

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 8	NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 9	8:30 AM (SP) +Braden Flicek
Wednesday	Aug. 10	8:30 AM (SC) Ron & Kathy McBroom
Thursday	Aug. 11	8:30 AM (SP) +Ken Ley
Friday	Aug. 12	NO MASS
Saturday	Aug. 13	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Aug. 14	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People 10:30 AM (SP) +Jerry Cavanaugh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 13 & 14, 2016

St. Patrick

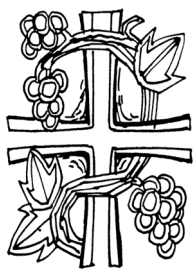
Extraordinary Ministers	8/13	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	8/14	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	8/13	Anne Marie Weiers
	8/14	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	8/13	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	8/14	Bryce Deutsch, Samantha Schoenbauer, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	8/13	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	8/14	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	8/14	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/14	Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske, Frank Simons, Kathy Ceola
Lector	8/14	Dave Nelson
Acolytes	8/14	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Molly O'Hern
Ushers	8/14	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	8/14	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. 8: Fr. Matthew Northenscald, Aug. 9: Fr. Mark Pavlik, Aug. 10: Fr. Joseph Zabinski, Aug. 11: Fr. Adam Tokashiki, Aug. 12: Fr. Eugene Pouliot, Aug. 13: Fr. Timothy Power, Aug. 14: Fr. John Poiwers.



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'S DESK

In Search of the Eternal

At a time when many people take summer vacations it is good to reflect on their value and purpose and what we should be looking for as we plan them. Taking a vacation is not a mere luxury, it is, as Pope Benedict XVI said at the beginning of his much needed vacation last year: "almost a necessity in the world in which we live...to regain one's strength of body and spirit, especially for those who live in the city, where the conditions of life, often feverish, leave little room for silence, reflection and relaxed contact with nature." It is a time to dedicate "to prayer, reading and meditation on the profound meaning of life, in the peaceful context of one's family and loved ones." It is a time which "offers the unique opportunity to pause before the thought-provoking spectacles of nature, a wonderful 'book' within reach of everyone, adults and children." Benedict continued, "in contact with nature, a person rediscovers his correct dimension, rediscovers himself as a creature, small but at the same time unique, with a 'capacity for God' because interiorly he is open to the Infinite." The person "driven by his heartfelt urgent search for meaning... perceives in the surrounding world the mark of goodness and Divine Providence and opens almost naturally to praise and prayer" (Angelus, July 17, 2005).

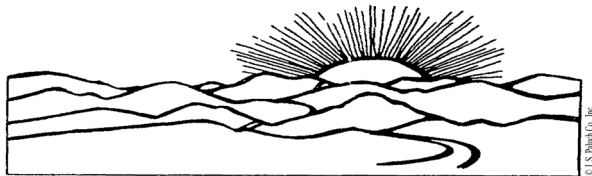
I think this need to discover the real meaning of life through silence, reflection, and contact with nature continues to become more urgent. The more our lives become separated from nature (especially as is found in the rural life), and surrounded by the artificial world that we have created, the more this 'capacity for God' is filled with lesser things. And these lesser things, whether they are possessions, power, pleasures and amusements, or constant activity, do not have the ability to fill this 'capacity for God'. For God is eternal and all these other things are finite. St. Augustine said it best when he finally discovered this great truth after searching for 30 years: "Our hearts were made for thee, O God, and they are restless until they rest in thee" (Confessions, 1:1).

God, of course, can be found anywhere and one can discover Him most perfectly through the teachings of the Church, the Sacraments, and prayer, and it is to these that we go to find Him with certainty. But it is



possible for us to become so caught up in our daily routines that we give little time to these means of knowing God, and the time that we give may not be very fruitful because our hearts are not disposed. Some years ago Benedict offered this advice: "So our vacation habits could lead us to take a good look at ourselves and encourage us to embark on a more momentous adventure than we generally envisage. Surely the journey which is really worthy of man is that which takes him out of everyday constrictions in the search for the Eternal, the search for the face of God" (Seek that which is above, Meditations at vacation time, p.111). Let us do what Benedict recently said and ask Mary "to teach us the secret of the silence that becomes praise, of recollection that disposes to meditation, of love of nature that blossoms in thanksgiving to God. We will thus be able to receive more easily in our hearts the light of Truth and practice it in freedom and love."

Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Tim & Lisa Velishek, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Anthony Verhoeven John Verhoeven, Michael Verhoeven, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

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.

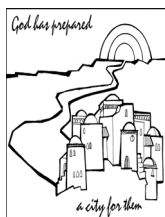
ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, August 15th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: All women of the parish are invited to attend the C.C.W. Meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. Come and check out the C.C.W. and find out more of what we do. Please contact Vickie Cross with agenda items @ 952-461-3036.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection July 31, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,470.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$15,937.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Ken & Becky Jilk, Joel & Deanna Vochoska.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, August 22nd at 7:00 PM.

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 14th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection July 31, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 816.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



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, Benoite 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.

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