

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 29	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 30 8:30 AM (SP)	Mike & Dawn Stehlik
Wednesday	Aug. 31 8:30 AM (SC)	+Russ Egan
Thursday	Sept. 1 8:30 AM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Friday	Sept. 2 8:30 AM (SP)	+Laura Ryan
Saturday	Sept. 3 5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Sept. 4 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +Laura Ryan

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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.

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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 3 & 4, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/3	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	9/4	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	9/3	Lynne Hoffman
	9/4	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	9/3	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	9/4	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	9/3	Dave Roach, Mark Rezac
	9/4	Gerald Sandey, Norm Sticha
Greeters	9/4	Don & Elaine Pesta

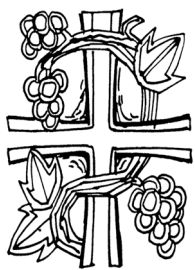
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/4	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham
Lector	9/4	Linda Torgesen
Acolytes	9/4	Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska, Linda Torgesen (CB)
Ushers	9/4	Bill Dillingham, George Doheny
Greeters	9/4	Gary & Ann Korbel

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. 29: Fr. Timothy Rudolph, Aug. 30: Fr. Erich Rutten, Aug. 31: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Sept. 1: Pope Francis, Sept. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Sept. 3: Fr. Patrick Ryan, Sept. 4: Fr. Gregory Schaffer.



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.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Bill & Anne Weiers, Martin & Karin Wagner, Joseph & June Wallerius, Leander & Brandi Weckman, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, David & Sandra Zweber, John Zweber. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

*Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), 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, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: It's time for a new Parish Directory for St. Patrick's and Saint Catherine's! This is a great opportunity to get a professional picture of your family (free!). Each parish directory becomes part of the history of our parish; with St. Catherine's having celebrated its 150th anniversary last year and St. Patrick's its 160th next year, you don't want to miss being included. In addition to a free photograph, all families that participate will get one free directory. You can schedule your sitting online or contact the lead from your parish to manually schedule. There will also be sign-up sheets at the back of each church.



Sittings are available at either St. Patrick's or St. Catherine's September 27—October 1 so you can pick the date/time that is most convenient. Please do not call the church office for technical support. If you are having trouble signing up electronically you can sign up in the back of either church or call Delores Friske/St. Catherine or Joe O'Brien/St. Patrick to sign up manually.

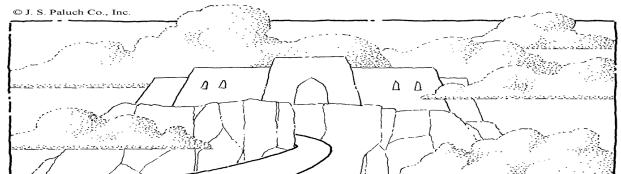
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Forms for the 2016/2017 Religious Education year were sent electronically. Copies are available in the back of church or from the parish office.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program. We hope to implement this program for Pre-K, 1st, & 2nd grades next year. Training for this program starts Saturday, September 10th. Contact me if you are interested in helping with this program: elainepesta@gmail.com or 952-758-4617.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, October 7	S.P.	Steak Fry
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Friday, November 11	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament



C.C.W. FALL INSTITUTE: Saturday, Sept. 24. Deadline for registration is Sept. 12 and the cost is \$8.00. Contact Marsha Simon @ masimon@interga.net or msimon@divinemeracy.cc to register. Special speakers Jennifer & Michael Malecha speaking on Mitochondrial Disease. Michael is losing his eyesight to this disease. The other speaker is Johnathon Liedl director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

C.C.W. SOUTHWEST DEANERY MISSION EVENT: Thursday, October 13 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your address labels for the raffle. Flyer coming soon.

SAVE YOUR SHOEBOXES: It's that time of year again—start saving your shoeboxes. Please bring them to Church or Religion Class. Thank you.

DONUT SUNDAY: Join us Sunday, October 9 to welcome our new parishioners. Coffee & donuts will be served after the 10:30 AM Mass in the back of Church.

THANK YOU: The St. Patrick C.C.W. has donated \$500.00 to the steeple repair project. Also, proceeds from the Advent/Christmas Bake Sale will go toward the steeple repair project. Thank you ladies of St. Patrick!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection August 21, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,315.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,925.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$14,037.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

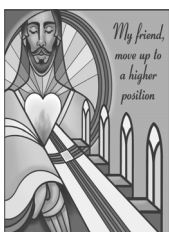
SEPTEMBER: Frank & Cathy Simons, Rick & Linda Sirek, Jody & Jane Timm.

CONGRATULATIONS! Timothy & Katherine Fredrickson on the baptism of their daughter, Emma Rose Fredrickson, on August 21, 2016 at St. Catherine.

ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W. FALL MEETING: Sun. Sept. 18, 2:00 PM at Diane Williamson's home. For directions, call Sue @ 952-447-5426. Agenda: C.C.W. Elections, C.C.W. Charitable Contributions, Social Service Activities, C.C.W. Events: Turkey Bingo, Christmas Get-Together, Spring Event. All women of the parish are welcome.

ST. CATHERINE 31ST ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 11th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be on sale after Mass August 28th.



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Sunday Collection August 21, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 644.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,001.00