

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	9/13	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9/14	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Sticha
Wednesday	9/15	6:30 PM	SP	Mary Jane Miller & +Carlton Miller
Thursday	9/16	NO MASS		
Friday	9/17	NO MASS		
Saturday	9/18	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	9/19	8:30 AM	SC	+ Ken Cottrell
	9/19	10:30 AM	SP	For our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 18 & 19, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/18	Kelley DeGross & Rita Ryan
	9/19	Dan Cervenka & Dan Cross
Lector	9/18	Jim DeGross
	9/19	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	9/18	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	9/19	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer
Ushers	9/18	Mark Rezac
	9/19	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/19	Pat Schroeder
Lector	9/19	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	9/19	Monica Muelken
Ushers	9/19	George Doheny & Dennis Maciej
Greeters	9/19	Deloris & Lloyd Friske

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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 12: Fr. Rolf Tollefson, Sept. 13: Fr. Bennet Tran, Sept. 14: Fr. Paul Treacy, Sept. 15: Fr. Vaughn Treco, Sept. 16: Fr. John Ubel, Sept. 17: Fr. Stephen Ulrick, Sept. 18: Fr. Mark Underdahl.

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



We Must Never Forget When the Towers Fell

Tuesday, September 11, 2001. I had just finished my third month as the new pastor in Delano. The alarm went off to wake me for the 8:30 Mass and the radio announcers were talking about a plane that hit the World Trade Center in New York. I went downstairs and turned on the television and saw what they were describing. Shortly after the second tower was hit. I got ready and went to Mass and announced that something terrible has happened in New York and that this was something that we would be dealing with for a long time. It has been 20 years.

I found the bulletin from the following weekend. In it I wrote: "The destruction of the World Trade Center towers and part of the Pentagon is an act of violence and horror that has gripped the world. 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 it was. We began to imagine ourselves in the victim's places. The utter terror of being on one of the four planes; of seeing out of their window certain death approaching; the terror of being in one of the towers, an ordinary day of work turned instantly into anyone's worst nightmare; the horrible, empty, feeling of having a loved-one involved. It was an attack and a tragedy that our nation and the world will never forget. It shows us the frightening power of human freedom. The evil that freewill is capable of choosing. The failure to love, on even the most basic level, shown by those who committed this atrocity, and by those who rejoiced over it. It shows us, in an instant, the precious gift that is life; how fragile it is, and the respect that it must be given. It shows us too, the capacity of the human heart to love; the heroism of those who risked and gave their lives to save others; the empathy and tears of those who watched helplessly, and those who poured out their hearts in prayer. Through that prayer we are not helpless. We help in ways that God alone knows."

In recording and studying history it is essential to go back to those who were there. Some say that history is written by the winners. No, I think it is written by the eyewitnesses and those who honestly evaluate what they wrote. Time gives us perspective. One year later I wrote: "Even after a year the shock, the horror, the utter disbelief that someone would freely choose to cause such destruction has not worn off. Over the past year we have watched the destruction from every angle: stories of the victims, stories of great heroism and self-sacrifice, the clean-up, the attempts to bring down the network of terrorism; we have mourned, wondered, and prayed... We have paused this week to remember. And well we should. We remember the priceless value of the gift of life... We thank God for the gift of life, and we pray that all people will respect that gift from beginning to end. We pray that He will protect us and keep us safe."

Five years later, I wrote about it again and I was interested to see that I had remembered what life was like before that day and immediately after: "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... 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 there was a smoldering wick of faith that 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, but we are also 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 SEPTEMBER: Joe & Amy Tupy, Tim & Lisa Velishek, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk, Todd & Larissa Wagner, Joe & June Wallerius, *Leander & Brandi Weckman, Bill & Anne Weiers, Julie Welch, David Zweber.

Altar Linens: Gail Cassady

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.

CONGRATULATIONS: Wishing Marty and Cynthia Flicek a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary!

MASS HELPERS NEEDED: We are looking for more Mass helpers. If interested, please contact Shelley Shepherd @ selesep@gmail.com.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, September 20 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT AUCTION: Friday, October 1st, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. \$15 for 12 oz. top sirloin steak OR 1/2 grilled chicken dinner. \$2 kids meal available.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies on 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 Life (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event. Thank you FCSLA Life!

AUTUMN DINNER TICKET SALES:

St. Catherine's will be selling tickets at St. Patrick after both Masses 9/11-12 & 9/25-26.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
9/5/21 Collection:	\$ 2,716.03
9/5/21 Fuel Collection:	\$ 50.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR SEPTEMBER: Kathy Conway, David & Joan Koller, Rick & Linda Sirek

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.

CCW MEETING CANCELLED: The meeting that was scheduled for today Sunday, September 12 after the 8:30AM Mass has been cancelled.

SAVE THE DATE & TICKET SALES: St. Catherine Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Tickets will be available for purchase after 8:30 Mass today 9/12 through 10/3; in the back of Church.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
9/5/21 Collection:	\$ 1,219.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Father Larry Delaney, Janice Lane, Tom & Jean O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Witt), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, 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, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

SYNOD 2022: Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this fall and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church. Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus areas. You can find more information at archspm.org/synod. There are also sign up sheets in the back of church. The filled out forms can be left in the labeled box in the back of church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	9/15/2021	Grades 1-8 Orientation– 6:30PM Confirmation 1st class– 6:30–7:45PM
Sunday	9/19/2021	CGS– 1st class 9:15-10:15AM
Wednesday	9/22/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	9/26/2021	CGS– 1st class 9:15-10:15AM