

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 14		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 15	8:30 AM (SP)	Kelm Family
Wednesday	May 16	5:30 PM (SP)	Mark Huberty
Thursday	May 17	11:30 AM (SC)	+Norm Theis
Friday	May 18		NO MASS
Saturday	May 19	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	May 20	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Father Michael Miller

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 19 & 20, 2018

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/19	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Bill Weiers
	5/20	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Everett Nelson
Lectors	5/19	Anne Marie Weiers
	5/20	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	5/19	Ian DeGross, Bryce Deutsch, Joe Weiers
	5/20	Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Samantha Schoenbauer
Ushers	5/19	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	5/20	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/20	Rachel Eicher, Kevin Mahowald, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	5/20	Tom Fredrickson
Altar Servers	5/20	Kendra Korbel
Ushers	5/20	Tim Saarela, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	5/20	Rick & Linda Sirek

*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 14: Fr. Aloysius Callaghan, May 15: Fr. Ted Campbell,  
May 16: Fr. Scott Carl, May 17: Fr. Alex Carlson,  
May 18: Fr. Roger Carroll, May 19: Fr. Patrick Casey,  
May 20: Fr. James Cassidy.



**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

### Spring has sprung

I have always loved the changing of the seasons. Growing up on a farm has given me an appreciation for the beauty and laws of nature.

More importantly, it has led me to a greater knowledge and understanding of the Creator of heaven and earth. The Church too acknowledges the importance of learning about God through the things He made: "the beauty of creation reflects the infinite beauty of the Creator and ought to inspire the respect and submission of man's intellect and will" (Catechism, n.341).

Observing the beauty and harmony of creation in the changing of the seasons, both as a farmer and now, has indelibly marked my spiritual life. One of the things I love about having lived in Minnesota my whole life is that the four seasons are so distinct, even though they vary from year to year in their length and severity. Each one of them points to something in the human soul, and the human condition. Summer is the time for growth. The seeds planted in spring need the warmth of the sun, water, nourishment, and time to grow and bear the fruit they are destined to bear. It is analogous to the human condition. We are destined to bear fruit in eternal life: "God, infinitely perfect and blessed in Himself, in a plan of sheer goodness freely created man to make him share in His own blessed life" (Catechism, n.1). Just as we need nourishment and time to grow physically, we need the same to grow spiritually. The two do not coincide automatically. We must tend our spiritual life with great care, drawing from the sources of grace (the sacraments, God's Word, and prayer) in order to grow. The seeds of eternal life planted in Baptism must come to fruition in the time God gives us. Just as we harvest the fruits of the earth in fall, so will we be harvested or rejected at the end of our lives. In winter we rest. In death our bodies rest in the earth. There is a life unseen in the winter, just as there is an unseen life experienced by the souls of the dead. In spring the earth bursts back into life. Death is vanquished and all is made new. It is a sign of the power of the Resurrection that brings a new life. But unlike the life of this earth in which the cycle of life is repeated in the changing of the seasons, our new life in Christ is not repeated, but is eternal and on an entirely new level. It will be a life untouched by



death, filled with the inexpressible joy of the Resurrection. *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.

**POP CAN TABS:** All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

**BOXTOPS:** Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH GROUNDS CLEAN-UP:** Monday, May 14th at 5:30 PM. Please bring along your rake & shovel. Any questions, call Leo Jacques @ 952-2080.

**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.

**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)*

### **ST. PATRICK CEMETERY COLLECTION:**

We will have a second collection next weekend, May 19th & 20th for the St. Patrick Cemetery. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

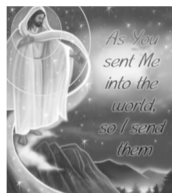
**THANK YOU:** To everyone that donated door prizes for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner, thank you so much. We appreciate our teachers for giving of their time and talent!

**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](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection May 6, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 1,621.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$ 6,463.00
Catholic Services Appeal collected.....	\$ 5,640.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### **CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:**

John & Jayme Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

**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, confirmand, and our new parish members. Please join us after Mass for a reception in their honor.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES:** St. Catherine Church is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency. Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now-early summer. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection May 6, 2018

Received this week.....	\$1,400.28
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$4,013.00
Catholic Services Appeal pledged.....	\$1,990.00



## 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.

### **ST. PATRICK / ST. CATHERINE JOINT PARISH**

**PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:** Monday, May 21st at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall.

**PLAN AHEAD:** St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 PM. To sign-up go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and follow the prompts. If you have questions, contact Laura @ 952-758-5131.

**ALTAR SERVERS TO THE TWINS GAME:** Sun. May 20. Bus leaves K.C. Hall in New Prague at 11:30 AM. 11:00 AM hot dog lunch. Any altar server can go FREE and \$21 for adults. Contact Lyle Malecha, 651-269-3416 or e-mail Lyle at [LMalecha@cranems.com](mailto:LMalecha@cranems.com) with any questions or to sign-up.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE**

Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 28	S.C.	C.C.W. Garden Tour & Lunch