

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 20	8:30 AM (SP)	+Darv Thoele
Tuesday	Sept. 21	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Wednesday	Sept. 22		NO MASS
Thursday	Sept. 23	8:30 AM (SC)	+Michael Vaughan
Friday	Sept. 24	8:30 AM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Saturday	Sept. 25	5:00 PM (SP)	+Lynne Knickerbocker
Sunday	Sept. 26	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence & Kathleen Stepka
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPT. 25 & 26

St. Patrick

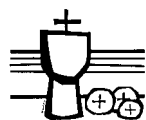
Extraordinary Ministers	9/25	Karen Keenan, volunteers
	9/26	Everett & Joan Nelson, Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross
Lectors	9/25	Karen Keenan
	9/26	Terrie Schoenbauer
Acolytes	9/25	Dan Hoffman, William Hoffman, Mitchell Gareis
	9/26	Nick Benson, Matthew Benson, Tony Verhoeven
Ushers	9/25	Leonard Sticha, Steve Kreuser
	9/26	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	9/26	Silverius & Cecilia Becker

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/26	Dave & Rosie Nelson, Dan & Deb Norman
Lector	9/26	Pat Schroeder
Acolytes	9/26	Rachel Friske, Billy & Samantha Muraski
Ushers	9/26	Steve Boeser, Bruce Brumm
Greeters	9/26	JoAnn Erickson, Bev Grossman

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 ladies 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! Parish Office summer hours: 8:00 AM—1:00 PM.

**READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 26, 2004
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Amos 6:1a,4-7
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Sept. 22	7:00 PM	C.C.D. Orientation Meeting for all parents, teachers, & students in grades 1-10.
Sun. Sept 26	10:30 AM	Sunday School in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Tammy Love, Jim & Jodie Lambrecht, Rick & Vickie Lawrence, Gary & Barbara Lewis, Ron & Kathy McBroom, Gary Macho, James & Geri Mages, Tony & Colleen Martinson. Altar Linens: Jeanette Sticha.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, Sept. 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

Monday, September 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK MEN'S CLUB MEETING:

Monday, September 27th at 7:00 PM in the social hall. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

GROUP III STEAK FRY & SILENT AUCTION: Friday, October 1st, 5:00-8:00 PM in the social hall. There will be a Group III Meeting Sunday, September 19th after mass. Sign-up sheets are in the back of church. \$12.00/person for 12 oz. top sirloin steak, baked potato, cole slaw, garlic bread, & dessert. \$2.00/child-hot dog & chips. Group III members please bring 2 loaves garlic bread Thursday evening between 5:00 and 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU: Many thanks to the people that set-up and helped with the Dedication of the new shed & kitchen. Also, thank you to all the people that attended the event. The name of the new shed is **Assumpta Pavilion**, in honor of Mary.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 12, 2004

Received this week.....\$ 1,562.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,680.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: *Joe & Diane Williamson, Elizabeth Vaughan, Allen & Cathy Svoboda, David & Bonnie Buresh, Roger & Le Ann Brezina.

ST. CATHERINE PARISHIONERS: Instead of having a Brat Sunday this year, the Parish Council would like to invite you all to a **FREE** Pancake Breakfast on September 19, 2004, after the 8:30 AM mass. We hope you can all attend.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, September 27th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE'S AUTUMN DINNER:

Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at the VFW in Prior Lake. Cost is \$100/couple. Includes steak and shrimp dinner, 2 free drinks per person, and all the hors d'oeuvres you want. 1st prize is \$1000, 2nd & 3rd prizes are \$250, every 15th ticket drawn is \$100, and also other door prizes. Tickets will be available after mass.

ST. CATHERINE'S TURKEY BINGO: Sunday, November 7, 2004. We are looking for a co-chair for the Turkey Bingo. If interested in a fun job, call Ann Korbel @ 952-447-1454.

ALPHA WOMEN'S CENTER EVENT: St. Catherine's C.C.W. has purchased a table for 8 at the Alpha Women's Center Annual Banquet & Silent Auction. The event starts at 6:00 PM at Friendship Church in Shakopee on October 1st. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Kempf @ 952-447-5426. If more than 8 people are interested, we can purchase additional tickets or tables.

