

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Sept. 10		NO MASS
Tuesday	Sept. 11	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Wednesday	Sept. 12	7:00 PM (SP)	+Brandon Bruzek
Thursday	Sept. 13	8:30 AM (SC)	+Jim Jabas
Friday	Sept. 14		NO MASS
Saturday	Sept. 15	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	Sept. 16	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER 15 & 16, 2018

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	9/15	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	9/16	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	9/15	Mike Puncochar
	9/16	Greg Michaelson
Altar Servers	9/15	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Ian DeGross
	9/16	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	9/15	Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory
	9/16	Rob Sticha, Don Pesta

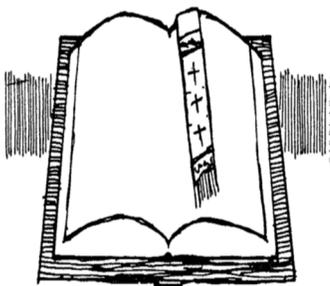
### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	9/16	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Frank Simons, Linda Torgesen
Lector	9/16	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	9/16	Karley Vochoska, Monica Muelken
	9/16	Dennis Maciej, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	9/16	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. 10: Fr. Paul Jaroszeski, Sept. 11: Fr. Paul Jarvis,  
Sept. 12: Fr. Andrew Jaspers, Sept. 13: Fr. Michael Johnson,  
Sept. 14: Fr. Glen Jenson, Sept. 15: Fr. Joseph Johnson,  
Sept. 16: Fr. Paul Johnson.



**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

I wrote this article a few years ago, and it is even more relevant now.

### The Moon and the Clouds

A few years ago in late August I got to spend a night on the farm. And as I have for many years, I went out for a slow, prayerful saunter before turning in for the night. Even when it is very dark, as when it is cloudy or when the only light is from the stars, I take no source of light with me for I know every inch of that farm – every building, every step. It is a time of very deep prayer, especially of thanksgiving and contemplation. For here upon the grounds on which I grew up I can see my whole life, how I grew up safely and serenely in the Father's house under the loving care of my family. I can see how He protected me and prepared me for the work He would do in me and through me: the vocation to holiness that we all have.

This night in particular had all of my favorite elements. There was a warm wind, which seems to animate the night, "The wind blows where it wills, and you can hear the sound it makes, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes; so it is with everyone born of the Spirit" (Jn 3:8). There were no clouds so the stars could be seen – an age-old source of awe and wonder that have led generation upon generation to contemplate the beauty and vastness of the universe, which gives a glimpse into the infinity of God. But the crown jewel was the brilliant full moon reigning gloriously in that celestial court. Its light was bright enough to cast a shadow. And as I stood there in the wind in the light of the moon I thought of the source of that light, which is the sun, and how the Church is like the moon reflecting the light of the Son of God. A couple of nights later I found the following line in the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "The Church has no other light than Christ's; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun" (748). The Second Vatican Council's document on the Church (Lumen Gentium) begins with these lines: "Christ is the light of humanity; and it is the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council...that, by proclaiming His Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church" (LG 1, CCC 748).

As I stood there looking at the moon some clouds began to approach from the distance. Soon they began to pass in front of the moon and its light was overshadowed. I could still see it, but at times they became so thick and so fast that I lost sight of where it was. It was an image of life in this world. So long as we are on this side of heaven, we see the light of Christ reflected by the Church – in her teachings, and in her members. But the dark and rapid clouds of doubt, evil, and sin can diminish that light and



even cause us to lose sight of it. And yet, it is still there, shining in all of its radiance. The clouds brought a small storm, which I could see approaching from the horizon. I led the cows that had followed me into the pasture back into their shed and I took shelter in the barn as the storm passed by. Finally, heading for the house, I could see the light of the moon again. So it is in the world. The light of Christ cannot be extinguished, but its reflection may be obscured by the storms of time. These will pass, and the light will continue to shine leading us gently to our eternal home where, "Night will be no more, nor will they need light from lamp or sun, for the Lord God shall give them light, and they shall reign forever and ever" (Revelation 22:5).

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**SEPTEMBER:** \*Matthew & Krysta Neisen, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Steve & Ester Olson, Steven & Jennifer Olson, Jake & Emily Palmstein, Robert & Donna Patton, Jeff Paul.

Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

### C.C.W. S.W. DEANERY COUNCIL FALL INSTITUTE:

Thursday, September 13th at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Waterville. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the entry way of church and a flyer in the entryway for more information.

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL &

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Monday, September 17th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

### GROUP III STEAK/CHICKEN COOK-OUT & SILENT

**AUCTION:** Friday, October 5, 5:00-9:00 PM in the social hall. \$13 for 12 oz. top sirloin OR 1/2 grilled chicken, baked potato, green beans, cole slaw, garlic bread, dessert, & beverage. \$2.00 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 DeGross @ 952-461-4213 or Lisa Luskey @ 952-758-5717 with silent auction items.

NEAT: St. Patrick's will receive a \$600 grant from our sponsor FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for the St. Patrick Steak/Chicken Cook-Out. Thank you FCSLA!!!

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Sunday Collection September 2, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,966.38  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF

**SEPTEMBER:** Frank & Cathy Simons, Rick & Linda Sirek.

**STAINED GLASS WINDOW UPDATE:** Thank you to all who contributed to the window capital campaign and helped us exceed our financial goal. A list of all contributors in alphabetical order is available for review in the back of the

church. This is an opportunity to specify exactly how your entry should be represented on the plaque. Changes can be made through Sunday, September 16 prior to the plaque being ordered. Thank you!

**AUTUMN DINNER:** We are quickly approaching our largest fundraiser of the year—our 33rd annual Autumn Dinner on October 9. A dinner/raffle ticket costs \$100 (includes dinner for 2). The cost of a raffle only ticket is \$50. Tickets will be sold after the 8:30 AM Mass throughout September or you can contact any Parish Council member for advance tickets. We look forward to seeing you there!

**ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MEETING:** Sunday, September 30th after the 8:30 AM Mass. A brunch will be served. If a ride is needed home, call Margaret, Deloris, Kathy C., or Joan.

**FCSLA GRANT:** We have received the \$600.00 grant from the FCSLA for the Garden Tour. Thank you FCSLA!

**THANK YOU:** Dear St. Catherine Catholic Church, Thank you for helping local students succeed!! 161 donations! Wow!

*Community Action Partnership (CAP Agency)*

### Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection September 2, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 915.20  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

**FINANCIAL REPORTS:** If you would like to review our financial reports for the 2017/2018 fiscal year, you are welcome to stop by the parish office and review them.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enroll your children in Religious Education by

1. Visiting [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org) and selecting the Religious Education tab at the top of the page.
2. Navigate to the Religious Education website by clicking the Religious Education link. (You can also go directly to <https://sites.google.com/site/religiousedatstpatricks/>.)

We are in need of volunteers to fill teacher, assistant teacher, classroom helper, and hall monitor roles this year. No experience is necessary, just a 3.5 hour Archdiocese training commitment and a sincere desire to share your faith.

Wed. Sept 12 7:00 PM Mass for parents & students, Commissioning of Catechists

Fr. Miller will address parents & candidates for confirmation after Mass

Wed. Sept. 19 6:45-8:00 PM Class for grades 1-9.

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

Fri. Oct. 5	S.P.	Group III Steak/Chicken Cookout
Tue. Oct. 9	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 4	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo