

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 26	6:30 PM (SC)	+Russ Egan
Tuesday	Sept. 27	8:30 AM (SP)	+Janet Rezac
Wednesday	Sept. 28	6:00 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Thursday	Sept. 29	8:30 AM (SC)	+Geraldine Doheny
Friday	Sept. 30		NO MASS
Saturday	Oct. 1	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Oct. 2	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People Dawn Stehlik

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/1	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	10/2	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	10/1	Lynne Hoffman
	10/2	Julie Volk
Acolytes	10/1	Ben Simon, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	10/2	Megan Theis, Sara Bjerke, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	10/1	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	10/2	Gerald Sandey, Darryl Volk
Greeters	10/2	Don & Elaine Pesta

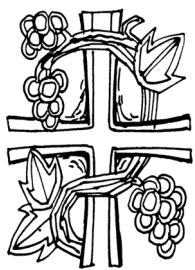
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/2	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Bill Dillingham, Barb Lerschen
Lector	10/2	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	10/2	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken, Kevin Mahowald (CB)
Ushers	10/2	Tim Saarela, Frank Simons
Greeters	10/2	Margaret Sharkey, Lee Hesse

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. 26: Fr. James Spahn, Sept. 27: Fr. Stanley Srnec, Sept. 28: Fr. Michael Stelmach, Sept. 29: Fr. Joseph Stenger, Sept. 30: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Oct. 1: Pope Francis, Oct. 2: Fr. Michael Miller.



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'S DESK

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. 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



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER: Gregory & Deborah Horejsi, Joseph & Katie Ludden, Thomas & Janet Ryan.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, September 26th at 7:00 PM.

ST. CATHERINE 31ST ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER: Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 11th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Tickets will be on sale after Mass September 25th.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE I: Jason Erickson & Gabriella Mora.
BANNS OF MARRIAGE II: Benjamin Rancher & Shasteana (Wikenheiser) Rancher.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
 Sunday Collection September 18, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 825.00
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Dale Nesbitt, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY: Sittings are available at either St. Patrick's or St. Catherine's September 27, 28, 29, October 1, 28, & 29 so you can pick the date/time that is most convenient. If you are having trouble signing up electronically you can sign up in the back of either church or call Delores Friske/St. Catherine or Joe O'Brien/St. Patrick to sign up manually. We are looking for old pictures of the churches/parishes. Contact the parish office if you have some photos to share for the directory.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. Sept. 28	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9 at S.P. Social Hall.
Sat. Oct. 1	6:00-9:30 PM	Confirmation Lifeline, St. Paul.
Wed. Oct. 5	6:45-8:00 PM	Classes, grades 1-9.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday, October 7	S.P.	BBQ Chicken/Steak, Silent Auction
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 6	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo
Friday, November 11	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

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 OCTOBER:

*Curt & Tracy Anderson, Mary Jo Andreason, Craig & Aubre Barnd, Ronald Bastyr, Joel & Andrea Beno, Francis & Colleen Beuch, Jim & Cathy Beuch, JoAnn Beuch, Bryan & Jacque Bittner, Jeff & Rena Bjerke. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

C.C.W. SOUTHWEST DEANERY MISSION EVENT:

Thursday, October 13 at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Doors open at 5:00 PM. Don't forget to bring your address labels for the raffle. Flyer coming soon.

ACCL BUNDLES OF LOVE: St. Patrick Parish will be doing *Bundles of Love*. Watch for the poster in church.

FSCLA SPONSORED STEAK/CHICKEN COOKOUT & SILENT AUCTION:

(First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association) Friday, October 7, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$12.00/person for 12 oz. top sirloin steak or 1/2 BBQ chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, garlic bread, & dessert. \$2.00/child-hot dog & chips. Come, see, and bid on the silent auction items. We thank FSCLA for a \$600.00 matching grant.

Group III members please bring 2 loaves of garlic bread and bars/cookies Thursday evening between 6:00-7:30 PM. Contact Lisa DeGross with silent auction items @ 952-461-4213.

Note: This is the Group III Steak/Chicken Cookout, but by having FSCLA sponsored we get a \$600.00 grant.

DONUT SUNDAY: Join us Sunday, October 9 to welcome our new parishioners. Coffee & donuts will be served after the 10:30 AM Mass in the back of Church.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE I: Megan Ryan & Tyler Green.

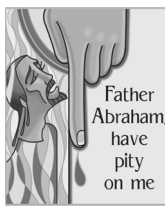
ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can now be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass.

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Received this week.....\$ 1,823.25
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
 Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$12,937.00