

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 7	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 8 8:30 AM (SP)	+Janet Ferrazzo
Wednesday	Aug. 9	NO MASS
Thursday	Aug. 10 8:30 AM (SC)	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Friday	Aug. 11 11:00 AM (SP)	Funeral Mass/Don O'Connor
Saturday	Aug. 12 5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Aug. 13 8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
	10:30 AM (SP)	+Jerry Cavanaugh

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2017

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/12	Jim DeGross, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	8/13	Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek, Dan Cervenka
	8/14	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Green
	8/15	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	8/12	Lynne Hoffman
	8/13	John Cassady
	8/14	Jim DeGross
	8/15	Shelley Shepherd
Acolytes	8/12	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	8/13	Lily & Bella Schulte, Ben Simon
	8/14	Karlle & Sara Bjerke, Cole Flicek
	8/15	Lily & Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	8/12	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	8/13	Don Pesta, Gerald Sandey
	8/14	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	8/15	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/13	Kathy Prochaska, Pat Schroeder, Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis
	8/15	Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	8/13	Laura Saarela
	8/15	Dave Nelson
Acolytes	8/13	Maggie & Monica Muelken
	8/15	Addey & Karley Vochoska
Ushers	8/13	Tim Saarela, Dennis Maciej
	8/15	Rick Sirek, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	8/13	Joe & Ruth Romanowski
	8/15	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!*

## WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Aug. 7: Fr. Timothy Sandquist, Aug. 8: Fr. Brandon Theisen, Aug. 9: Fr. Chad Vanhoose, Aug. 10: Fr. Benjamin Wittnebel, Aug. 11: Fr. Timothy Wratkowski, Aug. 12: Fr. Sean Magnuson, Aug. 13: Fr. Richard Mahoney.



*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*

## FROM THE PASTOR

### Funeral Homily for Fr. James Stromber

*(continued from last week)*



With such a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the most important truths of our existence it must have been difficult and painful to live through and witness the practical collapse of faith and reason. As Fr. Welzbacher recently told me, "James was a rock of certainty in a sea of confusion." Still, this did not make him an angry man because he was a man of hope, and therefore, joy. He told me the story of one of his colleagues who said to him, "Jim, I don't think there's anything that we can agree on." To which he said, with his irrefutable logic, "Well, we can agree that it's a nice day."

He was a man of hope because he was a man of faith, which is why he was a man of great charity. The three great theological virtues. As a man of reason he knew the reality of God and the necessity of faith, from which comes hope, summed up in the simple and profound Act of Hope, which he so often encouraged: "O my God, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer."

Because he had hope he also had joy, which is defined as "rest in the possession of the good"; and hope is good. I still have all of my notebooks from my classes at St. Thomas. As I reread the notes from his class, which included a couple of drawings of him in his most intense moments, I noticed a phrase that he repeated often; and as Repetition is the Mother of Studies it is obviously very important: "The proper effect of the good is desire; the good causes desire. Good is a cause whose effect is desire and this exists in an agent." There is no greater "Good" than God, Who is Goodness itself. This is why the prayer of St. Thomas, "Grant, O merciful God, that I may ardently desire... what is pleasing to Thee," is the most important disposition that every person can have.

I will greatly miss visiting him in his apartment. There were always stacks of books and papers and something new or old that he was reading. Last fall I told him that I

had given a talk at the Minnesota National Farmer Organization's state convention. His eyes lit up and he said, "I just reread an article called the 'Nature of Agriculture'." And he got up and pulled out the 1958 Laval Theologique et Philosophique and began speaking about the importance of agriculture, rural life, self-determination, happiness and the good of society. He said that I could take the two volumes and make a copy of the article, but I had to promise to bring them back.

(to be continued next week)

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

\*Ron & Rosie Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn, Chad & Emily Sandey, John & Patricia Scheffler, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chris & Shelley Shepherd. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

**ATTENTION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Please turn in your receipts from the festival to the parish office as soon as possible after the festival. We need them to send in the final report to the Gambling Control Board. Thank you.

**ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING:** Monday, August 14th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

### St. Patrick Tavern Gift Certificates

373 books	\$7,460.00	Ron & Kathy McBroom
45 books	900.00	Chad & Emily Sandey
27 books	540.00	Francis & Colleen Beuch
20 books	400.00	Brandon & Gina O'Connell
19 books	380.00	Ted & Lorraine Simon
10 books	200.00	Craig & Kristin Flicek
10 books	200.00	Gary & Barb Lewis
10 books	200.00	Mike & Jan Sticha

(\$20.00 gift certificate for selling 10 raffle books or more.)

A huge thanks to Ron & Kathy McBroom for chairing the raffle tickets and selling all those books!! Thank you also to the rest of the raffle ticket sellers.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection July 30, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,962.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Paul & Linda Torgeson, Thomas & Janet Ryan.

### ST. CATHERINE 32ND ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 10th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. More details to come.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Rachel Friske & Karl Eicher on their marriage on Saturday, August 5, 2017.

**THANK YOU:** Thanks to everyone who gave their time and talent to our Garden Tour and Luncheon. It was a fabulous day with wonderful comments on our beautiful country church, the

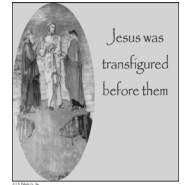
luncheon, and the gardens. We made our goal! Thanks to Frank and Cathy Simons for putting us over the top! May the MASTER GARDENER bless each one of you who made this a remarkable day. *Chairwoman, K.C.*

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Sunday Collection July 30, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,132.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** 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. +Our parish community is saddened by the death of Don O'Connor. Our sympathy to his family and friends.

## 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 teachers and teacher's aides for our Religious Education Program. 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

**Church Bazaar,** Sun. Aug. 6 at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. Polka Mass at 10:00 AM. Food Stands open at 10:30 AM.

**Parish Festival,** Sun. Aug. 6 at Nativity Church in Cleveland. Polka Mass at 8:30 AM. Chicken Dinner 10:00 AM-1:00 PM. Live Music.

**Family Fun Night,** Thur. Aug. 10, 4:00-7:00 PM at Holy Cross Catholic School in Webster. No need to make supper, food trucks are coming to Holy Cross! Come join us for a night of fun and food. Try your chances at a scavenger hunt or a trip down the big inflatable slide and reward yourself with a free ice cream treat!

**Parish Festival,** Aug. 12 & 13 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Polka Masses 5:00 PM Sat., 8:30 & 10:30 AM Sun. Chicken Dinner 11-2 Sun.

**Ho-Down,** Sun. Aug. 20 at Most Holy Trinity in Veseli. Polka Mass at 11:00 AM. Grilled Pork & Dumpling Dinner 11:30 AM until sold-out.