

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 26		NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 27	6:30 PM (SP)	Feldmeier Family
Wednesday	Aug. 28	8:30 AM (SP)	Mike & Dawn Stehlik
Thursday	Aug. 29	8:30 AM (SC)	Cross Family
Friday	Aug. 30		NO MASS
Saturday	Aug. 31	5:00 PM (SP)	+Fr. Francis Roach
Sunday	Sept. 1	8:30 AM (SC)	+Tom Ryan
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUG. 31 & SEPT. 1, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/31	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Bill Weiers
	9/1	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Joan Nelson
Lector	8/31	Shelley Shepherd
	9/1	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	8/31	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross
	9/1	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Lincoln Stuber
Ushers	8/31	Dave Roach, Roman Stepka
	9/1	Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/1	Barb Lerschen Dave Nelson, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	9/1	Kevin Mahowald
Altar Servers	9/1	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/1	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	9/1	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! The parish office will be closed Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day).

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Aug. 26: Fr. John Clay, Aug. 27: Fr. Kevin Clinton,
Aug. 28: Fr. Timothy Cloutier, Aug. 29: Fr. Michael Creagan,
Aug. 30: Fr. Rinaldo Custodio, Aug. 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda,
Sept. 1: Bp. Andrew Cozzens.



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.

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FROM THE PASTOR

The Tears of St. Monica



St. Monica's feast day is August 27th. She was the mother of St. Augustine, whose feast is the next day, and was one of the greatest teachers and bishops in the Church's history. But he was not always a saint. The first thirty years of his life were spent wandering outside of the Church. St. Monica continued to pray for him during this entire time. Undoubtedly she experienced frustration, hopelessness, and fear for her son. St. Ambrose reassured her that "it is impossible that the child of so many tears should be lost". St. Ambrose was right. He baptized Augustine at the Easter Vigil in 387. Monica died later that year, happy that her prayers had been answered. Since I have been a priest, I have encountered many people who have children who have wandered away from the Church. I tell them to follow the example of St. Monica: do not give up; continue praying, hoping, gently encouraging. Remember it took St. Monica thirty years, and look at the result: St. Augustine.



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To the children themselves, I would say: do not be so sure that the Church is irrelevant or that it has nothing to offer you. Look at St. Augustine. He experienced everything that the world had to offer, but he finally found life, happiness, and peace in the Church. He realized at last that fundamental truth about each human person, about which he writes so beautifully in his book, "The Confessions": "Our hearts were made in thee, O Lord, and they are restless until they rest in thee."

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

*Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer.
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Tuesday, August 27th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W.: We are looking for a C.C.W. president. Please prayerfully consider taking this position.

NEEDED; MASS HELPER VOLUNTEERS: We need more Extraordinary Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers, and Ushers, especially for Saturday evening Masses. Contact Shelley Shepherd to volunteer.

OH MY GOSH! The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association has granted us another \$600.00 matching grant for the Steak and Chicken Cook-Out on Friday, September 27th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 18, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,069.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....\$ 257.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

David & Joan Koller, Rick & Linda Sirek.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, September 8th in the church basement after 8:30 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!

THANK YOU: To all volunteers from our parishes who prayed at the Rachel Vineyard Retreat August 3rd, held at the Franciscan Retreat Center in Prior Lake. There were 18 women and men who attended this healing retreat. Many aborted babies now have names.
Diane Williamson

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection August 18, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 849.77
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....\$ 173.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We need volunteers to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade (one for each class) and to be substitute teachers and other volunteer positions. Please contact Juli Volk @ 612-382-0265 to volunteer. Lord, please choose from our flock volunteers to fill these positions.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Sept. 27	S.P.	Steak & Chicken Cook-Out
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 3	S.C.	Turkey Bingo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Join us in Community to Pray! Sun. Aug. 25, 12:30-1:30 PM.

Come to the school of your choice to pray for protection and favor for all students, teachers, and staff. (New Prague High School, New Prague Middle School, Eagle View Elementary School, Falcon Ridge Elementary School, Raven Stream Elementary School, New Prague Community Education & Preschool, New Prague Preschool in Elko, St. Wenceslaus School in New Prague, Holy Cross School in Webster.)

Our Lady of the Prairie Block Party, Sat. Sept 7, 2:00 PM-11:00 PM at 200 E. Church St. in Belle Plaine. Mass at 4:15 PM.



Aug. 2, 2019 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

“Dear children, great is the love of my Son. If you were to come to know the greatness of His love, you would never cease to adore and thank Him. He is always alive with you in the Eucharist, because the Eucharist is His Heart. The Eucharist is the heart of faith. He has never left you. Even when you tried to go away from Him, He has not [left] you. That is why my motherly heart is happy when I watch how you—filled with love—return to Him, when I see that you are coming to Him by the way of reconciliation, love, and hope. My motherly heart knows that when you set out on the way of faith, you are shoots—buds. But along with prayer and fasting you will be fruits, my flowers, apostles of my love; you will be carriers of light and will illuminate all those around you with love and wisdom. My children, as a mother I am imploring you: pray, think, and contemplate. Everything beautiful, painful and joyful that happens to you—all of this makes you grow spiritually, so that my Son may grow in you. My children, surrender yourselves to Him, believe Him, trust in His love, let Him lead you. Let the Eucharist be the place where you will feed your souls, and afterwards, will spread love and truth—will bear witness to my Son. Thank you.”