

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Aug. 20 | | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | Aug. 21 | | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | Aug. 22 | 8:30 AM (SP) | Dianne Thoele |
| Thursday | Aug. 23 | 8:30 AM (SC) | +Joe & Shirley Meurer |
| Friday | Aug. 24 | | NO MASS |
| Saturday | Aug. 25 | 5:00 PM (SP) | Thoele Family |
| Sunday | Aug. 26 | 8:30 AM (SC) | For Our People |
| | | 10:30 AM (SP) | +John Jacques |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 25 & 26, 2018

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 8/25 | Jim & Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik |
| | 8/26 | Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross |
| Lectors | 8/25 | Lynne Hoffman |
| | 8/26 | Juli Volk |
| Altar Servers | 8/25 | Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Ian DeGross |
| | 8/26 | Wyatt Giesen, Ben Meyer, Aly Volk |
| Ushers | 8/25 | Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser |
| | 8/26 | Don Pesta, Darryl Volk |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 8/26 | Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Joan Bruzek, Kathy Ceola |
| Lector | 8/26 | Kevin Mahowald |
| Altar Servers | 8/26 | Kendra Korbel |
| Ushers | 8/26 | Bill Dillingham, George Doheny |
| Greeters | 8/26 | Paul & Linda Torgesen |

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. 20: Fr. Robert Hazel, Aug. 21: Fr. David Hennen, Aug. 22: Fr. James Hermann, Aug. 23: Fr. Roger Hessian, Aug. 24: Fr. Eugene Murphy, Aug. 25: Fr. James Himmelsbach, Aug. 26: Fr. Patrick Hipwell.



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

When does Mass Begin and End?

In Year B of the Lectionary cycle we pause our reading of St. Mark's Gospel and read the 6th chapter of St. John, also known as the Discourse on the Holy Eucharist. It is a good time to meditate about different elements of the Mass including the most basic, namely, when does Mass begin and end? Most Catholics can probably answer that question, yet there is a noticeable number that do not seem to appreciate the importance of the answer. There are two bad habits that some Catholics have: coming to Mass late and leaving Mass early. It is even worse when the same person has both habits. At first glance one may think that neither habit is really that bad. But like many other superficial presumptions of life we will discover that it is worse than we think. So we must ask the question, when does Mass actually begin? And when should we be there?

Mass actually begins with the entrance procession, which usually includes an entrance hymn: "When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the Deacon and ministers, the Entrance Chant begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 47). The priest then reverences the altar by kissing it, incenses it (if incense is used) and greets the congregation with the sign of the cross and one of three forms of "The Lord be with you." All of this presupposes that everyone is already there. My suggestion and challenge is for everyone to be in their pew five minutes before Mass begins: that is, before the priest begins the procession. One may incredulously ask what are we to do for so long? The answer is to prepare for the Mass. And we prepare through prayer. It is a time to become attentive and ready. We do so by contemplating what we are about to do, and what God is about to do in our midst. Through Christ, the High Priest, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and with the angels and saints, we are about to offer God the Father the highest form of worship possible. He is about to present to us again the saving Death and Resurrection of His Son; and to feed us with His actual Body and Blood, through which He gives us a pledge of Eternal Life. In the stillness of prayer, we need to place all the elements of our lives within the context of this mystery: all our anxieties, worries, troubles, fears, joys, hopes, gratitude, and all of these of our loved ones as well. We pray too for the needs of others in our parish, community, indeed, the whole world. When we look at it that way, five minutes is not nearly enough.

(to be continued)

Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein, John & Andrea Lehman, Gary & Barb Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, August 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

C.C.W. S.W. DEANERY COUNCIL FALL INSTITUTE: Thursday, September 13th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Waterville. See the flyer in the entryway for details.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT AUCTION: Friday, October 5, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$13 for 12 oz. top sirloin OR 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage. \$2 kids hot dog meal available.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies Thursday evening 6:00-7:30 PM. Contact Lisa DeGross @ 952-461-4213 or Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 with silent auction items.

NOTE: St. Patrick's will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event.

C.C.W. S.W. DEANERY MISSION EVENT: Thursday, October 25 at St. John the Baptist in Jordan. See the flyer in the entryway of the Church. No shoe boxes are needed this year. We will be asking for donations to fill the box soon.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 12, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,703.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 27th at 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU: I would like to thank the parishioners of St. Catherine and St. Patrick and other parishes who have donated school supplies for the children of Scott and Carver Counties through the CAP Agency. You have been most generous in this project. There will surely be many smiles on the children's faces when they are ready to go back to school. Barb Perry

STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE: Thank you to all who contributed to the window capital campaign and helped us exceed our financial goal. For those still interested in being recognized on the plaque that will hang in the church, your donation should be submitted by Sunday, August 19. The following Sunday, a list of all contributors in alphabetical order will be available for review in the back of the church. This will

be an opportunity to specify exactly how your name should be represented on the plaque. Changes can be made through Sunday, September 16 prior to the plaque being ordered. Thank you!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 12, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 998.23
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Window Repair Estimate.....\$23,115.00
Window Repair Campaign.....\$25,760.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauer (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CONGRATULATIONS! Ted & Lorraine Simon on their 60th wedding anniversary on September 23, 2018! The family will be celebrating with Mass at St. Catherine on August 19th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enroll your children in Religious Education by

1. Visiting www.stpandc.mn.org and selecting the Religious Education tab at the top of the page.
2. Navigate to the Religious Education website by clicking the Religious Education link. (You can also go directly to <https://sites.google.com/site/religiousedatstpatricks/>).

We are in need of volunteers to fill teacher, assistant teacher, classroom helper, and hall monitor roles this year. No experience is necessary, just a 3.5 hour Archdiocese training commitment and a sincere desire to share your faith.

Testimonial: In 2017 I became religious education instructor. I do have to admit I was very nervous about this new adventure. The religious education team was so helpful and supportive I knew right away I made a great choice. Every week as we went through our lessons it was a review of what I have learned throughout my life about the church, God, and my faith. It has been a very rewarding experience and I look forward to this year and another group of great students. If you have ever thought about teaching religion I recommend that you take the chance. I am sure glad that I did. God Bless. Rob Puncochar

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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| Fri. Oct. 5 | S.P. | Steak/Chicken Cookout |
| Tue. Oct. 9 | S.C. | Autumn Dinner |
| Sun. Nov. 4 | S.C. | C.C.W. Turkey Bingo |