

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 2		NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 3		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept. 4	6:30 PM (SP)	Feldmeier Family
Thursday	Sept. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	Dan & Jodie Williamson
Friday	Sept. 6	8:30 AM (SP)	Thoele Family
Saturday	Sept. 7	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Sept. 8	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Rollie & Laura Ryan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 7 & 8, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/7	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	9/8	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Don Pesta
Lector	9/7	Brianne Jirik
	9/8	John Cassady
Altar Servers	9/7	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Joe Weiers
	9/8	Annie & Norah Blaschko, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	9/7	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	9/8	Rob Sticha

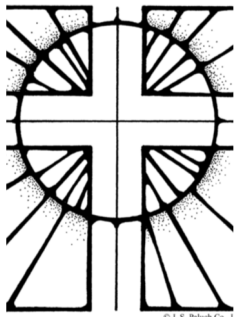
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/8	Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis, Deanna Vochoska, Linda Torgesen
Lector	9/8	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	9/8	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/8	George Doheny, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	9/8	Rick & Linda Sirek

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! The parish office will be closed Monday, September 2nd (Labor Day).

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 2: Pope Francis, Sept. 3: Fr. Michael Miller, Sept. 4: Fr. Michael Daly, Sept. 5: Fr. Douglas Dandurand, Sept. 6: Fr. Dennis Dease, Sept. 7: Fr. James DeBruycker, Sept. 8: Fr. James Deegan.



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.

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FROM THE PASTOR

Work

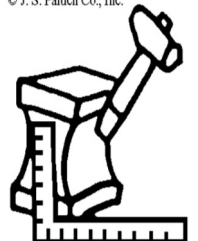
Since 1894 Labor Day has been observed in our country as a way of acknowledging a major part of life: work. On a more practical level it marks the end of summer and the return to a more normal schedule, which again, is very much focused on work. Even children participate in this reality through the work of going to school. It is so much a part of life that normally our very identity is tied to the work we do. "What do you do?" or "what did you do?" is often the first question we are asked by another. Even some last names have come from the work an ancestor had done. For most people work is a necessity, so much so that may take up a third of our lives and sometimes more. Work makes society function.

Since work is such a major part of life it is important to reflect upon it in order to question whether it has a meaning that goes beyond necessity, and a purpose that goes beyond this world. The answer to both questions is yes. Whether manual or intellectual, work is a participation in the creative activity of God, and was included in the beginning in God's plan for us. "Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: 'If any one will not work, let him not eat' (2 Thess 3:10). Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from Him" (Catechism, 2427). Work is not a punishment for sin. "The sign of man's familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden. There he lives 'to till and keep it.' Work is not yet a burden, but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation" (378).

Given this how do we explain the difficulties of work: the toil? Here is where we find the punishment for sin and the redemptive aspect of work. We find in the Book of Genesis that the "original blessing of work contained in the very mystery of creation and connected with man's elevation as the image of God is contrasted with the curse that sin brought with it: 'Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life' (Gen 3:17)" (John Paul II, Laborem Excercens, 27.1). It is here where we find how work can be redemptive. "By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity. He shows himself a true disciple of Christ by carrying the cross in his turn every day in the activity that he is called upon to



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Labor Day

perform” (27.3). This does not mean that we can take advantage of others in their work or pay so that they can have a bigger share in the cross. Justice for the employee and employer must always be observed. With these reflections we see then that the ordinary experience of work has a much greater meaning and significance than simply a paycheck. No matter what work we do, whether inside the home or outside, (so long as it conforms to God’s law) is how we work with God for the well being and redemption of others and ourselves here and hereafter. Then as we look upon our life’s work we can see the work that God did in us and through us, and we can look upon it with Him and see that it was very good.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

*Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer.

Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W.: We are looking for a C.C.W. president. Please prayerfully consider taking this position.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT AUCTION:

Friday, September 27th, 5:00—8:30 PM in the social hall. \$13 for 12oz. top sirloin steak OR 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage. \$2 kids hot dog meal available.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies Thursday evening 6:00—7:30 PM. Contact Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 or Natalie Simon @ 952-649-1408 with silent auction items.

NOTE: St. Patrick’s will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event. Thank you FCSLA!

WEDDING BANNERS I: Thomas Deutsch & Jody Kubiszewski.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection August 25, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,995.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER:

David & Joan Koller, Rick & Linda Sirek.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, September 8th in the church basement after 8:30 AM Mass. Hope to see you there!

ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER: Tuesday, October 8th at the Prior Lake VFW with the social hour starting at 6:30 PM and buffet dinner at 7:30 PM. Two dinners and a raffle ticket are \$100 and a raffle ticket for \$50. Tickets will be sold at St. Catherine’s after the 8:30 AM Mass every Sunday. Tickets will

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection August 25, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,002.82
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.
+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zack Pumper (son of Loren & Mary Pumper, nephew of Jack & Amy Puncochar and Rob & Jodie Puncochar). Our sympathy to his family and friends.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We need volunteers to teach 6th, 7th, and 8th grade (one for each class) and to be substitute teachers and other volunteer positions. Please contact Juli Volk @ 612-382-0265 to volunteer. Lord, please choose from our flock volunteers to fill these positions.

Wed. Sept. 4	6:30 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Sept. 4	7:00 PM	Religious Education Teacher Meeting
Wed. Sept. 11	7:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick & Orientation

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Sept. 27	S.P.	Steak & Chicken Cook-Out
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 3	S.C.	Turkey Bingo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Our Lady of the Prairie Block Party, Sat. Sept 7, 2:00 PM-11:00 PM at 200 E. Church St. in Belle Plaine. Mass at 4:15 PM.

Rise & Shine Breakfast, Thur. Sept. 12, 7:30-9:00 AM at Interlachen Country Club in Edina. Our Lady of Grace Benefit for scholarships serving underprivileged students in Ghana.

