

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	9/7	NO MASS		
Tuesday	9/8	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Pexa
Wednesday	9/9	8:30 AM	SP	Greg Olson
Thursday	9/10	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
Friday	9/11	NO MASS		
Saturday	9/12	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	9/13	8:30 AM	SC	+Lawrence Jacques
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 2020

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/12	None-COVID restrictions
	9/13	None-COVID restrictions
Lector	9/12	Jim DeGross
	9/13	Phil Scheiber
Altar Servers	9/12	None
	9/13	None
Ushers	9/12	Volunteer
	9/13	Volunteer

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/13	Dave Nelson, Volunteer
Lector	9/13	Linda Torgesen
Altar Servers	9/13	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	9/13	Dennis Maciej, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	9/13	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!

The parish office will be closed Monday, September 7th, Labor Day.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Sept. 7: Fr. William Whittier, Sept. 8: Fr. Benjamin Wilkinson,
 Sept. 9: Fr. Donald Willard, Sept. 10: Fr. Joseph Williams,
 Sept. 11: Fr. Peter Williams, Sept. 12: Fr. Thomas Wilson,
 Sept. 13: Fr. Seraphim Wirth.



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 Spiritual Meaning of 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 Excercens, 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: *Terry Connelly, Pamela Caselius, John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Deb Cervenka, Jennifer Clancy, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross.
Altar Linens: Gail Cassady.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can 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

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection August 30, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 2,523.99
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,338.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

SEPTEMBER: David & Joan Koller, Rick & Linda Sirek.

ST. CATHERINE AUTUMN DINNER: Due to the uncertainty related to COVID-19 and out of an abundance of caution, the St. Catherine’s Parish Pastoral Council has decided to forgo this year’s Autumn Dinner. This was a difficult decision because the Autumn Dinner has always been a favorite among parishioners and friends of St. Catherine’s and our biggest and most impactful fundraiser of the year.

We have decided to go forward with the raffle part of the Autumn Dinner. Tickets will be \$50 each and we have set a goal to sell at least 200 tickets.



The cash prizes for the raffle are:
Grand Prize \$500.00
Two Prizes of: \$250.00
Two Prizes of: \$100.00
Three Prizes of: \$ 50.00

Raffle tickets can be purchased from the parish office or the St. Catherine parish council members.

The drawing will take place on Sunday, October 18th after the 8:30 AM Mass at St. Catherine.

For more information about the raffle, contact:

Deanna Vochoska (Council Chair) 651-303-8778
Shawn O’Hern (Trustee) 612-240-8404
Pat Schroeder (Trustee) 612-834-8253

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection August 30, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 622.05
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Gena Beuch, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education at St. Patrick and St. Catherine Update:

Greetings, all! While you and your families are figuring out how to help your children succeed in this fall's new educational environment, we are figuring out just how to offer Faith Formation this year! Before we move forward with any plans we'd love feedback from YOU, our valued Parish Community members. Please take a few minutes to fill out one or both of the following surveys depending on what applies to you: Parents/Guardians hoping to register a child OR if you want to register as a New Volunteer:

<https://forms.gle/AXd2jYYKMbDaKcGBA>

Current teachers/volunteers:

<https://forms.gle/oa26xaDHm6Nv4ozb7>

You can also find the links to these surveys on our Religious Education Website, which is easily accessible through the Parish Website. We look forward to working with and serving you and your families through our Religious Education program as best we can during this unprecedented time. Peace and Blessings to you all!
Erin McCoy, Religious Ed. Coordinator

Sunday	10/18/20	SC	Autumn Dinner Raffle
Sunday	11/1/20	SC	Turkey Bingo