

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 28	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 29 8:30 AM (SP)	Larry & Diane Smith
Wednesday	Aug. 30	NO MASS
Thursday	Aug. 31 8:30 AM (SC)	Lisa Breeggemann
Friday	Sept. 1 8:30 AM (SP)	Gregory Family
Saturday	Sept. 2 5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Sept. 3 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Raymond DeGeorgeo For Our People

## 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 device 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

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 2017

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/2	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	9/3	Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Heidi Michaelson, Tim Sonnek
Lectors	9/2	Brianne Jirik
	9/3	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	9/2	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	9/3	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Bryce Deutsch
Ushers	9/2	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	9/3	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/3	Dave Nelson, Frank Simons, Kathy Prochaska, Bonnie Theis
Lector	9/3	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	9/3	Maggie & Monica Muelken
Ushers	9/3	Bruce Brumm, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	9/3	Joe & Ruth Romanowski

*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. 28: Fr. Thomas McDonough, Aug. 29: Fr. Thomas McKenzie, Aug. 30: Fr. Steven McMichael, Aug. 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Sept. 1: Pope Francis, Sept. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Sept. 3: Fr. Benny Mekkatt Varghese.



*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*

and beyond. Show the world the reason for the hope that resonates within you. Tell others about the truth that sets you free.”  
*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

\*Tony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Mathias & Diane Sirek, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Troy & Barb Skluzacek. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection August 20, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,133.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00  
 Feast of the Assumption.....\$ 145.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

Frank & Cathy Simons, Rick & Linda Sirek, Jody & Jane Timm.

### 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: Thank you to St. Catherine’s C.C.W. for their generous donation to cover the cost of the on demand hot water heater we installed for the Women’s and Men’s Bathrooms. This will reduce our consumption of electricity and provide fresh hot water on demand. Thanks.  
*Joe Williamson/Maintenance*

WEDDING BANNERS III: Clarice Fredrickson & Dominic Scarnecchia.

#### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection August 20, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 586.15  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00  
 Feast of the Assumption.....\$ 55.00



## 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](http://www.stpandc.mn.org) and click on the Religious Education tab. Follow the link to register online.

NEEDED: We are in need of adult teachers, teacher aides, or teaching assistants this year. There is no need to have teaching experience, just a sincere desire to help educate the youth of our parish. Even if you can’t volunteer for the whole year, we need part time help too. Please contact Juli Volk @ 952-679-2727 or [religiusedatstpatricks@gmail.com](mailto:religiusedatstpatricks@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

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Educational/Support Group for Separated or Divorced,** 1st & 3rd Tue. evenings, 7:00-8:30 PM at St. Wenceslaus Church Rectory in New Prague. Please call Mary @ 952-873-6781 or Deacon Bob Wagner @ 952-758-0463 for more information.

**Our Lady of Fatima 100th Anniversary Mass, Breakfast, & Program,** Sat. Sept. 9 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Mass at 8:00 AM, breakfast & speaker to follow. RSVP 952-758-3225.

**Festival Block Party,** Sat. Sept. 9 at Our Lady of the Prairie in Belle Plaine. Chicken Dinner 5-7 PM, \$12/adult, \$6/child. Silent Auction, Pet Show 2-3PM, Kids Games, Food Stands, Blest Art, Beer Garden, Shaw Brothers performing 7-11 PM.

**Fall Festival,** Sun. Sept. 10 at Immaculate Conception of Marysburg. 10:30 AM Mass. 11AM-1:30 PM Roast Beef Dinner.

**Spirit Fest,** Sun. Sept. 17, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM at Divine Mercy in Faribault. 10:00 AM Polka Mass. Grilled Chicken & Ham Dinner. Raffles, Kids Games, Farmers Market. 507-334-2266.

**Golf Outing,** Fri. Sept. 29 at Creeks Bend in New Prague. Register by Sept. 6 and save 10%. Register by e-mailing [www.HolyCrossSchool.net/golf-outing](http://www.HolyCrossSchool.net/golf-outing) or by calling 952-652-6100.



July 25, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:  
 “Dear children! Be prayer and a reflection of God’s love for all those who are far from God and God’s commandments. Little children, be faithful and determined in conversion and work on yourselves so that, for you, holiness of life may be truth; and encourage each other in the good through prayer, so that your life on earth may be more pleasant. Thank you for having responded to my call.”