

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	9/12	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9/13	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe and Evelyn Scheffler
Wednesday	9/14	6:30 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	9/15	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
Friday	9/16	NO MASS		
Saturday	9/17	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	9/18	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
		10:30 AM	SP	+Jeanette Sticha

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR September 17 & 18 , 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/17	Bill Weiers
	9/18	Kristi Schulte
Lector	9/17	Rob Puncochar
	9/18	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	9/17	Weston & Carolyn Feist
	9/18	Ethan, Scott and Ben Luchsinger
Ushers	9/17	Steve Kreuser
	9/18	Pat Puncochar

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/18	Frank Simons
Lector	9/18	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	9/18	Monica Muelken
Ushers	9/18	Dennis Maciej, Petro Tsarehradsky
Greeters	9/18	Joan Bruzek, Kathy Ceola

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at 10:00am. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

#### PRAY FOR A PRIEST:

9/11	Fr. Joseph Monshau
9/12	Fr. Raymond Monsour
9/13	Fr. Mark Moriarty
9/14	Fr. Paul Moudry
9/15	Fr. Daniel Mould
9/16	Fr. William Murtaugh
9/17	Fr. Edwin Nghah



**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

### *The Joy of Reconciliation*



The greatest parable of reconciliation is found in the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter of St. Luke's Gospel, the Prodigal Son, a more accurate title for which would be the lost son. Jesus tells two other parables before this one: the lost sheep, and the lost coin. All three illustrate the same point: that apart from God's friendship we are lost, and that being restored, or reconciled to Him is a cause for rejoicing. "I tell you, there will be rejoicing among the angels of God over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:10). Why would the angels even care? Because God does. "Do I derive any pleasure from the death of the wicked? Says the Lord God. Do I not rather rejoice when he turns from his evil way that he may live? Return and live!" (Ezekiel 18:23,32). The angels rejoice because God does. I can testify that the most joyful experience of my priesthood is when someone returns to the Church. The cause of the joy is not necessarily how long they have been gone, as much as the fact that they have been gone. They may have left through serious sin, or even wandered away in search of a more "authentic" religion than the Catholic Church. The latter may not be "in sin" because they are searching for the truth in good conscience, and may genuinely believe that they have found it, but still they have wandered away from the true flock of Christ, which is His Church. The joy of their return to the Church, or entering it for the first time, comes from the fact that now their deepest hopes can be completely fulfilled by having access to the fullness of the truth (cf. Catechism, 816).

The main point of the three parables is the condition of separation from God caused by serious sin, of being lost. It is not that God does not know where we are, it is that in a certain sense we are out of His reach. He gave us the gift of freedom that gives us the power to remain in His friendship or to leave it. "Freedom is the power, rooted in reason and will, to act or not to act, to do this or that, and so to perform deliberate actions on one's own responsibility. By free will one shapes one's own life. Human freedom is a force for growth and maturity in truth and goodness; it attains its perfection when directed toward God, our beatitude" (Catechism, 1731). In other words, our very happiness (beatitude) depends on our choices. This is clearly shown in the parable of the lost son. He freely chooses to leave his father's house and wastes his inheritance. His father respects his freedom to do so, even though this choice disrespects and hurts him, and will cause terrible unhappiness to his son. The son finally realizes this when he hits rock bottom. He comes to his senses and realizes that apart from his father's house and friendship he is lost and spiritually dead. He is sad and unhappy as a result of his choices. When he returns he

finds his father watching for him ready to forgive him. The result of the reconciliation is joy. The father is joyful because the son he loves is back. The son is joyful because he is back in his father's house. The same is true for each one of us and God. Apart from Him we are lost and unhappy, yet a choice away from the joy of reconciliation.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR SEPTEMBER:** Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer, Kristi Schulte, Chris & Shelley Shepherd, \*Tony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Cyril & Natalie Simon

Altar Linens: Linda Kreuser

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, September 19 at 7:00pm in the Social Hall.

**GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT AUCTION:** Friday, September 23, 5:00-8:00 PM in the Social Hall. \$17 for 12 oz. top sirloin steak OR 1/2 grilled chicken dinner. \$3 kids meal available.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies and an item for the silent auction on Thursday evening 6:00-7:30 PM. Sign up sheets are in the back of Church.

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

**Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 9/4/22**  
*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
Weekly Basket Collections:	\$ 1,531.00
Weekly Electronic Contributions:	\$ 928.69
Fuel:	\$ 20.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR SEPTEMBER:** Kathy Conway, David & Joan Koller

**PRAY THE ROSARY:** The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

**AUTUMN DINNER TICKET SALES:** Tickets for the Autumn Dinner will be on sale at St. Catherine after the 8:30am Mass today until October 2 and at St. Patrick after the 5pm and 10:30am Masses on September 10/11 and September 24/25. The Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 11.

**ITEMS NEEDED:** If you have any items that you wish to donate for the Silent Auction/Door Prizes for the Autumn Dinner, please contact Deanna Vochoska at 651-303-8778. The deadline to donate is October 2.

**WEDDING BANNERS I:** Noah LeVesseur & Karley Branscomb

**Stewardship of Treasure– Week of 9/4/2022**  
*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
Weekly Basket Collection:	\$ 924.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Rose Cross, Kathy McBroom, Ethel Pieper (Emily Sandey's mom), Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**ROSARY RALLY:** Saturday, September 17 at noon at Memorial Park in Prior Lake. Join us on Constitution & Citizenship day in the United States to pray the Patriotic Rosary for our Nation! All are welcome. Bring a chair if you wish. In inclement weather, we'll meet at St. Catherine Church. Call Kathy Conway with questions at 612-723-3298.

**SW DEANERY:** The SW Deanery of the CCW Fall Institute is September 20 at St. Anne Church/School in Le Sueur. There will be Mass at 6 PM at St. Anne Church (217 N. 3rd St.) followed by a meal, speaker and meeting at St. Anne School (511 N. 4th St.). "It's All About Family" with Cathy Carson of the Cana Family Institute. Registration is \$8 and you can RVSP by email to Doreen Hogan by September 12 at hoganmd21@gmail.com.

Our Lady of Medjugorje's July 25, 2022 Message for the World:

**“Dear children! I am with you to lead you on the way of conversion, because, little children, with your lives you can draw many souls closer to my Son. You be joyful witnesses of God's word and love, and with hope in the heart which conquers every evil. Forgive those who inflict evil on you, and go on the way of holiness. I am leading you to my Son, for Him to be the way, the truth and the life for you. Thank you for having responded to my call.”**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We welcome the Religious Education students and parents to attend our first evening/morning together:

CGS- Sunday, September 11th at 9:15 in Social Hall, Atrium

Grades 1-8 - Wednesday, September 14th at 6:30 pm (meet in church, begins with Mass, meet the teachers and orientation in the classrooms to follow)

Still interested in registering? We have limited seats available in a few grades. Inquire with Kerri Sticha, kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com or call the office, 952-492-6276.