

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 29		NO MASS
Tuesday	Apr. 30		NO MASS
Wednesday	May 1	6:00 PM (SP)	+Allan Schroeder
Thursday	May 2	8:30 AM (SC)	+Erin Kreuser
Friday	May 3	8:30 AM (SP)	Kate Dombrowski
Saturday	May 4	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	May 5	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Carl & MaryJane Miller (60th wedding annv.)

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 4 & 5, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/4	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Rita Ryan
	5/5	Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka
Lector	5/4	Shelley Shepherd
	5/5	Juli Volk
Altar Servers	5/4	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	5/5	Alycia Klegstad, Lincoln Stuber, Alyssa Volk
Ushers	5/4	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	5/5	Leo Jacques, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/5	Barbara Lerschen, Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	5/5	Linda Torgesen
Altar Servers	5/5	Karley Vochoska, Drake Nelson
Ushers	5/5	George Doheny, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	5/5	Tim & Laura Saarela

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?

Apr. 29: Fr. Brandon Theisen, Apr. 30: Abp. Bernard Hebda,
May 1: Fr. Leonard Siebenaler, May 2: Pope Francis,
May 3: Fr. Dennis Thompson, May 4: Fr. Eugene Tiffany,
May 5: Fr. Michael Tix.



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

Eucharistic Amazement

This weekend I have the privilege of giving Holy Communion for the first time to our 2nd graders. Like administering the other sacraments, it is a great joy; but giving this sacrament for the first time holds a special place in my heart. Perhaps it is because I remember so vividly the first



time that I received Our Lord in Holy Communion 46 years ago on March 11, 1973. I can remember that day as though it was yesterday. I recall the anticipation of receiving Jesus for the first time, and the joy that I felt when I did. I was as well prepared as I could have been, but now 46 years later, 22 of which I have been a priest, I realize that I understood so very little about the mystery I received that day and the thousands of times since. I have come to realize that the Eucharist is such a profound mystery that one can not comprehend it, but only be drawn more deeply into the meaning and beauty of this mystery of infinite love.

On Holy Thursday 2003, St. John Paul II gave to the Church his 14th encyclical (a pastoral letter) called Ecclesia de Eucharistia. He begins by saying, "The Church draws her life from the Eucharist. This truth does not simply express a daily experience of faith, but recapitulates the heart of the mystery of the Church... The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic sacrifice is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'. 'For the most holy Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our Passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men.' Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present in the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of His boundless love" (No.1).

He goes on to explain and expound the Church's teaching on the Eucharist with a love and devotion of one who has spent most of his life in the presence of this mystery. His hope is that his "Encyclical Letter will effectively help to banish the dark clouds of unacceptable doctrine and practice (concerning it), so that the Eucharist will continue to shine forth in all its radiant mystery" (10). He also hopes that it will rekindle a "profound amazement and gratitude" for the Eucharist. We should be amazed at what it is! It really, truly is Jesus Christ Himself! It is His sacrifice on the Cross made present to us here and now. "At every celebration of the Eucharist, we are spiritually brought back to the paschal Triduum: to the events of the evening of Holy Thursday, to the Last Supper and to what followed it" (3). That is truly amazing! It is this amazing mystery that these children receive for the first time, just like I did 46 years ago. It is my hope and prayer that each one of them, and every

Catholic, will continue to grow in their knowledge, love, devotion, and amazement of this greatest gift that Jesus gave to His Church. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

*John & Cassie Boegeman, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Meghan Blonigen, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pamela Caselius. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY: Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 PM. Your help is appreciated. Lunch to follow. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

SOUTHWEST DEANERY C.C.W. FUNDRAISER:

"BLINGO" (bingo with a twist). Sunday, April 28th, 1:30 PM at St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Please contact Doreen Hogan @ 612-756-1345 for more information.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 14, 2019

Received this week.....	\$ 1,880.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$ 175.00
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection).....	\$ 90.00
Easter.....	\$ 3,595.44



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne & John Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

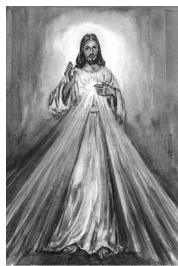
ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP: We will be cleaning up the church yard on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 AM. Please bring gloves, rakes, and pruners. This should only take about one to one and a half hours if we have enough volunteers. Call Kathy @ 952-440-6740 if you have questions.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 14, 2019

Received this week.....	\$1,027.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Holy Thursday.....	\$ 175.00
Good Friday (Holy Land Collection).....	\$ 368.77
Easter.....	\$ 1,656.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zwebler, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to, contact Colleen at the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS: The Knights of Columbus Council of New Prague invites all servers to a St. Paul Saints game on Sunday, May 19, 2019. Cost is free to servers and \$10.00 for adults wishing to chaperone. Free bus ride for the first 50 to sign-up. Hotdog lunch at the K.C. Hall in N.P. at 3:00 PM and the bus leaves promptly at 3:30 PM. Deadline to sign-up is April 30th. Contact Jim Wagner @ 612-940-0834 with questions and to sign-up.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Celebrated April 28th, 2:00-3:30 PM at St. Nicholas Church in New Market. On this special *Day of Grace* all are called to celebrate with the universal Catholic Church God's Mercy won for us by Jesus' Passion and Death on Good Friday and His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday. The extraordinary graces connected with the Feast of Mercy are almost unfathomable!

ADVOCACY HOUR: Stop by the Capitol anytime between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Tuesday, May 7th to speak with your legislators AND spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in a private room at the Capitol! You can help get important legislation over the finish line this season. For more information visit, www.MNCatholic.org/Advocacy-Hour

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. May 1	6:45-8:00 PM	Class for grades 1-9. Last day of class, Pizza Party.
Wed. May 8	6:30 PM 7:00 PM	Mass at St. Patrick Church. Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. May 3	S.P.	Men's Club Euchre Tournament
Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

April 2, 2019 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children, as a mother who knows her children, I know that you are crying out for my Son. I know that you are crying out for truth, for peace, for that which is pure and not deceptive. That is why I, as a mother, through the love of God, am addressing you and calling you that, by prayer and a pure and open heart within yourselves, you may come to know my Son – His love, His merciful heart. My Son saw beauty in all things. He seeks the good in all souls—even that which is little and hidden—so as to forgive evil. Therefore, my children, apostles of my love, I am calling you to adore Him, to ceaselessly give Him thanks, and to be worthy. Because He has spoken to you divine words, the words of God, the words which are for all and forever. Therefore, my children, live joy, radiance, unity and mutual love. This is what you need in today's world. In this way you will be apostles of my love. In this way you will witness my Son in the right way. Thank you."