

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 12	NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 13 8:30 AM (SP)	+Rev. Michael Tegeder
Wednesday	Sept. 14 8:30 AM (SC)	+Mike Lerschen
Thursday	Sept. 15 8:30 AM (SP) Dan & Jennifer Tomaszko	
Friday	Sept. 16	NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 17 5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Sept. 18 8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
	10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/17	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	9/18	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	9/17	Mike Puncochar
	9/18	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	9/17	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Blake Simon
	9/18	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Bella Schulte
Ushers	9/17	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	9/18	Leo Jacques, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	9/18	Norm & Denie Sticha

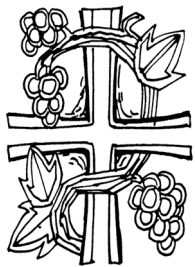
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/18	Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Prochaska, Frank Simons
Lector	9/18	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	9/18	Jonathan McCoy, Karen McCoy, Tom Fredrickson (CB)
Ushers	9/18	Dave Nelson, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	9/18	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?

Sept. 12: Fr. Paul Shovelain, Sept. 13: Fr. Leonard Siebenaler, Sept. 14: Fr. Martin Siebenaler, Sept. 15: Fr. John Siebenaler, Sept. 16: Fr. Thomas Sieg, Sept. 17: Fr. Earl Simonson, Sept. 18: Fr. Robert Sipe.



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

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."

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

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@divinemersey.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.

FSCLA SPONSORED STEAK/CHICKEN COOKOUT & SILENT AUCTION:

(First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association) Friday, October 7, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$12.00/person for 12 oz. top sirloin steak or 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, garlic bread, & dessert. \$2.00/child-hot dog & chips. Come, see, and bid on the silent auction items. We thank FSCLA for a \$600.00 matching grant.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies Thursday evening between 6:00-7:30 PM. Contact Lisa DeGross with silent auction items @ 952-461-4213.

Note: This is the Group III Steak/Chicken Cookout, but by having FSCLA sponsored we get a \$600.00 grant.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 4, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,878.00
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.

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:

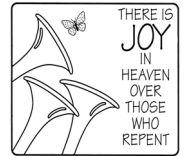
Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 11th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be on sale after Mass September 11th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 4, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 886.00
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, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY:

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. 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.

We are looking for a volunteer for our Sunday School

Program. Program begins November 6, 2016 and runs through March 26, 2017.

Wed. Sept. 14	7:00 PM	Confirmation Orientation-S.P. Church
Wed. Sept. 14	4:45-9:00 PM	7th & 8th grade Net Retreat at St. Wenceslaus PAC
Wed. Sept. 21	7:00 PM	Mass & Orientation, grades 1-8 for students and parents
Wed. Sept. 28	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9 at S.P. Social Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, October 7	S.P.	BBQ Chicken/Steak, Silent Auction
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