

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 17	6:30 PM (SP)	St. Patrick Men's Club
Tuesday	Sept. 18		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept. 19	6:00 PM (SP)	Rel. Ed. children
Thursday	Sept. 20	8:30 AM (SC)	Dan & Jennifer Tomaschko
Friday	Sept. 21		NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 22	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	Sept. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 22 & 23, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/22	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik, Barbara Lewis
	9/23	Dan Cross, Joan Nelson, Don Pesta
Lectors	9/22	Jim DeGross
	9/23	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	9/22	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Bryce Deutsch
	9/23	Cole Flicek, Ella Flicek, Ethan Flicek
Ushers	9/22	Steve Kreuser, Mark Rezac
	9/23	Pat Puncoschar, Darryl Volk

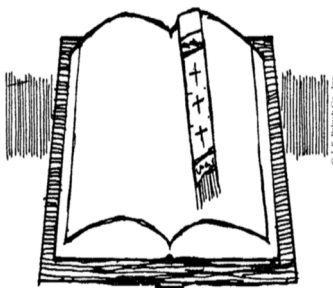
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/23	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Joan Bruzek, Kathy Ceola
Lector	9/23	Laura Saarela
Altar Servers	9/23	Conner Anderson, Karley Vochoska
	9/23	Dave Nelson, Tim Saarela
Greeters	9/23	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. 17: Fr. Michael Skluzacek, Sept. 18: Fr. Michael Johnson, Sept. 19: Fr. Jan Michael Joncas, Sept. 20: Fr. Mark Joppa, Sept. 21: Fr. Thomas Joseph, Sept. 22: Fr. Saw Joseph, Sept. 23: Fr. Anthony Judge.



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 September of My Years

One of my favorite albums is Frank Sinatra's "September of my years," which he recorded the year I was born. It has 13 beautiful songs in which a man reflects on the realization that time has passed him by. The first line in the title song sets the tone: "One day you turn around, and it's summer; next day you turn around, and it's fall. And the springs and the winters of a lifetime, whatever happened to them all." Even though this album has no explicit religious references it does express some truths that our faith teaches us. The above verse sounds much like Psalm 103: 13-17: "For He knows how we are formed, remembers that we are dust. Our days are like the grass; like flowers of the field we blossom. The wind sweeps over us and we are gone; our place knows us no more."

It takes no faith to realize this, only mere observation. The reality is that life is short. Whether it's the summer or a lifetime, time passes by so quickly. This inevitable fact can be rather depressing and hopeless. But our faith changes this outlook giving it meaning and hope. Life does not simply run out. It is realized completely in the eternal life that Jesus promises those who love Him. "He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there shall be no more death or mourning, wailing or pain, for the old order has passed away...they will look upon His face, and His name will be on their foreheads. Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 21:4:22:4-5). This is the awesome destiny and opportunity that lies before us. Because of our faith, the passage of time can be filled with hope rather than dread and regret.

But we can also see what a gift and opportunity time is. Our time here on earth is short and we cannot afford to waste it. Every day gives us an opportunity to grow in the love and knowledge of God. It is an opportunity that we cannot afford to miss. "Make no mistake; God is not mocked, for a person will reap only what he sows...so then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith" (Ephesians 6:7,10). Then, rather than "reaching back for yesterdays", we can eagerly await the bright promise of immortality.

Fr. Michael J. Miller



ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Matthew & Krysta Neisen, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Jeff Paul.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT AUCTION: Friday, October 5, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$13 for 12 oz. top sirloin OR 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage. \$2.00 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 DeGross @ 952-461-4213 or Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 with silent auction items.

NEAT: St. Patrick's will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for the St. Patrick Steak/Chicken Cook-Out. Thank you FCSLA!!!

C.C.W. S.W. DEANERY MISSION EVENT: Thursday, October 25 at St. John the Baptist in Jordan. See the flyer in the entryway of the Church. No shoe boxes are needed this year. We will be asking for donations to fill the box soon.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection September 9, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,439.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



THANK YOU: Thanks to the anonymous person that donated a new basket for St. Catherine. The old one was falling apart!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection September 9, 2018

Received this week.....\$1,487.30
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauer (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

FINANCIAL REPORTS: If you would like to review our financial reports for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, you are welcome to stop by the parish office and review them.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are in need of volunteers to fill teacher, assistant teacher, classroom helper, and hall monitor roles this year. No experience is necessary, just a 3.5 hour Archdiocese training commitment and a sincere desire to share your faith.

Wed. Sept 19	6:00 PM	Mass.
Wed. Sept. 19	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Sept. 26	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.
Wed. Oct. 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Oct. 5	S.P.	Group III Steak/Chicken Cookout
Tue. Oct. 9	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 4	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Applefest Fall Festival, Sun. Sept 16 at St. Anne's Church in LeSueur. Grilled chicken dinner, bingo, music, silent auction.

Fall Festival, Sun. Sept. 16 at St. John's Church in Jordan. Chicken & ham dinner, bingo, music, silent auction, pull tabs.

Hot Dish & Salad Luncheon, Thur. Sept 27 at St. Mary's in LeCenter. 11:00 AM-12:30 PM. Adults/\$7, child/\$3, under 5 free. Craft, bake, and quilt sale.

Fall Festival, Sun. Sept. 30 at Most Holy Redeemer Church in Montgomery. Chicken & ham dinner, bingo, silent auction.

Pilgrimage, Tue. Oct. 23 to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion, Wisconsin. \$40/person. Contact Immaculate Conception parish office in Lonsdale for more information or to register, 507-744-2829.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: Frank & Cathy Simons, Rick & Linda Sirek.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE: Thank you to all who contributed to the window capital campaign and helped us exceed our financial goal. A list of all contributors in alphabetical order is available for review in the back of the church. This is an opportunity to specify exactly how your entry should be represented on the plaque. Changes can be made through Sunday, September 16 prior to the plaque being ordered. Thank you!

AUTUMN DINNER: We are quickly approaching our largest fundraiser of the year—our 33rd annual Autumn Dinner on October 9. A dinner/raffle ticket costs \$100 (includes dinner for 2). The cost of a raffle only ticket is \$50. Tickets will be sold after the 8:30 AM Mass throughout September or you can contact any Parish Council member for advance tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, September 24th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING: Sunday, September 30th after the 8:30 AM Mass. A brunch will be served. If a ride is needed home, call Margaret, Deloris, Kathy C., or Joan.