

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	9/14	8:30 AM	SP	+Francis Tupy
Tuesday	9/15	8:30 AM	SP	Carlton Miller & Family
Wednesday	9/16	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe, John, & Adeline Horejsi
Thursday	9/17	8:30 AM	SC	Dan & Jennifer Tomaschko
Friday	9/18	NO MASS		
Saturday	9/19	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	9/20	8:30 AM	SC	For Our People
		10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 19 & 20, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/19	None-COVID restrictions
	9/20	None-COVID restrictions
Lector	9/19	Rob Puncochar
	9/20	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	9/19	None
	9/20	None
Ushers	9/19	Volunteer
	9/20	Volunteer

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/20	Pat Schroeder
Lector	9/20	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	9/20	Monica Muelken
Ushers	9/20	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	9/20	Kathy Conway, Janet Ryan

*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. 14: Fr. Benjamin Wittnebel, Sept. 15: Fr. James Wolnik,  
Sept. 16: Fr. Timothy Wozniak, Sept. 17: Fr. Tim Wratkowski,  
Sept. 18: Fr. Timothy Yanta, Sept. 19: Fr. Joseph Zabinski,  
Sept. 20: Fr. Dennis Zehren.



**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

### Lift High The Cross

September 14<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Exaltation, or Triumph, of the Holy Cross. It commemorates two historical events: the finding of the true cross in the year 320, and the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in 335, which was built over the tomb of Jesus. Though lacking hard historical evidence, legend attributes its finding to St. Helena, the mother of Constantine, the first Roman Emperor to become Christian. It was said that the cross of Jesus was distinguished from the crosses of the two thieves by a miraculous cure rendered by the true cross. Whatever the actual historical facts, the important thing is not whether we have a piece of the actual cross on which Jesus died, but that we have its effects. And that is the meaning of this Feast.

It was through the obedient death of Jesus on the cross that salvation was made possible for us. “He humbled Himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross” (Phil. 2:8). Of course, if it ended there our faith would be in vain (cf. 1Cor 15:17). The Resurrection is what makes sense of the Crucifixion. But the Resurrection would not have happened without the Crucifixion. One depends on the other. As Archbishop Fulton Sheen said, “Unless there is a Good Friday in our lives will never be an Easter Sunday. The Cross is the condition of the empty tomb, and the crown of thorns is the preface to the halo of light...if we leave the Cross out of the life of Christ, we have nothing left, and certainly not Christianity” (Life of Christ, preface). That is why we can have a Feast called the Exultation of the Cross. We can lift it up, look at it and say, “This is the wood of the Cross, on which hung the Savior of the world. Come, let us worship” (unveiling of the Cross, Good Friday).

We can look upon the Cross as our hope for the forgiveness of sins and eternal life, and as the ultimate demonstration of God’s love. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Pope John Paul II explains this well-known verse in a most powerful and riveting way: “Man ‘perishes’ when he loses ‘eternal life’. The opposite of salvation is not, therefore, only temporal suffering, but the definitive suffering: the loss of



eternal life, being rejected by God –damnation. The only-begotten Son was given to humanity primarily to protect man against this definitive evil and against definitive suffering. In His salvific mission, the Son must therefore strike evil right at its transcendental roots from which it develops in human history. These roots of evil are grounded in sin and death: for they are at the basis of the loss of eternal life. The mission of the only-begotten Son consists in conquering sin and death. He conquers sin by His obedience unto death, and He overcomes death by His resurrection (Salvifici Doloris, 14). As we meditate more deeply on this central mystery of our faith, we can see why the Cross is the definitive symbol of Christianity, and why we can sing with joy and conviction that great hymn, “Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore His sacred Name.”

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**SEPTEMBER:** \*Terry Connelly, Pamela Caselius, John & Gail Cassidy, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Deb Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross.  
Altar Linens: Gail Cassidy.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL &

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Monday, September 21st at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Brandon & Laura Hall on the baptism of their son, Wyatt James Hall, on August 29, 2020.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*  
Sunday Collection September 6, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 1,931.40  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**SEPTEMBER:** David & Joan Koller, Rick & Linda Sirek.

### ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER:

Due to the uncertainty related to COVID-19 and out of an abundance of caution, the St. Catherine’s Parish Pastoral Council has decided to forgo this year’s Autumn Dinner. This was a difficult decision because the Autumn Dinner has always been a favorite among parishioners and friends of St. Catherine’s and our biggest and most impactful fundraiser of the year.

We have decided to go forward with the raffle part of the Autumn Dinner. Tickets will be \$50 each and we have set a goal to sell at least 200 tickets.

The cash prizes for the raffle are:

Grand Prize \$500.00  
Two Prizes of: \$250.00  
Two Prizes of: \$100.00  
Three Prizes of: \$50.00

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the parish office or the St. Catherine parish council members.

The drawing will take place on Sunday, October 18th after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Catherine.

For more information about the raffle, contact:

Deanna Vochoska (Council Chair) 651-303-8778  
Shawn O’Hern (Trustee) 612-240-8404  
Pat Schroeder (Trustee) 612-834-8253

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Monday, September 28th at 7:00 PM.

#### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*  
Sunday Collection September 6, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 702.98  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Gena Beuch, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorusung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jerry Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### **Religious Education at St. Patrick and St. Catherine Update:**

Greetings, all! While you and your families are figuring out how to help your children succeed in this fall’s new educational environment, we are figuring out just how to offer Faith Formation this year! Before we move forward with any plans we’d love feedback from YOU, our valued Parish Community members. Please take a few minutes to fill out one or both of the following surveys depending on what applies to you: Parents/Guardians hoping to register a child OR if you want to register as a New Volunteer:

<https://forms.gle/AXd2jYYKMBDaKcGBA>

Current teachers/volunteers:

<https://forms.gle/oa26xaDHm6Nv4ozb7>

You can also find the links to these surveys on our Religious Education Website, which is easily accessible through the Parish Website. We look forward to working with and serving you and your families through our Religious Education program as best we can during this unprecedented time. Peace and Blessings to you all!

*Erin McCoy, Religious Ed. Coordinator*

Sunday	10/18/20	SC	Autumn Dinner Raffle
Sunday	11/1/20	SC	Turkey Bingo