

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 1	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 2	6:30 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Wednesday	May 3	6:00 PM (SP) +Braden Flicek
Thursday	May 4	8:30 AM (SC) +Lester Maciej
Friday	May 5	8:30 AM (SP) +Norbert & Viola Weiers
Saturday	May 6	5:00 PM (SP) +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	May 7	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP) +Braden Flicek

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Quo Vadis?

“Where are you going?” This great question, (“Quo Vadis?” in Latin) is one that we should ask ourselves everyday, not just on the mundane and practical level, but on the level of our very existence. Where are we going in our lives, what is our purpose and meaning?



It is a question asked of Jesus at the Last Supper by Peter. His answer is the same that He gave earlier to the Jews, “Where I am going, you cannot follow now, though you will follow later” (Jn 13:36). Thomas then adds to the question, “Master, we do not know where you are going, how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (Jn 14:6). There is the answer to our question. Where are we supposed to be going in our life? To the Father. How do we get there? By following Christ. “The first message of the Risen Lord, communicated to those who were His by means of the angels and the women is: Come, follow me; I am going before you. Resurrection-faith is a stepping forward along the way. It can be nothing else than a following in the steps of Christ... Discipleship means that now we can go where Peter and the Jews initially could not go. But now that He has gone before us, we can go there too. Discipleship means accepting the entire path, going forward into those things that are above, the hidden things that are the real ones: truth, love, our being children of God” (Benedict XVI, Seek that which is Above, 38-39).

Jesus also has another message that goes with the Resurrection invitation to follow Him: “Do not be afraid” (Matt 28:10). It is quite natural for us to be afraid: “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk 9:23). We fear the pain and the suffering that the cross brings, and without the Resurrection that is all it would be – something to be avoided at all costs. But the Resurrection gives us the effective power to say with St. Paul, “I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us” (Rom 8:18). In 1602 this was beautifully captured in a famous painting by Annibale Carracci called Domine, quo vadis? It draws on the legend of Peter meeting Christ, about 30 years after the Resurrection, on the Appian Way. He was persuaded to save himself and leave Rome during the bloody persecution of Nero. Peter asks Him, “Lord, where are you going?” And His response is, “To Rome, to be crucified anew.” Wearing the crown of thorns, the wound in His side visible but healed, with the cross on one shoulder, He is pointing in the opposite direction that Peter is going. What is most striking about the painting is the utter lack of fear that is depicted in Christ. His Resurrection already defeated the worst that sin and death could throw at Him. “We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him” (Rom 6:9). Peter went back and indeed followed where he could not follow before. And so can we. What answer do we give to the

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 6 & 7, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/6	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Green
	5/7	Kathy McBroom, Jan St. Aubin, Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lectors	5/6	Mike Puncochar
	5/7	Juli Volk
Acolytes	5/6	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	5/7	Megan Theis, Alyssa Volk, Karlie Bjerke
Ushers	5/6	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	5/7	Norm Sticha, Darryl Volk
Greeters	5/7	Norm Sticha, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/7	Barbara Lerschen, Kathy Prochaska, Dave Nelson, Frank Simons
Lector	5/7	Kevin Mahowald
Acolytes	5/7	Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken
Ushers	5/7	Bill Dillingham, Tim Saarela
Greeters	5/7	Margaret Sharkey, Lee Hesse

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?

May 1: Pope Francis, May 2: Fr. Michael Miller, May 3: Fr. Herb Hayek, May 4: Fr. Terrence Hayes, May 5: Abp. Bernard Hebda May 6: Fr. Robert Hazel, May 7: Fr. Daniel Healey.



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

question, "Where are you going?" Is it along one of the many dead-end paths purposed by the father of lies, with his empty promises of happiness? Or is it to our Father in heaven, Who loved us so that He sent His only Son, Who is Truth and Life? Then let us not be afraid to follow the Way to Him.
Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

*Tony & Kathee Michels, Jim & Amy Milinkovich, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Matthew & Krysta Neisen, Adam & Emily Nesbitt, Joe & Monica O'Brien, Brandon & Gina O'Connell, Randy O'Connor, Steve & Ester Olson.
 Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

CONGRATULATIONS! Kelley DeGross has been appointed to the St. Patrick Parish Pastoral Council and Rob Sticha has been appointed for a second term on the council. Many thanks to Tim Sonnek for his 6 years of service on the council!

WELCOME: We welcome new members of the St. Patrick Parish Finance Committee: Jenny Clancy, Stephanie Rossi, and Mike Puncochar.

THANK YOU: A special thank you to Judie Cervenka and Rita Ryan for all their years of service to the St. Patrick Parish Finance Committee. Your valuable input will be missed.
Parish Finance Committee

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY: Thursday, May 4th at 4:30 PM. General clean-up of the Cemetery. Lunch to follow. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

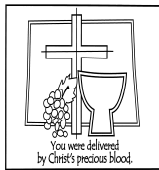
ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL: Sunday, July 23, 2017. We are looking for Silent Auction items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Here are some examples of what can be donated . . . gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kid's games . . . We are grateful for any donated item. If you have questions, or items to donate, call Jacque Bittner @ 952-270-2024 or Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
 Sunday Collection April 23, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,400.50
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne Sheehan Willis, Margaret Sharkey, Kathy Prochaska.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP: St. Catherine Church cleaning includes raking the church grounds and cleaning the inside of the church on Saturday, May 6th at 9:00 AM. Bring

your garden rake and vacuum cleaner. We need many hands to help make our Church sparkle for the Lord.

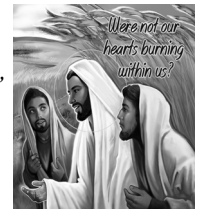
WELCOME SUNDAY, GRADUATE RECEPTION, MAY

CROWNING: On Sunday, May 7th we will be introducing our new parishioners: Matthew & Katie Heitman and son Caleb. We will recognize our graduates: Victoria Erickson & Bryce Horejsi. Bryce will also be honored for receiving his rank of Eagle Scout. We especially honor our Blessed Mother in the month of May with a crowning of roses on this day. Please join us after the crowning for refreshments.

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PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Fr. Francis Roach, Jan Ferrazzo, Rosie Ryan, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents 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.

CONSECRATION TO JESUS THROUGH MARY: Tuesday, April 18-May 9, 7:00 PM, following 6:30 PM Mass at St. Patrick. This 100th Anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions in Fatima is a perfect time to consecrate oneself to Jesus through Mary. All are welcome to join in the 33-day preparation. Fr. Michael Gaitley's do-it-yourself retreat book, *33 Days to Morning Glory*, is available in both churches. The accompanying video series continues on Tuesday nights at St. Patrick, with the final video and consecration on Saturday, May 13.

FAMILY ROSARY PROCESSION: Sunday, May 7 Archbishop Hebda will lead the 70th annual Family Rosary Procession from the State Capitol to the St. Paul Cathedral. All are invited to join in this procession while praying the Rosary for the hastening of the Triumph of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Participants will begin assembling for the procession at 1:30 PM at the State Capitol. The procession will begin at 2:00 PM from the State Capitol to the Cathedral, followed by a prayer service with Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. Transportation from St. Michael Church in Prior Lake to this event is being provided free of charge by the Knights of Columbus. The bus will leave St. Michael at 1:00 PM and return at approximately 4:15. To sign-up for the bus contact Mary Kay @ 952-447-3970 or mkmahowald@integra.net

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. May 3	6:45-8:00 PM	Pizza Night. Reconciliation-Confirmation.
Thur. May 11	7:00 PM	Confirmation-St. Dominic Northfield, MN

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 23	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour