

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Apr. 30		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 1		NO MASS
Wednesday	May 2	6:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuzer
Thursday	May 3	11:30 AM (SC)	For All Grandchildren
Friday	May 4	8:30 AM (SP)	All Souls in Purgatory
Saturday	May 5	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	May 6	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 5 & 6, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/5	Kelley DeGross, Barbara Lewis, Rita Ryan
	5/6	Everett & Joan Nelson, Don Pesta
Lectors	5/5	Jim DeGross
	5/6	John Cassady
Altar Servers	5/5	Bryce Deutsch, Mason Deutsch, Sam Lambrecht
	5/6	Ben Meyer, Samantha Schoenbauer, Ally Volk
Ushers	5/5	Matt Sirek, Roman Stepka
	5/6	Pat Puncochar, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/6	Bonnie Theis, Pat Schroeder, Kevin Mahowald, Joan Bruzek
Lector	5/6	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	5/6	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	5/6	Joel Vochoska, George Doheny
Greeters	5/6	Frank & Cathy Simons

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. 30: Abp. Bernard Hebda, May 1: Pope Francis,
May 2: Fr. Michael Miller, May 3: Fr. Steven Borello,
May 4: Fr. Ronald Bowers, May 5: Fr. Charles Brambilla,
May 6: Fr. Peter Brandenhoff.



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

Defend the Faith

This week our 9th graders will receive 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 THE MONTH OF MAY:

*Jim & Annette Frawley, Tom & Jessica Gallagher, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Tyler & Megan Green, Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Johnathan & Ashley Hentges.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER:

We have an opening on the Parish Pastoral Council. Joe O'Brien completed his second term. We thank Joe for his 6 years of dedicated service! If you are interested in being on the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Miller or the parish office.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: Monday, May 7th at 4:30 PM. Lunch to follow.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with the Men's Club Euchre Tournament on April 13th. We had 42 teams.

1st place: Rita Ryan & Laura Rynda

2nd place: Joe & Bob Widmer

3rd place: Paul & Steve Rezac

4th place: Tish Scheffler & Diana Schoenbauer

Split the set money winners: Bob Malecha & Mary Smisek

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

***We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

FATHER'S LETTER & FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:

These are available in the back of church. Please pull the staples out of the raffle tickets before returning them. Thank you.

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION: Hello Parish Members, It's getting to be that time of year again where we are looking for items for the Church Festival Silent Auction. We are accepting new items, we always love basket items. Let your creative minds work their magic. Without your help our Silent Auction wouldn't be such a success. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of us. Thank you.

Cathy Theis (952-215-9526)

Jacque Bittner (952-270-2024)

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 22, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 2,737.00

Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

John & Jayme Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP: We will be having a yard clean-up on Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 AM. We would like everyone's help. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, etc. If we get enough people, it should just take a short time. Questions, contact Kathy @ 952-440-6740.

MAY CROWNING: In celebration of Mother's Day, May 13, we will be crowning our spiritual mother Mary. We will also be recognizing our graduates, confirmands, first communicant, and our new parish members. Please join us after Mass for a reception in their honor.

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Sunday Collection April 22, 2018

Received this week.....\$1,192.00

Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER: Wed. May 23, 4:30 PM at St. Patrick in Shieldsville. Tickets \$18/person can be purchased at the parish office. Sponsored by the S.W. Deanery Council of Catholic Women.

THANK OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS: Thank you notes and gift cards (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 for meals, groceries, coffee, shopping, etc.) for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner are being accepted. Place your thank you note and/or gift card (or cash and we will purchase a gift card in your name) in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation" in the offertory basket by May 6. If you missed the letter and envelope in the April 8 bulletin, there are additional envelopes in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Tue. May 1

Confirmation at
St. Dominic, Northfield

Wed. May 2

6:45-8:00 PM

Class, grades 1-9. Pizza Night