements. There was a warm wind, which seems to animate the night, "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (Jn 3:8). There were no clouds so the stars could be seen – an age-old source of awe and wonder that have led generation upon generation to contemplate the beauty and vastness of the universe, which gives a glimpse into the infinity of God. But the crown jewel was the brilliant full moon reigning gloriously in that celestial court. Its light was bright enough to cast a shadow. And as I stood there in the wind in the light of the moon I thought of the source of that light, which is the sun, and how the Church is like the moon reflecting the light of the Son of God. A couple of nights later I found the following line in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun" (748). The Second Vatican Council's document on the Church (Lumen Gentium) begins with these lines: "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council...that, by proclaiming His Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church" (LG 1, CCC 748).

As I stood there looking at the moon some clouds began to approach from the distance. Soon they began to pass in front of the moon and its light was overshadowed. I could still see it, but at times they became so thick and so fast that I lost sight of where it was. It was an image of life in this world. So long as we are on this side of heaven, we see the light of Christ reflected by the Church – in her teachings, and in her members. But the dark and rapid clouds of doubt, evil, and sin can diminish that light and even cause us to lose sight of it. And yet, it is still there,

shining in all of its radiance. The clouds brought a small storm, which I could see approaching from the horizon. I led the cows that had followed me into the pasture back into their shed and I took shelter in the barn as the storm passed by. Finally, heading for the house, I could see the light of the moon again. So it is in the world. The light of Christ cannot be extinguished, but its reflection may be obscured by the storms of time. These will pass, and the light will continue to shine leading us gently to our eternal home where, "Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Tim & Lisa Velishek, 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 Zweber, John Zweber.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL &

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, August 15th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 7, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,604.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$14,837.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM.

July 25, 2016 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
"Dear children! I am looking at you and I see you lost; and you do not have prayer or joy in your heart. Return to prayer, little children, and put God in the first place and not man. Do not lose the hope which I am carrying to you. May this time, little children, every day, be a greater seeking of God in the silence of your heart; and pray, pray, pray until prayer becomes joy for you. Thank you for having responded to my call."

ST. CATHERINE 31ST ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 11th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be on sale after Mass August 14th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 7, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 890.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Dale Nesbitt, 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.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: It's time for a new Parish

Directory for St. Patrick's and Saint Catherine's! This is a great opportunity to get a professional picture of your family (free!). Each parish directory becomes part of the history of our parish; with St. Catherine's having celebrated its 150th anniversary last year and St. Patrick's its 160th next year, you don't want to miss being included. In addition to a free photograph, all families that participate will get one free directory. You can schedule your sitting online or contact the lead from your parish to manually schedule. There will also be sign-up sheets at the back of each church.



Sittings are available at either St. Patrick's or St. Catherine's September 27—October 1 so you can pick the date/time that is most convenient. Please do not call the church office for technical support. If you are having trouble signing up electronically you can sign up in the back of either church or call Delores Friske/St. Catherine or Joe O'Brien/St. Patrick to sign up manually.

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.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Friday, November 11	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

Parish Festival, Aug. 13 & 14 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Polka Masses: Sun. 8:30 & 10:30 AM. Grilled Chicken Dinner 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Sun. Music, Baking & Sweet Shop, Country Store, Raffles, Mission Sewing, Kolackys, Merchandise Mart, Children's Carnival, Grilled Pork Burgers, Beer Tent, Bingo, Concessions: Sno Cones, Shakes, Floats, & Cones.

Church Festival, Aug. 14, 9:30 AM-3:00 PM at St. Andrew's in Elysian. Music 11:00 AM, Live Auction 1:00 PM, Kids Games.