

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 2	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 3	8:30 AM (SP) +Harold, Della, & Ed Schmitt
Wednesday	May 4	8:30 AM (SP) +Laura Ryan
Thursday	May 5	8:30 AM (SC) +Bea Mushitz
Friday	May 6	8:30 AM (SP) In reparation for sin
Saturday	May 7	5:00 PM (SP) +RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	May 8	8:30 AM (SC) +Marion Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP) For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 7 & 8, 2016

St. Patrick

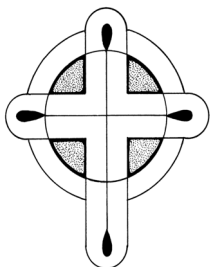
Extraordinary Ministers	5/7	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Megan Ryan
	5/8	Aimee Henry, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Dan Cross
Lectors	5/7	Mike Puncochar
	5/8	John Cassady
Acolytes	5/7	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	5/8	Lily Schulte, Bella Schulte
Ushers	5/7	Roman Stepka, Matt Sirek
	5/8	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	5/8	Dan & Deb Cervenka

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/8	Joel & Deanna Vochoska, Bill Dillingham, Paul Torgesen
Lector	5/8	Linda Torgesen
Acolytes	5/8	Addey Vochoska, Karley Vochoska, Molly O'Hern
Ushers	5/8	Shawn O'Hern, George Doheny
Greeters	5/8	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! 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 2: Fr. Michael J. Miller, May 3: Fr. Matthew Linn, May 4: Fr. Benjamin Little, May 5: Fr. James Livingston, May 6: Fr. John Long, May 7: Fr. Kenneth Ludescher, May 8: Fr. Erik Lundgren.



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'S DESK

The Mary Month of May



For many centuries the month of May has been dedicated to Mary. It is a time in which we honor Mary in a special way for the unique role that she had in our salvation in being the mother of our Savior. We are also reminded that she continues to be a part of God's activity in the world by her prayers on our behalf. The Second Vatican Council summed up both of these aspects of Mary when it wrote: "Mary has by grace been exalted above all angels and men to a place second only to her Son, as the most holy mother of God who was involved in the mysteries of Christ: she is rightly honored with special reverence. Indeed, from most ancient times the Blessed Virgin Mary has been venerated under the title of 'God-bearer.' In all perils and needs, the faithful have fled prayerfully to her protection" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, 66).

One of the ways that Mary is honored in many places is by a May crowning. A crown of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary to symbolize our love and devotion to her. It is a beautiful symbol of our devotion to Mary in its simplest form. A few years ago I had some children who were about 5 years old do the crowning. They were so innocent as they brought up the crown and placed it on top of the statue. This is a reminder that no matter how old and accomplished we may become we are still children in God's eyes, and we must have the same simplicity and trust as a child: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). This particular crowning also demonstrated something about God. At first I set the statue of Mary on a pedestal so it would be easy to see it. But when I brought the children up to practice the crowning I found that they could not reach. So I had to put the statue on the floor so that it was eye to eye with the children. Then they could reach. And that is what God has done for us: "For us men and our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." God came down so we could reach Him. This is the reason why we honor Mary as we do. He came down to us through her.

Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

*Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Michael & Kristi Schulte, Chris & Shelley Shepherd, Anthony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Steve & Debra Simon.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone that helped with the St. Patrick grounds clean-up. It looks wonderful!

ST. PATRICK ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:

Wednesday, May 4th at 4:30 PM. Your help is appreciated. Lunch to follow. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 758-2022.

MEN'S CLUB EUCHRE TOURNAMENT: Thank you to everyone that helped out with making another successful Euchre Tournament on April 8th. We had 66 teams. This was the most teams ever. Thanks to all Euchre players for your continuing support! Winners of the event were:

1st place: Bob Michel & Al Stepka
2nd place: John & Ronnie Skluzacek
3rd place: Matt Pivec & Brandon Realander
4th place: Dutch LaTour & Dave Menden
Split the set money winners: Kathy Kocina & Sue Michel

Leo Jacques, Men's Club President

BANNS OF MARRIAGE I: Timothy Kern & Alicia Scheffler.

WE NEED ACOLYTES: St. Patrick is in need of more servers. If you have had your 1st communion and would like to be a server, please contact Heidi Michaelson @ 952-233-8772 or the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 24, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,968.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$16,637.00



Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection April 24, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 978.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Janet Rezac, Sharon Mastain (sister of Carol Timmons) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (cousin of Jan St. Aubin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

ATTENTION ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Budget time is fast approaching. Please submit your budget requests for the 2016/17 fiscal year to the parish office by May 15th so we have them before the Finance Committee Meeting. The committees we need budgets from are: Parish Council, Maintenance, Welcome, Faith Formation, Liturgy & Music, and Religious Education.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 6	S.C.	Turkey Bingo

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne Sheehan-Willis, Margaret Sharkey, Kathleen Prochaska.

MAY CROWNING: Next Sunday, May 8, we will have our annual crowning of our Blessed Mother at the outdoor grotto. We will also be recognizing our confirmants; Molly O'Hern, Addy Vochoska, and Matthew Jilk and our graduate; Casey O'Hern. Please join the celebration after Mass for refreshments.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING:

Sunday, May 15th after the 8:30 AM Mass.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all who helped clean the St. Catherine Church and the grounds. Everything looks beautiful. God bless you all.



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 8:00 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, May 1, 8:00-noon at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. \$8.00/ adult, \$4.00/child.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL DAY: Sunday, May 15, noon-4:00 PM at St. Anne's School in LeSueur. \$20/person. 763-691-4708

WOMEN'S RETREATS: May 10-12 & June 14-16 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For info, call 952-447-2182.

TAKE ALTAR SERVERS TO THE TWINS GAME:

Sunday, May 22 sponsored by the New Prague K.C.s. Meet at K.C. Hall in New Prague at 11:00 AM for hot dog lunch. Cost is free for servers and \$15.00/adult. Contact Mike Bartusek @ 952-454-0544 with questions or to sign-up.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: Spend some quality time renewing your marriage, join a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information, visit the website at: twincitieswwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwwmn.org or 612-756-8720.