

## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**AUGUST 16, 2015**

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 17	6:30 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Tuesday	Aug. 18		NO MASS
Wednesday	Aug. 19	8:30 AM (SP)	+Harold & Della Schmitt
Thursday	Aug. 20	8:30 AM (SC)	+Jeff Schroeder
Friday	Aug. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	Michael Stehlik
Saturday	Aug. 22	5:00 PM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	Aug. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 22 & 23, 2015

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/22	Bill Weiers, Dave Roach, Rita Ryan
	8/23	Dan Cross, Amy Holden, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	8/22	Anne Marie Weiers
	8/23	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	8/22	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	8/23	Hannah & Samantha Schoenbauer, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	8/22	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	8/23	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	8/23	Norm & Denie Sticha

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/23	Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder, Dave Nelson, Frank Simons
Lector	8/23	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	8/23	Karley Vochoska, Casey & Molly O'Hern
Ushers	8/23	Joel Vochoska, Dave Buresh
Greeters	8/23	Kathy Ceola, 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!*

### READINGS FOR AUGUST 23, 2015 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b  
 Second Reading: Ephesians 5:21-32  
 Gospel Reading: John 6:60-69

### ST. PATRICK

#### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

\*Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Eltra Dureza, Duane & Kellie Dworshak, Anthony Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Craig & Kristin Flicek, Jim & Annette Frawley.  
 Altar Linens: Jeanette Sticha.

**WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?** Aug. 17: Fr. Richard Villano, Aug. 18: Fr. Norman Volk, Aug. 19: Fr. Minh Vu, Aug. 20: Fr. Joseph-Quoc Vuong, Aug. 21: Fr. Thomas Walker, Aug. 22: Fr. Frank Wampach, Aug. 23: Fr. Peter Wang.

*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.*

**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 PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, August 17th at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall.

The S.W. Deanery has taken on the project of **CAPS OF LOVE**. Please help by seeing the poster in the entryway for the acceptable and unacceptable caps. Please sort and clean them. Put into separate bags and place them in the recycling can in the entryway. Thank you.  
*St. Patrick C.C.W.*

#### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
 Sunday Collection August 9, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 1,893.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00



### ST. CATHERINE

#### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

Paul & Linda Torgesen, Steven & Maureen Rief, John & Ann Timmerman.

**A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL:** If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, August 24th at 7:00 PM.

#### ST. CATHERINE 150TH CELEBRATION MUSIC

**PRACTICE:** Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine.

#### ST. CATHERINE 150TH CELEBRATION CEMETERY

**MEETING:** Sunday, August 30th after Mass.

**150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:** St. Catherine is celebrating their 150th year of the founding of the parish! Please join us on Sunday, September 13 for Mass at 3:00 PM, a history presentation, fellowship, and a meal. The meal will be served from 4:30 PM to 6:00 PM. All are welcome!

**ST. CATHERINE 30TH ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:**

Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 13th 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 August 9, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 1,344.35  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00

Taste and see the  
Goodness of the Lord



**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:**

Nicole Wood, Evelyn Scheffler, Francis Stepka, Celeste Wilson, John Chruscinsky, Bill Ronayne, Robert Richardson, Dave Hover, Debbie Bell (Cathy Theis’ cousin), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Puncochar & Jim Cavanaugh’s dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Brie Theis, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Shannon Quinn, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner’s uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe Scheffler, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

\*If anyone in the parish is homebound, and would like a visit from Fr. Miller, please contact the parish office.

**INSTALLATION:** Fr. Chris Schoppner will be doing Fr. Michael Miller’s formal installation at St. Patrick & St. Catherine at each Mass on Sunday, August 23rd.

**SHOE BOXES:** It’s that time of year again. Please bring your empty shoe boxes to church for the CCD Papal Footprints Project. They can also be brought with your student to Wednesday night Religious Education. Thank you.

**ACOLYTES NEEDED:** Anyone grade two or older that has received their first communion is eligible to be an acolyte. Please contact Father Miller or the parish office if you are interested in being a server.

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

- Sunday, September 13 S.C. 150th Anniversary
- Tuesday, October 13 S.C. Autumn Dinner
- Sunday, November 1 S.C. Turkey Bingo



Religious Education registration forms have been sent to all parishioners, along with the last fiscal year financial report. If you did not receive yours, contact the parish office.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** Adult or student helper for Confirmation and Catechist for second grade. Call Elaine Pesta @ 952-758-4617.

- Wed. Sept 9 7:00 PM Orientation for Confirmation parents, teachers, & students.
- Wed. Sept. 16 7:00 PM Orientation for all parents, teachers, & students in grades 1-8.
- Wed. Sept. 23 6:45-8:00 PM Religious Education Class, Grades 1-9.

**FROM THE PASTOR**

**There is Much to be Heard in Silence**

On the first evening of a two-day getaway with some friends, I opted to stay at the cabin alone while the others went out. As the car drove away I thought to myself, “Silence at last. I need some time to be quiet.” At that I turned around and saw a placard on the wall that read: “Make time for the quiet moments as God whispers and the world is loud.” Before modern means of communication such as the telephone, radio, television, and the Internet were widely available and used silence was an inevitable part of life. To talk to someone you had to go physically to that person, or write a letter, which had to be physically carried to him or her. In the meantime there was silence. Now the entire world, so to speak, can be viewed from the palm of your hand and we can be available every minute of the day. The predictions of Science Fiction where we will have a communication devise physically implanted in our head does not seem far away – and it will probably be available in a family plan.

Why does this matter? Because as the above saying points out so well, “God whispers and the world is loud.” As Elijah waited for the Lord to pass by he did not find Him in the earthquake, or the fire, or the storm, but rather in the “tiny whispering sound” (1 Kings 19:12). In his address to young people and seminarians on April 19, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI challenged the most technologically connected generation in the history of the world with the following words, “Have we perhaps lost something of the art of listening? Do you leave space to hear God’s whisper, calling you forth into goodness? Friends, do not be afraid of silence or stillness, listen to God, adore Him in the Eucharist. Let His word shape your journey as an unfolding of holiness.” When we are constantly barraged by noise and the voices of others we cannot hear the whispering voice of God. “Silence alone can give them an inner sanctuary into which they may retire for repose; as hidden gardens wherein like man before the Fall they walk with God in the cool of the evening” (Fulton Sheen, *Way to Inner Peace*, p. 149).

Given the importance of silence we can see why we must “make time for the quiet moments.” It is all right to shut off our cell phones once in a while, or not even to have one. It is good to turn off the many devices that keep us connected to the world and everyone in it and spend some time in the silence that will connect us to the One who made the world. It is then that we will find that there is much to be heard in silence. We will hear the voice of God whispering to us the most important things we will ever hear: our purpose and how to fulfill it. In the same address our Holy Father said it best: “Friends, again I ask you, what about today? What are you seeking? What is God whispering to you? The hope which never disappoints is Jesus Christ. The saints show us the selfless love of His way. As disciples of Christ, their extraordinary journeys unfolded within the community of hope, which is the Church. It is from within the Church that you too will find the courage and support to walk the way of the Lord. Nourished by personal prayer, prompted in silence, shaped by the Church’s liturgy you will discover the particular vocation God has for you. Embrace it with joy. You are Christ’s disciples today. Shine His light upon the great city and beyond. Show the world the reason for the hope that resonates within you. Tell others about the truth that sets you free.”