

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 3		NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 4		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept. 5	8:30 AM (SC)	Philip Tomaschko
Thursday	Sept. 6	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Friday	Sept. 7	8:30 AM (SP)	Special Intention
Saturday	Sept. 8	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Sept. 9	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 8 & 9, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/8	Barbara Lewis, Dave Roach, Bill Weiers
	9/9	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Rob Puncochar
Lectors	9/8	Anne Marie Weiers
	9/9	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	9/8	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	9/9	Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	9/8	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	9/9	Pat Puncochar, Norm Sticha

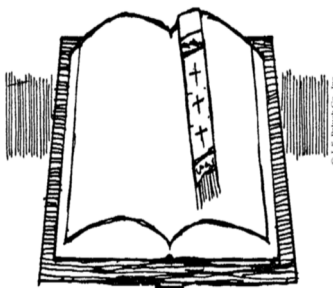
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/9	Bill Dillingham, Dave Nelson, Barbara Lerschen, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	9/9	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	9/9	Karley Vochoska, Lawson Eller
	9/9	Frank Simons, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	9/9	Margaret Sharkey, Dianne Schumann

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! The parish office will be closed Monday, September 3rd (Labor Day).

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 3: Fr. Jeffrey Huard, Sept. 4: Fr. Peter Hughes, Sept. 5: Fr. Thomas Hunstiger, Sept. 6: Fr. Joseph Hurtuk, Sept. 7: Fr. Gregory Hyde, Sept. 8: Fr. Michael Ince, Sept. 9: Fr. Michael Izen.



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

Work

Since 1894 Labor Day has been observed in our country as a way of acknowledging a major part of life: work. On a more practical level it marks the end of summer and the return to a more normal schedule, which again, is very much focused on work. Even children participate in this reality through the work of going to school. It is so much a part of life that normally our very identity is tied to the work we do. "What do you do?" or "what did you do?" is often the first question we are asked by another. Even some last names have come from the work an ancestor had done. For most people work is a necessity, so much so that may take up a third of our lives and sometimes more. Work makes society function.

Since work is such a major part of life it is important to reflect upon it in order to question whether it has a meaning that goes beyond necessity, and a purpose that goes beyond this world. The answer to both questions is yes. Whether manual or intellectual, work is a participation in the creative activity of God, and was included in the beginning in God's plan for us. "Human work proceeds directly from persons created in the image of God and called to prolong the work of creation by subduing the earth, both with and for one another. Hence work is a duty: 'If any one will not work, let him not eat' (2 Thess 3:10). Work honors the Creator's gifts and the talents received from Him" (Catechism, 2427). Work is not a punishment for sin. "The sign of man's familiarity with God is that God places him in the garden. There he lives 'to till and keep it.' Work is not yet a burden, but rather the collaboration of man and woman with God in perfecting the visible creation" (378).

Given this how do we explain the difficulties of work: the toil? Here is where we find the punishment for sin and the redemptive aspect of work. We find in the Book of Genesis that the "original blessing of work contained in the very mystery of creation and connected with man's elevation as the image of God is contrasted with the curse that sin brought with it: 'Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life' (Gen 3:17)" (John Paul II, *Laborem Exercens*, 27.1). It is here where we find how work can be redemptive. "By enduring the toil of work in union with Christ crucified for us, man in a way collaborates with the Son of God for the redemption of humanity. He shows himself a true disciple of Christ by carrying the cross in his turn every day in the activity that he is called upon to perform" (27.3). This does not mean that we can take advantage of others in their work or pay so that they can have a bigger share in the cross. Justice for the employee and employer must always be observed. With these reflections we see then that the ordinary experience of work has a much greater meaning and significance than simply a paycheck. No matter what work we do, whether inside the home or outside, (so long



as it conforms to God's law) is how we work with God for the well being and redemption of others and ourselves here and hereafter. Then as we look upon our life's work we can see the work that God did in us and through us, and we can look upon it with Him and see that it was very good.

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.

C.C.W. S.W. DEANERY COUNCIL FALL INSTITUTE:

Thursday, September 13th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Waterville. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entry way of church and a flyer in the entryway for more information.

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 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!!!

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: We reached our goal! 25% will be given back to the parish (Over \$1,600.00).

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection August 26, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 1,901.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$ 6, 463.00
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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!

GARDEN TOUR APPRECIATION: Thank you, Kathy Ceola, and gardening friends for the successful Garden Tour fundraising efforts to help St. Catherine's bottom line. You did a great job! The C.C.W. was instrumental in the beautiful completions of all the tasks. Our parishioners stepped up to the plate with their donations and talents. God bless you all. Gratefully, *St. Catherine's parishioners, Parish Council, and all those that enjoyed the glory of the gardens*

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection August 26, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 880.64
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Window Repair Estimate.....	\$23,115.00
Window Repair Campaign.....	\$26,035.00



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 Mauser (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

Enroll your children in Religious Education by

1. Visiting www.stpandc.mn.org and selecting the Religious Education tab at the top of the page.
2. Navigate to the Religious Education website by clicking the Religious Education link. (You can also go directly to <https://sites.google.com/site/religiousedatstpatricks/>.)

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.

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

