

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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| Monday | 4/19 | 6:30 PM | SP | +Leonard Sticha |
| Tuesday | 4/20 | 8:30 AM | SC | +Brandon Bruzek |
| Wednesday | 4/21 | 6:00 PM | SP | +Betty Zanmiller |
| Thursday | 4/22 | 7:00 PM | SP | For the Confirmandi *Open to All |
| Friday | 4/23 | NO MASS | | |
| Saturday | 4/24 | 5:00 PM | SP | Cavanaugh Family |
| Sunday | 4/25 | 8:30 AM | SC | +Marion Jacques |
| | 4/25 | 10:30 AM | SP | For Our Parishioners |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR April 24 & 25, 2021

St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/24 | Ron Ryan, Rosie Ryan |
| | 4/25 | Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross |
| Lector | 4/24 | Max Eischens |
| | 4/25 | Jenny Witt |
| Altar Servers | 4/24 | Volunteer |
| | 4/25 | Ben & Claire Meyer |
| Ushers | 4/24 | Steve Kreuser |
| | 4/25 | Pat Puncocchar |

St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 4/25 | Pat Schroeder |
| Lector | 4/25 | Tom Fredrickson |
| Altar Servers | 4/25 | Karley Vochoska |
| Ushers | 4/25 | Shawn O'Hern, Kevin Mahowald |
| Greeters | 4/25 | 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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

April 18: Fr. Dale Korogi, April 19: Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk, April 20: Fr. Cole Kracke, April 21: Fr. John Krenik, April 22: Fr. Thomas Krenik, April 23: Fr. Paul Kubista, April 24: Fr. Joseph Kuharski.



O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of your priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according you Your heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Your love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

Just Hang On!



Back in April 2008, when I was on retreat at my farm, I went for a little walk outside before dark. All day there had been an early spring snowstorm – not quite a blizzard, but good steady snow, carried by some impressive winds. I have always found value in experiencing extremes in weather – whether its hot or cold, beautiful, or miserable. I had to go out in the blowing snow and walk around the farm. I recalled thousands of memories from the past and then remembered something from more than 20 years ago.

There was a night similar to this, only more fierce. I had that same desire to go out and experience it, but I did not want to do it alone. So I picked up a cat that I named “Joyce” and put her on my shoulder. She was accustomed to riding at this vantage point during the months that I wore my cover-alls, as summer clothes did not provide enough “claw protection.” With her on my shoulder I walked out into the darkness. The howling wind propelled the thick snow that was growing ever deeper. I trudged through the snow around the bins – the place where we stored the corn harvest; blinded by the snow I continued my journey around the bins and back to the barn – Joyce hanging on for dear life. She could have jumped off at any time, and yet if she did, there was a very good chance that she would not have made it back to the barn. She simply hung on and, of course, I brought her back to the barn. When inside, I let her off. Shaking the snow from her black and brown fur she returned to the warm safety of the barn, incapable of gleaning any deeper significance from the experience. But I did. Little did I know, but in the years to follow I would be in her position.

Really, we all are. I liked that cat, and she trusted me. One of the things I wanted to do on that little walk was to test her trust and to deepen it. All she had to do was to hang on, and she did. I think there is an analogy here with our relationship to God. He not only likes us, He loves us – so much so that He sent His own Son that He might save us from our sins. Our journey through this world may at times be difficult, but we will get where we need to be if we realize that God is, so to speak, carrying us on His shoulders. Perhaps some of those difficulties that do

not seem to make any sense are to help us to realize this and to deepen our trust. In any event, God always knows what He is doing, even if we do not. When I made that original walk I had not even dreamed that I would be asked to give up the life of farming and to forgo that harvest for another.

We are all destined to be safe and serene in the Father's House, where there are many mansions. He is carrying us throughout our life to that home, and He gives us many tastes of heaven along the way; all we have to do is trust Him, and just hang on!

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: *Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, David & Julie Roach, Mike & Stephanie Rossi
Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan

2021/2022 BUDGETS: The Finance Committee will soon be doing the budget for the next fiscal year. Committee chairs please turn in your budget requirements for 2021/2022 to the parish office. Thank you.

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: Your raffle tickets are available in the back of church to be picked up.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, April 19 at 7:00pm in the social hall.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to John Cassidy for serving on the Parish Council for 2 terms. We welcome Norman Sticha to the Parish Council.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 2,338.00 |
| 4/11/21 Collection: | \$ 2,238.67 |



ST. CATHERINE

PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

ALL CHURCH CLEANING FOR APRIL: Please join us for St. Catherine's All Parish Indoor Church Cleaning on Saturday, April 24 from 9AM-12PM. Bring mops, rags, buckets and vacuums. Thanks you for helping keep our church looking clean and beautiful! Contact Laura Saarela at laurajaarela@gmail.com for questions.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, April 26 at 7:00pm.

CEMETERY CLEANUP: The St. Catherine Cemetery Board will be doing their annual cemetery cleanup on Saturday, May 1. Please remove any winter pots/wreaths/decor that you would like to retain before that time. Thank you.

OUTSIDE CLEANUP: We will be cleaning the church yard, Mary's Grotto, and the flower beds Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 am. Please bring rakes and pruning shears. Over the years, I have seen many strangers coming off the road to sit in front of Mary's statue. Let's keep our special little church welcoming inside and outside. Questions contact Kathy at 612-418-7427.

Stewardship of Treasure

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| Weekly Budget Requirement: | \$ 1,040.00 |
| 4/11/21 Collection: | \$ 971.00 |
| 4/11/21 Easter Offering: | \$ 50.00 |



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Kathy Bittner, Janice Lane, Tom & Carma O'Callaghan, Judie Cervenka, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Witt), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), 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.

SPECIAL REQUEST: For those with loved ones on the prayer list— please call the parish office at 952-492-6276 with an update on their status as we'd like to refresh our prayer list and make current. Thank you!

AN EASTER GREETING: Dear Fr. Miller and parishioners, My name is Sister Rose Vu. I will make a mission appeal at St. Patrick and St. Catherine on July 24-25, 2021. I want to wish you a blessed Holy Week and a Happy Easter. May Jesus our Risen Lord bless you with his love, peace and joy at Easter and always. Sincerely, Sister Rose Vu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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| Wed. April 21st | 6:30-8:00 PM | Classes 1-9 |
| Thurs. April 22nd | 7:00 PM | Confirmation Mass at St. Patrick |
| Sun. April 25th | 9:15-10:15 AM Last Class | CGS ages 3-5 |
| Wed. April 28th | 6:30-8:00 PM | Classes 1-9 |

INSTAGRAM: You can find St. Patrick and St. Catherine Religious Education on Instagram for updates and activities. Follow along at: [@stspatandcatmn](https://www.instagram.com/stspatandcatmn).