

## 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 28	6:30 PM (SC)	Fr. Tim Deutsch
Tuesday	Sept. 29	8:30 AM (SP)	+Karen Liemandt
Wednesday	Sept. 30	6:50 PM (SP)	+Harold & Della Schmitt
Thursday	Oct. 1	8:30 AM (SC)	Dawn Stehlik
Friday	Oct. 2		NO MASS
Saturday	Oct. 3	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	Oct. 4	8:30 AM (SC)	For our parishioners, guests, & visitors
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER 3 & 4, 2015

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	10/3	Agnes DeGross, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	10/4	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Amy Holden, Aimee Henry
Lectors	10/3	Lynne Hoffman
	10/4	John Cassady
Acolytes	10/3	Dan DeGross, Mitchell Rousseau, Sam Lambrecht
	10/4	Lily & Bella Schulte, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	10/3	Roman Stepka, Steve Kreuser
	10/4	Don Pesta, Darryl Volk
Greeters	10/4	Don & Elaine Pesta

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	10/4	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson, Paul & Linda Torgesen
Lector	10/4	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	10/4	Kendra Korbek, Abbie & Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	10/4	Dave Buresh, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	10/4	Frank & Cathy Simons

*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!*

### READINGS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2015 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24  
Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11  
Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

## SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

### ST. PATRICK

#### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE

**MONTH OF OCTOBER:** \*Tony & Brianne Jirik, Jeff & Toni Jeurissen, Rob & Renae Jirak, Brent Johnson, Steven & Susan Johnson, Jennifer Jones, Guy & Andrea Kelnhofer, Douglas & Eugenia Klegstad. Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

**WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?** Sept. 28: Fr. Dennis Backer, Sept. 29: Fr. Albert Backmann, Sept. 30: Abp. Bernard Hebda, Oct. 1: Pope Francis, Oct. 2: Fr. Michael Miller, Oct. 3: Fr. William Baer, Oct. 4: Fr. Sebastien Bakatu.  
*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.*

**MISSION EVENT:** Thursday, October 22nd at St. John's in Jordan. Doors open at 5:30 PM. Bring your address labels for the raffle. Admission for this years Mission Event will be Personal Hygiene Products. Flyer coming soon.

**FSCLA SPONSORED STEAK/CHICKEN COOKOUT & SILENT AUCTION:** (First Slovak Catholic Ladies Association) Friday, October 9, 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. 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. We thank FSCLA for a \$600.00 matching grant.

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

**A COMMUNITY CARING FOR LIFE** will be collecting for Mary Jo Copeland "Sharing and Caring Hands" during the month of October. Please see the wish list attached on the Pack-N-Play at St. Patrick. Thank you from the Community Caring for Life Committee.

The S.W. Deanery has taken on the project of **CAPS OF LOVE**. Please help by seeing the poster in the entryway for the acceptable and unacceptable caps. Please sort and clean them. Put into separate bags and place them in the recycling can in the entryway. Thank you.  
*St. Patrick C.C.W*

#### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"  
Sunday Collection September 20, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 2,065.34  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00

Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because of Christ will be rewarded



### ST. CATHERINE

#### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Thomas & Janet Ryan, Brad & Kim Smith, Jody & Jane Timm.

**A CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL:** If you are a visitor you are invited to sign the welcome book in the entry way and come and worship with us again.

#### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Monday, September 28th at 7:00 PM.

**ST. CATHERINE FALL C.C.W. MEETING:** Thursday, October 1, 7:00 PM at St. Catherine Church. Agenda:  
 C.C.W. Elections, C.C.W. 2015-2016 Charitable Contributions  
 C.C.W. Social Service Activities  
 C.C.W. 2015 Christmas Get-Together  
 C.C.W. 2016 Spring Event  
 A recap of our 150th Celebration  
 All women of the parish are welcome.  
 Please contact Sue Kempf with questions, 952-447-5426.

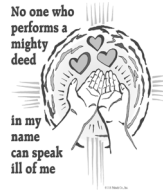
**ST. CATHERINE 30TH ANNUAL AUTUMN DINNER:**  
 Mark your calendars, Tuesday, October 13th at the V.F.W. in Prior Lake. Do you have a talent, service, or treasure to share? Don't hide it under a basket, let your light shine. We need items for the Silent Auction at the Autumn Dinner, please call Kathy @ 952-440-6740.

**OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH:** There will be a baby bassinet in back of St. Catherine's Church. Items needed: infant clothes, blankets, and diapers. Cash donations or check donations made to: ICU Mobile (Image Clear Ultrasound) formerly Alpha Women's Center in Prior Lake.

**Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
 Sunday Collection September 20, 2015

Received this week.....\$ 486.00  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00



**PARISHIONERS CORNER**

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR**

**PARISHES:** Laura Ryan, Nicole Wood, Evelyn Scheffler, Francis Stepka, Celeste Wilson, John Chruscinsky, Bill Ronayne, Robert Richardson, Dave Hover, Debbie Bell (Cathy Theis' cousin), Jerry Cavanaugh (Jodie Punicochar & Jim Cavanaugh's dad), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Braden Flicek, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Beatrice Mushitz, Mike Zender, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Shannon Quinn, Rosetta Shea, Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**SECOND COLLECTION:** This weekend, September 26 & 27, we will have a second collection for fuel.

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:** Sunday, October 25th there will be training for current and new acolytes immediately after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Catherine and the 10:30 AM Mass at St. Patrick.

**SHOE BOXES:** It's that time of year again. Please bring your empty shoe boxes to church for the CCD Papal Footprints Project. They can also be brought with your student to Wednesday night Religious Education. Thank you.

**UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE**

Friday, October 9	S.P.	Group III Steak/Chicken Fry
Tuesday, October 13	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 1	S.C.	Turkey Bingo
Friday, November 13	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Wed. Sept. 30	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-9.
Wed. Oct. 7	6:45-8:00 PM	Religious Education Class, Grades 1-9.
Wed. Oct. 14		NO Religious Education Class, MEA.

**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 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 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).