

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	4/25	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4/26	8:30 AM	SP	+Gary Erickson
Wednesday	4/27	6:00 PM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	4/28	8:30 AM	SP	+Marion Jacques
Friday	4/29	NO MASS		
Saturday	4/30	5:00 PM	SP	Amara Nesbitt
Sunday	5/1	8:30 AM	SP	Greger Family
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners and Guests

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS April 30 & May 1, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	4/30	Rita Ryan
	5/1	Dan Cervenka
Lector	4/30	Rob Puncchar
	5/1	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	4/30	Weston & Carolyn Feist
	5/1	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	4/30	Brian Feist
	5/1	Don Pesta

#### St. Catherine

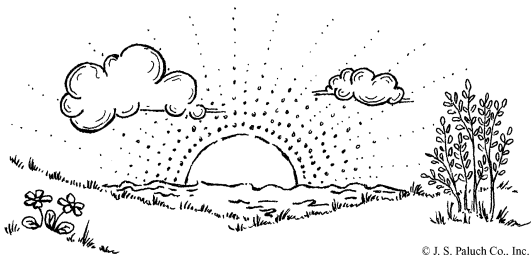
Extraordinary Ministers	5/1	Donna Wright
Lector	5/1	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	5/1	Volunteers
Ushers	5/1	Petro Tsarehradsky & Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	5/1	Colleen Thoresen & Janet Ryan

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

April 24: Fr. Ralph Goman, April 25: Fr. Michael Goodavish, April 26: Fr. Cyril Gorman, April 27: Fr. Robert Grabner, April 28: Fr. George Grafsky, April 29: Fr. Gerald Grieman, April 30: ABP Bernard Hebda.

**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.**



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## FROM THE PASTOR

### Blessed are those who Believe

On the Second Sunday of Easter, which is also called Divine Mercy Sunday, the Gospel describing “doubting Thomas” is read (Jn. 20:19-31). It is an extraordinarily important passage of Scripture because it is about something that we are all called to have, and yet, that can be so difficult: faith. “Faith is man’s response to God, who reveals Himself and gives Himself to man, at the same time bringing man a superabundant light as he searches for the ultimate meaning of his life” (*Catechism*, 26). God has revealed Himself through His creation -- one can come to know the Creator through the things which He made. He also revealed Himself in history and in His word. “God communicates Himself to man gradually. He prepares him to welcome by stages the supernatural Revelation that is to culminate in the person and mission of the incarnate Word, Jesus Christ” (*Catechism*, 53). A response to this revelation is expected: faith.

This response is not always easy. There are many things that we live among that challenge the faith we have: suffering and death, evil in the world, and especially the lack of faith, or at least agreement of faith, that we find in others. Why do some people believe and other very good people do not? And why is there disagreement among believers about the specifics of our faith? It would be a lot easier to respond to God with faith if everyone believed exactly the same thing. Still, that would not guarantee a response of faith. All of the Apostles told Thomas that they had seen the risen Christ, still he would not believe. He placed a condition on his belief, that he must see and touch the risen Lord. The reason there is this disparity of belief is because people place a variety of conditions on their faith rather than having an openness of mind and heart to the power and reality of God. “That’s why faith in God is not a form of knowledge that can be learned like chemistry or mathematics, but remains a belief. It has a perfectly rational structure. It is not just some dark mystery or other with which I have dealings. It gives me insight. And there are perfectly comprehensible reasons for accepting it. But it is never simply knowledge. Since faith demands our whole existence, our will, our love, since it requires letting go of ourselves, it necessarily always goes beyond a mere knowledge, beyond what is demonstrable” (Benedict XVI, *God and the World*, p. 33).