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Received this week.....\$1,141.54



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Mathew Odette (grandson on Don & Virginia Odette), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Ronald Greger (brother of Diane Williamson), Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Pam Boeser Spangrud, Angela Brandel, Jeff Paul.

FLU SHOTS will be offered through the Parish Nurse Program on Wednesday, November 3rd from 6:00-8:00 PM at the St. Patrick Social Hall. Put it on your calendar. More information will follow in October's bulletin.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Religious Education begins this Wednesday, September 22nd, at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall. At that time, we'll review the calendar, meet the teachers, and discuss the curriculum, after which grades 1 through 8, along with their parents, will be excused to their classrooms. Parents—please ensure you've completed your registration form. If you haven't yet done so, there will be an opportunity when you arrive on Wednesday.

THANK YOU: C.C.D. Teachers and Aids will be recognized during all masses this weekend. Our heartfelt thanks go out to our teachers and aids. There are prayer cards at the back of both churches. Please take one and pray frequently for your children, and those Catechists who are volunteering their time and talents in this very special way.

FUEL COLLECTION: Next weekend, September 25 & 26, there will be a second collection for fuel. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM:

"It is believed that complementary therapies support medical care; physically, spiritually, and emotionally. These therapies are not meant to act in place of regular medical care, but as a complement to it. Research suggests that it may enhance a person's immune system and thereby improve quality of life." Your next week's bulletin will share some forms of complementary therapy for holistic healing. Watch for it.

STEWARDSHIP—As Christian Stewards we can
—develop our full potential as human beings.
—show our gratitude for God's many gifts.
—help restore the world and the human community.
—grow spiritually and become more like Christ.

LEARNING ABOUT LITURGY—

A cross often dominates the sanctuary of a Catholic church. We trace its lines at the beginning and end of every mass and we venerate it every Good Friday. On solemn occasions we incense the cross first, even if it stands separate from the altar, to signify our respect for the suffering and death of Jesus.

For centuries the location of the cross never varied in a Catholic church. It rested on or above the altar against the back wall. Then in the 1960s we allowed the altar to come forward. This happily brought priest and people face to face around the table of the Eucharist, but the cross needed a new home. Resting on the altar or suspended above it, the cross would obstruct everybody's view. Besides, the top of the altar itself is reserved for the most important elements of the mass, bread and wine and whatever else is absolutely necessary, like the book from which the priest prays.

The liturgy permits use of a processional cross. If your parish wishes, you may lead the entrance procession into the church with the cross flanked by candles. Incense may prepare its way. When the cross leads the procession, it animates the first action of the mass, even before we mark ourselves with its sign at the first words we speak. Once inside, the cross may stand somewhere near the altar. Its position may vary, depending on where other objects occupy the sanctuary.

Our church urges us to avoid duplicating images where we pray—having two or more statues of the same saint. For that reason, parishes that elect to lead processions with the cross need not provide another cross on the wall of the church. The processional cross that first draws our eyes in the service keeps them focused on Christ throughout.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Growing Through Loss, "Through My Eyes..." Thur. Sept. 23, 6:30 PM at All Saints Church in Lakeville. 952-431-4313.

Parish Festival, Sun. Sept. 19 at St. John the Baptist in Jordan. Mass 8:00 or 10:00 AM, Chicken & Ham Dinner 11-3 PM.

St. John & St. Benedict Parishes are celebrating the **60th anniversary** of Fr. Elgar and his **88th birthday** on Sun. Sept. 19. Mass will be at St. John's in Union Hill at 1:00 PM and reception following at the K.C. Hall in New Prague from 2-6 PM

Seeds of Hope, dinner & musical performance, benefit for School Sisters of Notre Dame. Sun. Sept 19 at St. Edwards' in Bloomington. \$75/person. For more info, 651-695-0570.

Women's Retreat, Sept. 21-23 & Oct. 1-3 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

K.C. #1685 Pork Chop Dinner, Fri. Sept. 24, 5:00-8:00 PM at the K.C. Hall in Shakopee. \$8.50/person, \$2.00/child-hot dog.

Parish Festival, Sun. Sept. 26 at Holy Redeemer in Montgomery. Polka mass-10:30 AM. Chicken & Ham Dinner 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. Silent Auction, Hand-Made Crafts, etc.