

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	4/26	NO MASS		
Tuesday	4/27	8:30 AM	SP	+Leroy Farrell
Wednesday	4/28	8:30 AM	SP	Thoele Family
Thursday	4/29	8:30 AM	SC	Gregor Family
Friday	4/30	NO MASS		
Saturday	5/1	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard, Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	5/2	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners
	5/2	10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR May 1 & 2, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/1	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan
	5/2	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	5/1	Shelley Shepherd
	5/2	John Cassidy
Altar Servers	5/1	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	5/2	Ben & Claire Meyer
Ushers	5/1	Mark Rezac
	5/2	Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/2	Frank Simons
Lector	5/2	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	5/2	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/2	Dave Koller, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	5/2	Joe & Diane Williamson

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 25: Fr. Allen Kuss, April 26: Fr. Stephen Lacane, April 27: Fr. Charles Lachowitz, April 28: Fr. Roland Lajoie, April 29: Fr. Nathan Laliberte, April 30: ABP Bernard Hebda, May 1: Pope Francis.



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

Defend the Faith



Last week our 9th graders received the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament completes the sacrament of Baptism. It “strengthens the baptized and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses of Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It imprints a character, enriches by the gift of the Holy Spirit the baptized continuing on the path of Christian initiation, and binds them more perfectly to the Church” (Code of Canon Law, 879). In the past several years the notion that Confirmation is some sort of graduation, and therefore an end, has tragically become attached to the Sacrament.

Many attempts to keep teenagers coming to Church have been introduced but that should not be necessary. The fact is that Confirmation is not an end but the beginning of full membership in the Church. Those who are to be confirmed answer for themselves the questions they were unable to answer when they were baptized. “Do you reject Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?” “Do you believe in God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit? Do you believe in the Holy Catholic Church?” These are questions they need to be able to answer in an informed way, and they must have the intention of living that faith fully. I have seen young people receive this sacrament, and then I never see them again. These are usually the ones that I rarely see beforehand. It is a terrible feeling to be standing next to the bishop on what should be such a joyous occasion, and wonder who it is that is standing before us. This is a bitter experience that I have had in many years of my priesthood. And it was not just the student that I did not know; I did not know their families either, which is naturally why I did not know the student. They did not come to Mass, which is the most important part of belonging to a parish. How can one stand before God and the bishop and receive a holy sacrament that one does not intend to fulfill?

But for all who do receive it with the proper intentions, a tremendous grace is received. One that “gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross” (Catechism, 1303). This is something that remains with us throughout our lives. We do grow in our understanding of the faith, if we continue to practice it in prayer and study, growing also in our love for it and the Person who is the center and source of it all, God Himself. Every one of us who has received this sacrament needs to use the grace it provides. We need to defend the faith. And in order to defend it we need to know it. When we study it carefully and prayerfully, we will discover that it is

perfectly reasonable as well as the only comprehensive and compelling explanation of our existence. There are many who attack our faith from outside the Church, and sadly from within it. Most are driven by ignorance, or misinformation. We are never bound to defend the misdeeds and sins of the Church's members, especially the clergy. But we are to defend the faith of the Church, which comes to us from the Apostles. This is not always easy to do, but there are countless martyrs that have witnessed to this faith with their very lives. We live that same faith, we have been strengthened by the same sacrament of Confirmation, and we must be ready to defend that faith, without harm to others, with the same love.

~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

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.

GOODIE BAGS: There are goodie bags for anyone interested in the back of church compliments of Minnesota Catholic Conference. It contains all the information that was covered at the Catholics at the Capitol event.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
4/18/21 Collection:	\$ 3,453.56



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.

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 on 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
4/18/21 Collection:	\$ 1,337.00
4/18/21 Easter Offering:	\$ 25.00



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 Lorusung, 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.

INFORMATION UPDATE: Did you move? Do you not use your landline phone anymore? Have a new cell phone number? Change your email address? If so please call 952-492-6276 or email admin@stpandc.mn.org the parish office to update your information.

SAVE THE DATE: Please join in celebrating Fr. Michael Miller's 25th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, May 23rd. The celebration will begin with Mass at 10:30 am at St. Patrick Church followed by a dinner and open house in the St. Patrick Social Hall and Pavilion. If you'd like to donate to the party or contribute to a surprise gift from the parishes, please drop an envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. Checks can be made payable to your parish. **Sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers will be located in the back of the churches.** Our final meeting will be on Monday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the St. Patrick Social Hall. All parishioners are welcome to help with the final preparations.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. April 28th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Wed. May 5th	6:30-8:00 PM Last Class	Classes 1-9

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "Love one another as I have loved you.: John 13:34—Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available weekends are October 8-10 in Buffalo, MN and November 12-14, 2021 in Medora, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720.