

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 5	NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 6	8:30 AM (SP) +Rev. Robert Dobihal
Wednesday	Sept. 7	8:30 AM (SC) Katie Haferman
Thursday	Sept. 8	8:30 AM (SP) David Williamson
Friday	Sept. 9	NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 10	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Sept. 11	8:30 AM (SC) +Lawrence Jacques 10:30 AM (SP) For Our People

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

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



LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/10	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan
	9/11	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	9/10	Shelley Shepherd
	9/11	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	9/10	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	9/11	Elias DeGeest, Alycia Klegstad, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	9/10	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	9/11	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	9/11	Dan & Deb Cervenka

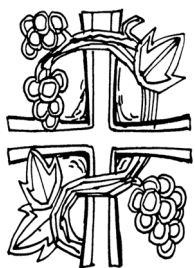
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/11	Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske, Barbara Lerschen, Dave Nelson
Lector	9/11	Deanna Vochoska
Acolytes	9/11	Kendra Korbelt, Bryce Horejsi, Deanna Vochoska (CB)
Ushers	9/11	Greg Horejsi, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	9/11	Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald

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. 5: Fr. Damien Schill, Sept. 6: Fr. Leo Schneider, Sept. 7: Fr. James Schoenberger, Sept. 8: Fr. Donald Schwalm, Sept. 9: Fr. Robert Schwartz, Sept. 10: Fr. Martin Shallbetter, Sept. 11: Fr. Christopher Shofner.



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.

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: *Bill & Anne Weiers, Martin & Karin Wagner, Joseph & June Wallerius, Leander & Brandi Weckman, Dirk Wells & Vanessa Glavas, David & Sandra Zweber, John Zweber. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

C.C.W. FALL INSTITUTE: Saturday, Sept. 24. Deadline for registration is Sept. 12 and the cost is \$8.00. Contact Marsha Simon @ masimon@interga.net or msimon@divinemeracy.cc to register. Special speakers Jennifer & Michael Malecha speaking on Mitochondrial Disease. Michael is losing his eyesight to this disease. The other speaker is Johnathon Liedl director of the Minnesota Catholic Conference.

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.

SAVE YOUR SHOEBOXES: It's that time of year again—start saving your shoeboxes. Please bring them to Church or Religion Class. Thank you.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection August 28, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,571.75
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$14,037.00

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: Frank & Cathy Simons, Rick & Linda Sirek, Jody & Jane Timm.

CONGRATULATIONS! Joseph & Katie Ludden on the baptism of their daughter, Lucy Mae Ludden. Anthony & Sarah Ludden on the baptism of their daughter, Ruby June Ludden.

ST. CATHERINE'S C.C.W. FALL MEETING: Sun. Sept. 18, 2:00 PM at Diane Williamson's home. For directions, call Sue @ 952-447-5426. Agenda: C.C.W. Elections, C.C.W. Charitable Contributions, Social Service Activities, C.C.W. Events: Turkey Bingo, Christmas Get-Together, Spring Event. All women of the parish are welcome.

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 4th.

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Sunday Collection August 28, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 673.65
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—

October 1 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.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration Forms for the 2016/2017 Religious Education year were sent electronically. Copies are available in the back of church or from the parish office.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based Catholic faith formation program. We hope to implement this program for Pre-K, 1st, & 2nd grades next year. Training for this program starts Saturday, September 10th. Contact me if you are interested in helping with this program: elainepesta@gmail.com or 952-758-4617.

We are looking for a volunteer for our Sunday School Program. Program begins November 6, 2016 and runs through March 26, 2017.

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