This is why Jesus’ response to Thomas is, “do not be unbelieving, but believe” (Jn. 20:27). We are called to believe in the reality of a Person, and in the truths that this Person taught and continues to teach through the Church He founded. We will not understand everything we are asked to believe because we cannot get our minds around it all. But we can grow into a deeper understanding of the truths of our faith when we remove the obstacles and conditions that we place in the way. Just because Thomas did not believe that Jesus rose from the dead did not mean that He did not rise. Likewise, another person’s unbelief does not mean our faith is untrue. When it comes to our



faith we are not required, or able, to prove everything beyond a shadow of a doubt. We are called, rather, to believe with the confidence that by doing so we will be blessed.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY:** \*Pat & Lisa Luskey, John & Andrea Lehman, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Kevin & Meghann Malecha, Patrick & Brittany McMichael, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathleen Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Sean & Susan Murphy  
Altar Linens: Lin Kreuser

**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.

**THANK YOU:** A big thank you to all who were involved in Group II for making the fish fry a huge success.

**EASTER CELEBRATION:** What a joyous celebration we had this past Easter weekend. The music, flowers and people filling the church made it extra special. Alleluia!

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

**CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:** Thursday, April 28; 4 PM. Lunch to follow. Any questions contact Mike Sticha at 952-758-2022.

**MAY CROWNING/DONUT SUNDAY:** We will have donuts, coffee & juice after the May crowning on Sunday, May 1 after the 10:30AM Mass. Join us!

**PARISH COUNCIL/FINANCE COMMITTEE:** We would like to thank Tish Scheffler and Steve Kreuser for serving on the parish council. We welcome Kenny Sticha and Joe O'Brien to the parish council. We also want to thank Rob Puncochar for serving on the finance committee and we welcome Deb Cervenka.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
4/10/22 Collection:	\$ 2,680.84
4/10/22 Flower Collection:	\$ 65.00
4/10/22 Initial Offering:	\$ 10.00
4/14/22 Holy Thursday:	\$ 357.00
4/15/22 Good Friday:	\$ 145.00
4/17/22 Collection:	\$ 4,253.87
4/17/22 Flower Collection:	\$ 5.00



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## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY:** None due to remodeling.

**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.

**MASSSES:** Due to a remodeling project at St. Catherine, all masses will be held at St. Patrick from now through May 28. This includes the Sunday 8:30 AM mass and daily masses.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

**MEETING:** Will not be meeting this month.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
4/10/22 Collection:	\$ 1,265.98
4/10/22 Flower Collection:	\$ 60.00
4/14/22 Holy Thursday:	\$ 125.00
4/15/22 Good Friday:	\$ 135.00
4/17/22 Collection:	\$ 1,785.00



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## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, 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, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**A NOTE FROM SISTER ROSE HANG VU, RGS:** I am very grateful to you for your support when I made the Mission Appeal at your church. On behalf of the poor, I thank you. It was possible because of your loving support. May the Risen Lord bless you with His love, peace and joy. Happy Easter!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday	4/27/2022	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30 PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45 PM
Sunday	5/1/2022	CGS-class 9:15-10:15 AM

### TEACHER APPRECIATION DONATIONS NEEDED:

During the 2021-2022 Religious Education program a total of **94 students** were served by a group of incredible volunteers! From teachers and substitute teachers, to safety monitors, it took **30 adults** to make this program run as smoothly week after week as it did. An appreciation dinner is scheduled to honor their time and commitment on May 18th. God has blessed this program and the children through these people. **Please consider donating gift cards/certificates, of any denomination, as prizes during our gathering.** (Donations may be labeled and dropped in collection baskets or at the Parish Office.)

**2022/23 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN:** Visit our website: [stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm](http://stpandc.mn.org/reled.htm), click on the online registration form. There are also forms in the back of the church. **\*\*May 1st** is the deadline for parishioners to have first placement and registration fees turned in \*\*

**CATECHISTS NEEDED:** We are in need of additional Catechists for our '22/'23 Religious Education Program. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kerri Sticha @ [kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com](mailto:kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com). Thank you for considering!

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER-** The SW CCW Deanery cordially invites women, men and youth from our parishes to the Clergy Appreciation Dinner. This year's event will be on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 506 Common St. Waterville MN. Social Hour at 5:30, Dinner at 6:30. Purchase tickets at the parish office by May 1st; cost \$18/person.