

**EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS**

Monday	Aug. 29	8:30 AM (SP)	+Armella Schroeder
Tuesday	Aug. 30	8:30 AM (SP)	+George Dalsin
Wednesday	Aug. 31		NO MASS
Thursday	Sept. 1	8:30 AM (SC)	+Herb Boeser
Friday	Sept. 2	8:30 AM (SP)	+Alois & Susan Wagner
Saturday	Sept. 3	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Sept. 4	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Francis & Elizabeth Doyle For Our People

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 3 & 4**

**St. Patrick**

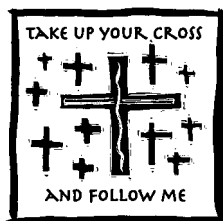
Extraordinary Ministers	9/3	Evelyn Scheffler, Bill Belkengren
	9/4	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Kristi Schulte
Lectors	9/3	Bill Belkengren
	9/4	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	9/3	Andrew Roach, Erin Roach, Volunteer
	9/4	Ellen & Patrick Puncochar, Isaac Cross
Ushers	9/3	Francis Beuch, Melvin Gregory
	9/4	Don Pesta, Dean Bisek
Greeters	9/4	Joe & Evelyn Scheffler

**St. Catherine**

Extraordinary Ministers	9/4	Dave & Rosie Nelson, Rosemary Hatcher, Cindy Grolla
Lector	9/4	Robert Grams
Acolytes	9/4	Kristine Busse, Billy & Phoebe Muraski
Ushers	9/4	Gordy Giles, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	9/4	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

*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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2005, TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9  
 Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10  
 Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

**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 have been mailed to all registered parishioners. 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.

**TO GIVE AWAY:** 2 VCRs. Contact the parish office.

**ST. PATRICK**

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF**

**SEPTEMBER:** \*Thomas & Lynette Grobel, Sylvia Hill, Thomas & Lisa Hill, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Mark & Dina Jindra, Rob & Renae Jirak, Brent Johnson. Altar Linens: Jeanette Sticha.

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**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:** The parishioners of St. Patrick would like to thank Chad & Emily Sandey and Paul & Diana Schoenbauer for chairing the parish festival. We really appreciate all your hard work!

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection August 21, 2005**

Received this week.....	\$ 1,269.50
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. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**SEPTEMBER:** \*Elizabeth Vaughan, Bradley Eller, Dennis Maciej, Margaret Sharkey, Jean Gramling, Bruce Brumm, Tracy Pittman.

**ST. CATHERINE HOLY HOUR:** Sat, Sept. 3rd at 9:00 AM.

**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. Tickets will be available after the 8:30 mass at St. Catherine and the 10:30 mass at St. Patrick this weekend. Or you can contact Steve & Jude Boeser @ 461-4763 or Tom & Mary Kay Fredrickson @ 447-7019 for tickets.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection August 21, 2005

Received this week.....\$ 733.00



## 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.

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

### SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. FALL INSTITUTE:

Wednesday, September 7th at St. Anne's School in LeSueur. Begins at 7:45 AM. Cost is \$7.00 per person. St. Patrick women register with Carol Timmons @ 952-758-5960. St. Catherine women register with Sue Kempf @ 952-447-5426.

## A SACRIFICIAL GIFT

The celebration of the mass is the source and summit of our life of faith. As we gather Sunday after Sunday, we gather in gratitude for the great gift of God's sacrificial love. Here at the table of Word and Sacrament, we recall Christ's self-offering on the altar of the cross and at the table of the Eucharist.

As we recall the sacrifice of Christ, we are invited to follow in his footsteps and make to God an offering of our lives. Christian Stewardship calls us to follow the example of Christ and to make an offering in the spirit of **Sacrificial Giving**. Such a gift comes from our substance, not from our surplus or from what is left over. We are challenged to offer to God the first fruits, the best, of our lives.

During the mass, the bread and wine are changed for us into the Body and Blood of Christ. Our sharing in this sacrifice of Christ is meant to change us, to transform us into fruitful members of the Body of Christ. One of the ways that we give evidence of this transformation is by our willingness to share in the work of Christ and in the mission of the Church. The offering we make at mass is both a sign of our gratitude to God and of our commitment to live the sacrifice of the mass.

## WRAPPING YOUR GIFT

If indeed, our participation at mass includes a gift, it is an appropriate gesture to use our regular, weekly envelope as a "gift wrapper." Using your envelope allows you to place your gift in the collection basket in a consistent manner.

Sacrificial Giving and the use of your envelope as a gift wrapper should be a decision that is reflected in regular, consistent giving—not occasional, or just in response to a certain appeal. That consistency is also a part of the practice of our faith and is part of the celebration of the liturgy each and every week. It also allows the parish the latitude to budget effectively.

## FORWARD IN FAITH

When making a commitment to Sacrificial Giving, we place our trust and security in the Lord—not possessions or the material. It is a matter of moving forward in our own faith—without any guarantees. We give to God first. We turn over our apprehensions and anxieties about unconditional giving to the Lord and trust in Him.

Money is not the security that will save us. We must trust in the Lord and move forward in faith.

*(To be continued next week.)*

### STEWARDSHIP—

"We cannot stand idly by, enjoying our riches and freedom if, in any place, Lazarus stands at our doors."  
Pope John Paul II

## 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.

**Happenings Books** available. Call Mary Frost @ 952-758-4222. Proceeds go to M.C.C.L. (Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life).

**Prayer at the Minnesota State Fair**, Sunday Roman Catholic Eucharistic Liturgies Aug. 28 & Sept. 4, 9:15-9:45 AM at the Baldwin/Teen Fair Stage on Machinery Hill. Service of Ecumenical Prayer for Farmers & Rural Communities, Sun. Aug. 28, 9:15-10:00 AM at the Bandshell (next to the "Needle").

**Epiphany State Fair Diner**, Aug. 25-Sept. 5 at the Minnesota State Fairgrounds (on Underwood Ave. just west of the Horticultural Building.) Open 6:30 AM-8:00 PM.

**Women's Retreat**, Sept. 9-11 & Sept. 13-15 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

**Living as a Christian in a Today's World**, (for adults & teens 12-18) Fri. Sept. 9, 6:30-9:30 PM & Sat. Sept. 10, 8:30 AM-3:30 PM at St. Mary's in St. Paul. For more info, 651-748-1744.

**"Go Forth to Love and Serve the Lord"** A morning on the meaning of the mass. Sat. Sept 10, 9:00-12:30 PM at Mary, Mother of the Church in Burnsville. \$5.00 fee collected at the door.