

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | Aug. 22 | NO MASS |
| Tuesday | Aug. 23 | NO MASS |
| Wednesday | Aug. 24 | NO MASS |
| Thursday | Aug. 25 | 9:00 AM (SP) +William & Kathryn Toner |
| Friday | Aug. 26 | 9:00 AM (SP) +Josephine Skluzacek |
| Saturday | Aug. 27 | 5:00 PM (SP) The Thoele Family |
| Sunday | Aug. 28 | 8:30 AM (SC) For Our People 10:30 AM (SP) Dawn & Michael Stehlik |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 27 & 28

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 8/27 | Rita Ryan, Clarice Gergen |
| | 8/28 | Dan Cervenka, Terrie Schoenbauer, Jim DeGross |
| Lectors | 8/27 | Lynne Hoffman |
| | 8/28 | Gerry Sandey |
| Acolytes | 8/27 | Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Jed Kreuser |
| | 8/28 | Emily Sticha, Travis Sticha, Amanda Stebbins |
| Ushers | 8/27 | Matt Sirek, Dave Roach |
| | 8/28 | Rob Sticha, Leo Jacques |
| Greeters | 8/28 | Silverius & Cecilia Becker |

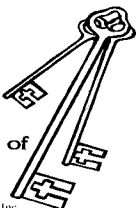
St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 8/28 | Steve & Jude Boeser, Ken & Kathy Ceola |
| Lector | 8/28 | Tom Fredrickson |
| Acolytes | 8/28 | Clarice, Timmy, & Tommy Fredrickson |
| Ushers | 8/28 | Bill Dillingham, George Doheny |
| Greeters | 8/28 | Joe & Diane Williamson |

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 ladies 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! Parish Summer Office Hours 8:00 AM—1:00 PM Monday-Friday.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 28, 2005, TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven.



First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
 Second Reading: Romans 12:1-2
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Greetings to all Parishioners,

We're looking for a few teachers for our Religious Education program. We provide training, materials, support—you provide the desire to share your Catholic tradition with our children, and God provides the rest!

If you're interested in this personally rewarding volunteer activity, please contact Deb Norman at 952-758-6113 after 5:00 PM, or leave a message at the parish office and I'll return your call. Thank you and God bless!

*Deb Norman,
 Religious Education Director*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION: The registration forms for our 2005/2006 program will be mailed to all registered St. Patrick parishioners Monday, August 22nd. St. Catherine registration forms have already been sent. If you are from St. Catherine and have not received yours, contact the parish office. If you are not a registered parishioner, please contact myself, or Colleen Friendshuh in the parish office to request a form. I would like the opportunity to meet with any families who have questions regarding our program and/or curriculum. Phone number for Deb Norman is 952-758-6113, Parish Office is 952-492-6276.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION TEACHER MEETING/WORKSHOP: Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8:30 PM in the social hall. This is a mandatory meeting for all volunteers. If you have questions, contact Deb Norman @ 952-758-6113.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Dennis & Karen Dold, Dean & Kari Dolezal, Anthony Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Del & Karen Farago, Craig & Kristin Flicek, James & Candace Gareis, Robert Goggins, Melvin & Kathy Gregory. Altar Linens: Jeanette Sticha.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. OFFICER: The position of vice-president is still open. It is a 2-year term; the first year as vice-president, the second year as president. Give some thought to volunteering to fill this position. Contact Carol Timmons or LuVerne Verhoeven if you can help!

THANK YOU: To Ted & Mary Jirik for coordinating the trip to the Grotto of the Redemption in West Bend, Iowa on August 5, 2005. It was a great trip! Thank you also to everyone who joined us. An extra special thank you to the anonymous donor for the lunch.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 14, 2005



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| Received this week..... | \$ 1,485.00 |
| Weekly budget requirement..... | \$ 1,758.00 |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 150,500.00 goal |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 100,251.00 pledged to date |
| Capital Campaign..... | \$ 80,190.00 collected to date |

St. Patrick Festival 2005 Raffle Ticket Winners:

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| \$500.00 | Betty Wilcox | New Prague |
| \$200.00 | Jim Nester | Redwood Falls |
| \$200.00 | Arv Olson | New Prague |
| \$200.00 | Timothy Verhoeven | New Prague |
| \$100.00 | Gerri Mages | Jordan |
| \$100.00 | New Prague Ford | New Prague |
| \$50.00 | Fred Winker | Prior Lake |
| \$50.00 | Eric Hoffman | New Prague |
| \$50.00 | Mary Mika | Chicago, Illinois |
| \$50.00 | Lauren Miriovsky | Eagan |
| | Marge Sticha | New Prague |
| | St. Patrick | Jordan |

Country Store Raffle

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| Adult Wagon | Kari Dolezal | Prior Lake |
| Kids Wagon | Hana Grobel | New Prague |

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Joel & Deanna Vochoska, George & Cheyann Doheny, Ken & Becky Jilk, Jill & Pete Pulk.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

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

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, September 18th after mass. All women of the parish are invited!

ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER: Mark your calendars—Tuesday, October 11th at the VFW in Prior Lake.

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Received this week.....\$ 1,737.00

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Linn Blocker, Peter Nytes, Jeff Paul, Jim Trantina (father of Theresa Sticha), Marcella Backsen, MaryAnn Radnich (cousin of Vickie Cross), Lori Doerr (daughter of Florian Kraft), Richard Greger (father of Diane Williamson), Benoite Stepka, Jack Keenan.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Jo Menk.

DAILY MASS TIME: Beginning Monday, August 29th daily mass time will be at 8:30 AM.

STEWARDSHIP—

“Neither in my youth, nor now that I am old, have I seen a just man forsaken . . . begging bread.” *Psalms 37:25*

Time, Talent, and Treasure

The Christian Stewardship concept also holds that all we are, all we have are gifts from God and that we have been truly blessed by Him. The concept of Christian Stewardship suggests that we are given three gifts which can be symbolic of the three gifts presented by the Magi at Christ’s birth.

The First Gift: The Gift of Our Time

Service to one’s Church and community consists of offering one’s Time to serve the poor, volunteer at school or religious

education, lector, be a Eucharistic Minister, bring Communion to those less ambulatory, but most importantly the gift of Time is allowance for prayer.

Prayer is such an important part of our lives that we must make Time for it in our daily but nevertheless busy lives. Needless to say, we must appropriate the gift of Time for prayer and volunteering our service.

The Second Gift: The Gift of our Unique Talents

Again, we have all been blessed by God with unique, individual talents that can serve our Church and community. Through an offering of our unique God given talents we can serve God through service to the parish and one another.

Wonderful opportunities are available to volunteer that unique talent. On a practical level, the parish can benefit substantially with many volunteer projects that save financial resources for the parish.

The Third Gift: The Gift of Treasure

The gift of our treasure is probably the most challenging to each of us as well as being a test of our faith. Our secular culture holds wealth and possessions as symbols of our independence, power, and personal success.

But what of our spiritual efforts? We must prayerfully consider “moving forward in faith” in an unconventional way—without guarantees of a return or gratification from our financial gifts. We are not “buying” anything with our gifts but rather making a return to the Lord for the many gifts He has bestowed on us.

Our blessings are only ours through the grace of God and those blessings can help to do God’s work by supporting our parish’s mission and its many ministries. We are called to serve others with our gifts.

(To be continued next week.)

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Scott County Foster Care Program is in continuous need of more foster homes for the children and adults from our communities in Scott County. For more info, 952-496-8505.

Study the Gospel of Matthew! Jeff Cavins will be teaching an inspiring 24-week course at St. Hubert’s in Chanhassen beginning fall of 2005. For more info, call 952-934-9106 ex 609.

The Bible Time Line, 24-wk. bible study. Sept. 21-May 10 at St. Joseph Church in West St. Paul. For info, 651-552-0293.

County Fair 4-H Pancake Breakfast, Sun. Aug. 21, 7:30-11:00 AM at the County Fairgrounds, LeCenter. \$5/adult, \$3/child.

Church Festival, Sun. Aug. 21 at St. Mary’s in Marystown. Smorgasbord Dinner served 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. \$8.00/adult.

Ho-Down, Sun. Aug. 21 at Most Holy Trinity Parish in Veseli. 11:00 AM Polka Mass. Chicken Cookout starting at 11:30 AM.

Family Fun Day, Sun. Aug. 21 at the Medina Entertainment Center, 2:00-5:00 PM. Benefit to honor the non-profit pro-life organization Human Life Alliance. For info, 651-484-1040.

Spirit Fest, Sun. Aug. 21, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Rice County Fairgrounds in Faribault. Hosted by Divine Mercy Church.

Golf Tournament benefiting Total Life Care Centers. Mon. Aug. 22 at New Prague Golf Course. To register, 952-934-1892.