

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	9/20	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9/21	NO MASS		
Wednesday	9/22	NO MASS		
Thursday	9/23	NO MASS		
Friday	9/24	NO MASS		
Saturday	9/25	5:00 PM	SP	+Bernard Simek
Sunday	9/26	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
	9/26	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/25	Bill Weiers & Tony Jirik
	9/26	Gloria Jacques & Kristi Schulte
Lector	9/25	Rob Puncochar
	9/26	Jenny Witt
Altar Servers	9/25	Weston Feist
	9/26	Sara Bjerke & Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	9/25	Matt Sirek
	9/26	Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/26	Frank Simons
Lector	9/26	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	9/26	Volunteers
Ushers	9/26	Kevin Mahowald & Dave Nelson
Greeters	9/26	Lee Hesse & Janet Ryan

Bulletin Deadline Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 19: Fr. Victor Valencia, Sept. 20: Fr. Nicholas Vandembroeke, Sept. 21: Fr. James Van Dorn, Sept. 22: Fr. Michael Van Sloun, Sept. 23: Fr. John Vander Ploeg, Sept. 24: Fr. Anthony Vanderloop, Sept 25: Fr. Richard Villano.

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



On September 15, was 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, 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 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.

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!

WEDDING BANNES: Brian Hartman and Courtney Smith

AUTUMN DINNER TICKET SALES:

St. Catherine's will be selling tickets at St. Patrick after both Masses next weekend; 9/25 & 9/26.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
9/12/21 Collection:	\$ 2,022.02



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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, September 27 at 7:00pm.

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 9/19 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
9/12/21 Collection:	\$ 1,664.00



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, 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 SMALL GROUP: Archdiocesan Synod small group kick-off. Sunday September 19 at 4:00 PM at St. Patrick's Social Hall. Join us for a light supper and Archbishop Hebda's video presentation with discussion. All are welcome.



SOUTHWEST CCW DEANERY FALL INSTITUTE:

Tuesday, September 28 at St. Mary's in Le Center. All are invited. \$8.00/person. Mass at 6pm followed by supper and a program. Lynn Varco of the MN Catholic Conference will speak via Zoom. \$1 Raffle chances for a family theme basket. All proceeds will be donated to the Madonna Fund. Please RSVP before Tuesday, September 21 by phone or email to Marcia Simon: masimon@nuveramail.net, 952-652-2998 or 507-649-1051.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND: There will be a second collection next weekend for fuel.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	9/22/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	9/26/2021	CGS- class 9:15-10:15AM
Wednesday	9/29/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class- FMSC 6-8:00PM
Sunday	10/3/2021	CGS- class 9:15-10:15AM