

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 11	NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 12 8:30 AM (SP)	+Lester Maciej
Wednesday	Sept. 13 8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Sept. 14 8:30 AM (SC)	+Bob Maciej
Friday	Sept. 15	NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 16 5:00 PM (SP)	+Rollie & Laura Ryan
Sunday	Sept. 17 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Lawrence Jacques For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/16	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	9/17	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Jan St. Aubin
Lectors	9/16	Mike Puncochar
	9/17	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	9/16	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Blake Simon
	9/17	Cole Flicek, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	9/16	Mark Rezac, Steve Kreuser
	9/17	Rob Sticha, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/17	Rachel Eicher, Dave Nelson, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	9/17	Addey Vochoska
Acolytes	9/17	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/17	George Doheny, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	9/17	Margaret Sharkey, Bonnie Theis

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 4 (Labor Day).

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 11: Fr. Michael Miller, Sept. 12: Fr. Marcus Milless, Sept. 13: Fr. Vincente Miranda, Sept. 14: Fr. John Mitchell, Sept. 15: Fr. Robert Monaghan, Sept. 16: Fr. Michael Monogue, Sept. 17: Fr. Raymond Monsour.



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

When the Towers Fell

My priest classmate, and golf rival, Fr. John Mitchell and I used to play one round each year at a difficult course in Inver Grove Heights. As we prepared to play ten years ago I told him that I looked over the scorecards from our previous matches and noted that our first match there was on September 10, 2001. His reaction was like mine: it was a realization that that was the last day of the world, as we knew it. The next morning the ugly face of evil showed itself in a way that is burned into the memory of every person who looked upon it. The next day I wrote for the bulletin in Delano: "It is nearly impossible to capture in words the terror and the loss of life that has happened. Much of the world was in shock as we watched the unbelievable images shown to us on television. It did not seem real or possible. Yet we knew that is was...it was an attack and a tragedy that our nation and the world will never forget."



Sixteen years later it is still impossible to fathom how members of the same species could choose to inflict that kind of violence and destruction upon one another. Though there was plenty of evil in the world, there was still a carefree security that we enjoyed on September 10th, 2001 that vanished the next morning when the towers fell. Since then we have coped with that day in many ways that have affected our daily lives, and have seen the end of so many more lives through war and continued attacks. We have seen the uprising of ISIS which has spread this terror and destruction throughout the world. In his last major document, John Paul II wrote, "The terrible events of September 11, 2001 were intensely felt by the Synod Fathers, with the dreadful fate of countless innocent victims and for the appearance in our world of grave new situations of uncertainty and fear, both for human civilization and the peaceful coexistence of nations. A new specter of war and death appeared, which, when added to the already existing situations of conflict, made all the more evident the need to implore the Prince of Peace that human hearts might open once more to reconciliation, solidarity and peace" (*Pastores Gregis*, 4).

Here is the key to peace: prayer. What I remember the most about the days and weeks following that terrible day was the way that people around the country turned to God in prayer. It actually strengthened my hope for our nation (which had been drifting further away from God with alarming speed) that deep down in the heart of this country a smoldering wick of faith still burned. Unfortunately it was short-lived, though I think that flame of faith is a little brighter and not buried as deeply. We must not be naïve. Not only are we dealing with an invisible enemy that is seeking the ruin of our souls, we are dealing with a

visible enemy that considers us “infidels” whose destruction would be pleasing to God. The answer to both threats is fidelity. We must be faithful to God and turn to Him in prayer. The Mass, the Rosary, and the Liturgy of the Hours are the most powerful prayers that exist. As Catholics we must lead the way in prayer, confident in the power of God, for Whom “all things are possible” (Matt. 19:26), that hearts will be open to His grace, will turn to Him in repentance, and will never again be broken as they were when the towers fell.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Tony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, Mathias & Diane Sirek, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Troy & Barb Skluzacek. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT

AUCTION: Friday, October 6, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$12 for 12 oz. top sirloin 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 DeGross @ 952-461-4213 or Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 with silent auction items.

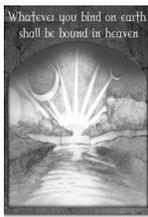
NOTE: St. Patrick’s will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event.

CONGRATULATIONS! Cody Schaefer & Molly Faber on the baptism on their son Maximus Edwin Schaefer on August 27, 2017.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection September 3, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,972.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, September 24th after Mass. Brunch will be provided. If you would like specific topics covered, contact Margaret.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY FALL INSTITUTE: If any ladies of the parish would like to attend the Institute on Thursday, September 28 at St. Dominic Church in Northfield (Mass at 6:00 PM, Dinner at 7:00 PM) please contact Margaret S. before September 21. Registration is \$8.00. See brochure on C.C.W. bulletin board area in back of church.

ST. CATHERINE 32ND ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:

Tuesday, October 10th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be sold after Mass Sunday. \$100/dinner for 2 and a raffle ticket.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Sunday, November 5th—
St. Catherine C.C.W. Turkey Bingo.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection September 3, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,238.17
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Fred & Pat Winker, Steve Kreuser, 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.

SECOND COLLECTION: The Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis will be taking up a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey on the weekend of Sept. 9 & 10. Please be generous to help this humanitarian crisis.

ST. NICHOLAS ADORATION CHAPEL INVITATION: St. Nicholas has the great privilege of having the Saint John Paul II Eucharistic Adoration Chapel. It is located in the old school building southeast of the main church. The entrance to the chapel is from the street level in the front doors and to the right. Currently, there are several open hours in which committed adorers are needed. We invite you to spend time with our Lord in adoration. If you would like to see the open hours or for more information, please visit <https://stncc.net/perpetual-eucharistic-adoration> or call Dana Murphy-Meyer @ 952-461-2492. You’re welcome to stop in anytime your schedule permits.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education for children and youth, preschool through 9th grade, is now open. Please register your children online by going to our parish website and following the link to the Religious Education site. We need to make plans based on enrolled students, so sign up now. (www.stpandc.mn.org)

A requirement for Religious Education programs from the Archdiocese is that we have 2 adults in every classroom. We are in need of 4 adults to join experienced teachers in grades 5 & 7 as well as Confirmation. Your role can be that of a co-teacher or teachers aide. Additionally, we are in need of 2 adults to co-teach Archdiocese required safety lessons. Complete lesson plans are provided. Please contact Juli Volk @ 952-679-2727 or religiousedatpatrick@gmail.com or the parish office.

Wed. Sept. 13	6:30 PM	Teacher Orientation
Wed. Sept. 20	7:00 PM	Confirmation Orientation
Wed. Sept. 27	7:00 PM	Mass & Grades 1-8 Orientation