

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 23	6:30 PM (SC)	+Ardis DesMarais
Tuesday	Sept. 24		NO MASS
Wednesday	Sept. 25	6:00 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	Sept. 26	8:30 AM (SC)	Linda Torgesen
Friday	Sept. 27		NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 28	5:00 PM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen
Sunday	Sept. 29	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 28 & 29, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/28	Barbara Lewis, Dave Roach, Rita Ryan
	9/29	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Joan Nelson
Lector	9/28	Shelley Shepherd
	9/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	9/28	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Joe Weiers
	9/29	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Lincoln Stuber
Ushers	9/28	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	9/29	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/29	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson, Barbara Lerschen, Linda Torgesen
Lector	9/29	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	9/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/29	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	9/29	Ken & Kathy Ceola

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. 23: Fr. Allan Eilen, Sept. 24: Fr. Joah Ellis,
 Sept. 25: Fr. John Erickson, Sept. 26: Fr. Michael Erlander,
 Sept. 27: Fr. Gregory Esty, Sept. 28: Fr. Bryce Evans,
 Sept. 29: Fr. Dennis Evenson.



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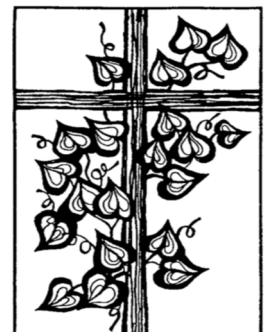
Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

The Beauty of Fall

We just entered what I think is the most wonderful time of the year: the season of fall. It is a time when the ordinary becomes extraordinary. Trees that we have hardly noticed all summer suddenly astound us with their beautiful color. Ordinary green gives way to flaming red, orange, and yellow. Sounds and sights of the harvest fill the air. The sky is more blue, the air more crisp, and insects that have bugged us all summer are gone. One is compelled to go outside and drink it all in. It is very important, spiritually, that we do. For it is not just pleasurable to experience fall, its beauty actually draws us closer to God: “For from the greatness and the beauty of created things their author, by analogy, is seen” (Wisdom 13:5). In a message to artists, Pope John Paul II commented on this: “The brilliance of contemplated beauty opens the spirit to the mystery of God. Beauty has its own pedagogical force to introduce knowledge of the truth effectively. In fact, it leads to Christ, who is the Truth. Indeed, when love and the search for beauty spring from a dimension of faith, one can penetrate the depth of things and come into contact with the One who is the source of everything that is beautiful. It is evident that nature, things, people, are able to cause astonishment because of their beauty. How is it possible not to see, for example, in a sunset in the mountains, in the immensity of the sea, in the features of a face something that is attractive and, at the same time, compels one to know more profoundly the reality that surrounds us?” This beauty that draws us into the mystery of God is not limited to created things but is shown even more in human actions: “Suffice it to think of the power of spiritual attraction exercised in an act of justice, a gesture of forgiveness, sacrifice for a great ideal lived with joy and generosity.”

With all of the evil in the world, and the ugliness, which is its fruit, it is so very important to remember and experience the beauty that shows the goodness of God. He surrounds us now with this beauty in the season of fall. It is all around us. As we enjoy it, let us all observe it more deeply, and consciously acknowledge the One who made it all. Doing so can help us to become more aware of the beauty of the other seasons: the blossoming of new life in spring; the fullness of that life in summer; the quiet rest of winter. We can become alive to the beauty of even the most simple things. “Creation is a book proclaiming the Creator” (Fr. Thomas Dubay, *The Evidential Power of Beauty*, p.



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163). Let us remember too, that the beauty of our actions is a sign to others of God's goodness, which may draw them into the mystery of His life. "Truth is perceived in the beautiful, which attracts to itself through the unmistakable fascination that springs from great values. Thus feeling and reason find themselves radically united in an appeal addressed to the whole person. Reality, with its beauty, makes one feel the beginning of the fulfillment and seems to whisper to us: 'You will not be unhappy; the desire of your heart will be fulfilled, what is more, it is already being fulfilled'" (John Paul II, message to artists).
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.

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!

CONGRATULATIONS! Thomas Deutsch & Jody Kubiszewski on their wedding at St. Patrick on September 21, 2019.

WEDDING BANNS III: Steven Gahler & Christine Efta.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection September 15, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,764.00
 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.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH: Alpha Women's Center Mobile Clinic in Prior Lake (formerly ICU Mobile) is dispersing baby bottles. Please fill them with cash, change, or checks and return them to the Church on or before Sunday, October 27th. Every donation helps us keep serving women in our community by showing them that there is another choice, a choice that honors the life of both the mother and baby. Thank you for your support.
A Community Caring for Life

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Sunday Collection September 15, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,104.86
 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.

*You can see how Maxley Ferguson is doing by going to the blog <http://honeyedheart.com/> Thank you for all the prayers for him.

SECOND COLLECTION: Next weekend, Sept. 28 & 29, we will have a second collection for Fuel. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

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.

Sun. Sept. 22	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Wed. Sept. 25	6:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick
Wed. Sept. 25	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes
Sun. Sept. 29	9:15 AM	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Wed. Oct. 2	5:30 PM	Taco Dinner
Wed. Oct. 2	6:45 PM	Religious Education Classes

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