

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 21	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 22	NO MASS
Wednesday	Aug. 23 8:30 AM (SP)	+Joe & Shirley Meurer
Thursday	Aug. 24 8:30 AM (SC)	Dianne Thoele
Friday	Aug. 25	NO MASS
Saturday	Aug. 26 5:00 PM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	Aug. 27 8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
	10:30 AM (SP)	+Norbert & Viola Weiers

FROM THE PASTOR

What Does a Saint Look Like?

When we ask this question different images may come to our mind. We may first of think of a statue, a stained-glass window, or a picture of a saint. All these things try to represent the saint, but they are all “still shots”. We may even think of them in that dimension: wooden, or stone; not very lively. But that is the opposite of a saint. A saint is filled with life, for they are filled with the grace of the very source of life: God. It doesn't mean, however, that the saint is “bouncing off the walls”, or “the life of the party”. There is a habitual air of serenity that comes from living in the presence of God. This is beautifully summed up in a prayer of St. Teresa of Avila: “Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things pass. God does not change. Patience achieves everything. Whoever has God lacks nothing. God alone suffices.” A contemporary of hers, St. John of the Cross, described a holy person this way: “one loves God in everything; his excessive impulses disappear; his emotions are peaceful and he loses useless desires; he enjoys an undisturbable peace and a habitual joy in the divine presence; his actions are ‘bathed in love’ and are done with an amazing strength; his union with God is as the union of a candle flame with the sun.”



But how does one become this way? We may be this way for a while, but then have lapses, even frequently. We must grow in love. St. Paul gives some very practical advice on what love is and how to grow in it: “Your love must be sincere. Detest what is evil; cling to what is good. Love one another with the affection of brothers. Anticipate each other in showing respect. Do not grow slack but be fervent in spirit; He whom you serve is the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient under trial, persevere in prayer” (Romans 12:9-12). He gives more advice to the Colossians: “Because you are God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt mercy, with kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Bear with one another; forgive whatever grievances you have against one another. Forgive as the Lord has forgiven you” (Col. 3:12-13). Of course, St. Paul’s most famous description of love is to the Corinthians: “Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, it is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth” (1Cor. 13:4-6).

St. Paul is both describing a holy person and showing us how to become one. When we do these things, in our own particular circumstances of life, we are being holy, and becoming a saint. If we fail in any of these things, then we are failing to be holy. But we must not give up. We must repent, confess, and continue. A saint can be a sinner who

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 26 & 27, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/26	Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	8/27	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Joan Nelson, Dan Cross
Lectors	8/26	Lynne Hoffman
	8/27	Chad Sandey
Acolytes	8/26	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Bryce Deutsch
	8/27	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Cole Flicek
Ushers	8/26	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	8/27	Gerald Sandey, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/27	Kevin Mahowald, Bill Dillingham, Deloris Friske, Rachel Eicher
Lector	8/27	Tim Saarela
Acolytes	8/27	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	8/27	Bill Dillingham, George Doheny
Greeters	8/27	Laura Saarela, Kathy Prochaska

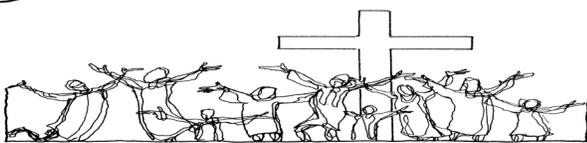
Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, faxed to 952-492-6290, or put in the black box on the side of the rectory) Save the counting people time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you! Going out of town? Won't be at mass next weekend? Call the parish 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. 21: Fr. Andrew McAlpin, Aug. 22: Fr. Thomas McCabe, Aug. 23: Fr. David McCauley, Aug. 24: Fr. James McClellan, Aug. 25: Fr. James McConville, Aug. 26: Fr. Patrick McCorkell, Aug. 27: Fr. Kevin McDonough.



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



did not stop trying. Growing in love through the sacraments, prayer, God's word, and perseverance, a saint could look like you.
Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Ron & Rosie Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn, Chad & Emily Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chris & Shelley Shepherd. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

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

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, August 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

THANK YOU: I want to thank everyone that helped with the funeral in any way and brought food for Donald O'Connor Memorial.
Jan O'Connor

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 13, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,768.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 28th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE 32ND ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER: Tuesday, October 10th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be sold after Mass Sunday.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, November 5th— St. Catherine C.C.W. Turkey Bingo.

THANK YOU: Father Miller & St. Catherine Wedding Staff, Thank you for making our wedding such a memorable and flawless adventure! Karl & I appreciate all the help provided by members of the parish to ensure our day was beautiful! Thank you for making everyone that attended feel welcome!
Rachel & Karl Eicher

WEDDING BANNS II: Clarice Fredrickson & Dominic Scarnecchia.

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Received this week.....\$ 1,415.23
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Steve Kreuser, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, 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, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORMS:

Visit our website @ www.stpandc.mn.org and click on the Religious Education tab. Follow the link to register online.

NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to help teach Religious Education this year. There is no need to have teaching experience, just a sincere desire to help educate the youth of our parish. Please contact Juli Volk @ 952-679-2727 or religionsedatstpatricks@gmail.com

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Oct. 6	S.P.	Group III Steak & Chicken Dinner
Tue. Oct. 10	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 5	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Fri. Nov. 10	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

July 2, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
 "Dear children, Thank you for continuing to respond to my invitations and for gathering here around me, your heavenly mother. I know that you are thinking of me with love and hope. I, too, feel love for all of you, just as my most beloved Son also feels it: He who, through his merciful love, is always sending me to you anew; He who was man; He who was and is God – one and triune; He who suffered in body and soul for your sake; He who made Himself bread to feed your souls and thus to save them. My children, I am teaching you how to be worthy of His love, to direct your thoughts to Him, to live my Son. Apostles of my love, I am covering you with my mantle, because as a mother I desire to protect you. I am imploring you to pray for the whole world. My heart is suffering. Sins are multiplying, they are too numerous. But with the help of those of you who are humble, modest, filled with love, hidden and holy, my heart will triumph. Love my Son above all and the whole world through Him. Never forget that each of your brothers, within himself, carries something precious – the soul. Therefore, my children, love all those who do not know my Son, so that through prayer and the love which comes through prayer, they may become better; that the goodness in them could win; that souls could be saved and have eternal life. My apostles, my children, my Son told you to love one another. May this be inscribed in your hearts and with prayer, try to live that love. Thank you."