

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 16	6:30 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Tuesday	Sept. 17		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept. 18	6:00 PM (SP)	Feldmeier Family
Thursday	Sept. 19	8:30 AM (SC)	Fr. Marvin Deutsch
Friday	Sept. 20		NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, & Richard Beuch
Sunday	Sept. 22	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 21 & 22, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/21	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Bill Weiers
	9/22	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Aimee Henry
Lector	9/21	Lynne Hoffman
	9/22	Juli Volk
Altar Servers	9/21	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross
	9/22	Hannah Langeberg, Ben Meyer, Claire Meyer, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	9/21	Dave Roach, Roman Stepka
	9/22	Darryl Volk

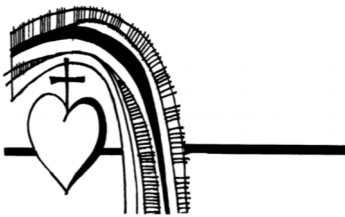
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/22	Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Rachel Eicher, Pat Schroeder
Lector	9/22	Tim Saarela
Altar Servers	9/22	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/22	Kevin Mahowald, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	9/22	Joe & Diane Williamson

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. 16: Fr. John Drees, Sept. 17: Fr. Thomas Dufner,
Sept. 18: Fr. Gerald Dvorak, Sept. 19: Fr. Douglas Ebert,
Sept. 20: Fr. John Echert, Sept. 21: Fr. Lyle (Matthew) Ehmke,
Sept. 22: Fr. Dale Ehrman.



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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

From Sorrow to Joy

Today, September 15, is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows, where we remember the Seven Sorrows of Mary: the Prophecy of Simeon; the Flight into Egypt; the loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple; Mary meets Jesus on the way to Calvary; Jesus dies on the Cross; Mary receives the Body of Jesus in her arms; the Body of Jesus is placed in the Tomb. The first three are from the early life of Jesus, and the last four were on the day of His death. Like Jesus, Mary truly suffered; and like Him again, was brought from the Passion of the Cross to the Glory of the Resurrection: from sorrow to joy. We all can look back upon our lives and identify moments of intense sorrow. Hopefully over time we may experience the joy of the Resurrection. But for some of them we may have to wait until our final agony has passed and we can see all of our crosses in the light of the Resurrection.

25 years ago today I experienced one of those sorrows. It was my Dad's 62nd birthday, and the day that we sold our dairy herd. I was also half-way around the world in the Holy Land beginning my third year of seminary. I began the trip on August 22, the Memorial of the Queenship of Mary. Three days earlier a massive hail storm, ten miles wide, made its devastating way 15 miles from the Northwest, shredding everything in its path. Like everyone else I watched helplessly as it passed through and drove around with my Dad in disbelief surveying the damage it left behind. As the New Prague Times reported: "What looked like a bumper crop for a number of area farmers was lost in a matter of 20 minutes early Friday morning, as a severe thunderstorm struck the New Prague area, producing baseball-sized hail which wiped out some farm fields and caused damage to scores of others. As much as \$3 million in damage was done to crops in the area according to one estimate. A particularly tragic form of destruction was incurred at St. John the Evangelist Church at Union Hill, where very old stained-glass windows were smashed by the hail. The windows have been in place for 110 years." That sight is a permanent memory, as is the terrible smell of the crop aborted by that storm. Three days later I left for a ten day stay in Rome on the way to the Holy Land. That, on top of the knowledge that I would never see our dairy herd again, led to the darkest spiritual period of my life.

It is most difficult to describe how deeply sorrowful was that departure. The cows had been a part of my life for all of it. They were always there. I had always loved the herd. I can remember so many individual cows: Number 68, which I named "Friend", and Cindy, a Brown Swiss that I bought for Dad in 1984 as I was going to the U of M in Waseca. She became not only a pet, but a symbol of the life I loved and that I was asked to exchange for another. Ten days later I wrote to a friend, "At this moment I want to fly home, call off the auction, and never leave my farm again. Pray for me." A few days later, when I told my Mom the same thing over



the phone, she encouraged me to have faith that God had led me to where I was, and that everything was going to be OK: just as mothers do. She said, "If you see a cow at the Cathedral instead of the Bishop, we will buy you the best herd we can find. But if you see the Bishop then you know that God has brought you to where He meant you to be." On May 25th, 1996, I went to the St. Paul Cathedral for my ordination and there were no cows in sight. I later saw a picture of my Dad as he watched me walk up the aisle with the biggest smile that I had ever seen him have. Next to him was my Mom, and above them both, I know, was our Blessed Mother, joyfully looking down upon us all, knowing the sorrow that we all had experienced, would lead to the joy of the Resurrection.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Tod & Lisa Hutchinson, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Leo & Gloria Jacques, Mike & Melissa Janovsky, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Tony & Brianne Jirik, Steven & Susan Johnson, Rick & Jodi Jones, Guy Kelnhofer.
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W.: We are looking for a C.C.W. president. Please prayerfully consider taking this position.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, September 16th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT

AUCTION: Friday, September 27th, 5:00—8:30 PM in the social hall. \$13 for 12 oz. top sirloin steak 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 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 (The First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for this event. Thank you FCSLA!

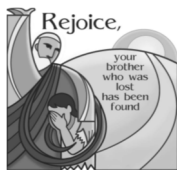
WEDDING BANNIS III: Thomas Deutsch & Jody Kubiszewski.

WEDDING BANNIS II: Steven Gahler & Christine Efta

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection September 8, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 2,032.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER: Parishioners, visitors, friends and families are all welcome. Tuesday, October 8th at the Prior Lake VFW with the social hour starting at 6:30 PM and buffet dinner at 7:30 PM. Two dinners and a raffle ticket are

\$100 and a raffle ticket for \$50. This event is our main fundraiser for the year. We would love to have you join us. Tickets will be sold at St. Catherine's after the 8:30 AM Mass every Sunday. Tickets will be sold at St. Patrick's after the 5:00 PM Masses on September 21st & 28th and after the 10:30 AM Masses September 22nd & 29th.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection September 8, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,499.78
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Roman Stepka, Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We need a volunteer to teach the safety program. Please contact Juli Volk @ 612-382-0265 to volunteer. Lord, please choose from our flock volunteers to fill this position.

Wed. Sept. 18	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Sept. 18	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes
Wed. Sept. 25	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Sept. 27	S.P.	Steak & Chicken Cook-Out
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 3	S.C.	Turkey Bingo
Fri. Nov. 8	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Fall Festival, Sun. Sept. 15 at St. John's in Jordan. 10:00 AM Polka Mass. Chicken & Ham Dinner, 3:30 Quilt Auction.

2019 Walk for Life, Fri. Sept. 20, 5:00-8:00 PM at Cleary Lake Regional Park in Prior Lake. For more info, 651-894-2882.

Fall Festival, Sun. Sept. 22 at Most Holy Redeemer in Montgomery. 10:30 AM Polka Mass. Chicken & Ham Dinner 11:00—1:30 PM. \$12/person, \$5/ages 5-12, 4 & under/free.

Spirit Fest 2019, Sun. Sept. 22 at Divine Mercy in Faribault. 10:00 AM Polka Mass.

