

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 15	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 16 8:30 AM (SP)	+Jiv Pauly
Wednesday	May 17 8:30 AM (SP)	+Sherry Harnden
Thursday	May 18 8:30 AM (SC)	Fr. Michael Miller
Friday	May 19	NO MASS
Saturday	May 20 5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	May 21 8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 20 & 21, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/20	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	5/21	Amy Holden, Kristi Schulte, Agnes DeGross, Heidi Michaelson
Lectors	5/20	Anne Marie Weiers
	5/21	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	5/20	Hayden & Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	5/21	Greta, Claire, & William Michaelson
Ushers	5/20	Dave Roach, Mark Rezac
	5/21	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha
Greeters	5/21	Leo Jacques, Norm Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/21	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Paul & Linda Torgesen
Lector	5/21	Mary Kay Mahowald
Acolytes	5/21	Abbie & Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	5/21	George Doheny, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	5/21	Joe & Ruth Romanowski

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 15: Fr. Troy Przybilla, May 16: Fr. John Hofstede, May 17: Fr. Spencer Howe, May 18: Fr. Ralph Huar, May 19: Fr. Jeffrey Huard May 20: Fr. Peter Hughes, May 21: Fr. Thomas Huntstiger.



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. A few years ago I had some very small children do with the coronation at my parish. It was a beautiful symbol of our devotion to Mary in its simplest form. They were about 5 years old and 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:

*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.

THANK YOU to everyone that helped out with the Men's Club Euchre Tournament on April 28th. Also, thanks to all Euchre players for their continuing support!

1st place: Brad Busch & Ron Tupy
2nd place: Al Stepka & Bob Michel
3rd place tied between: Duane Krautkramer & John Geis
Clayton Novak & Todd Novak
Split the set money: Randy & LouAnn Wagner

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY COLLECTION: May 20 & 21. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection.

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION:

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.

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL CHILDREN'S

GAMES: Now is the time to get toys for the Festival Children's Games. We need approximately 2000 toys to make the Children's Games successful each year. We need all sizes and types of toys. Any and all help from you would be greatly appreciated. Please leave toys in back of church labeled *Children's Games 2017*.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: John Lehman & Andrea Means.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection May 7, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 2,623.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,925.00



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PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Fr. Francis Roach, 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.

+Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jan Ferrazzo. We offer our prayers and sympathy to her family and friends.

ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE JOINT MEETING:

Monday, May 22nd at 7:00 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall. Trustees, Parish Council chairs, and Finance Committee chairs are asked to attend.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 23	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 29	S.C.	Luncheon & Garden Tour
Tue. Oct. 10	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

Take the Altar Servers to the Twins Game, Sun. May 21. Meet at 11:00 AM at the K.C. Hall in New Prague for hotdog lunch. Bus leaves at 11:30 AM to the first 50 that sign-up. 1:10 PM ballgame at Target Field. Any altar server can go. FREE for server and \$15 for adult. Contact Lyle @ 651-269-3416 with any questions or to sign-up.

ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne Sheehan Willis, Margaret Sharkey, Kathy Prochaska.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

MEETING: Sunday, May 21st after 8:30 AM Mass.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Catherine's Luncheon and Garden Tour will be Saturday, July 29th.

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Sunday Collection May 7, 2017

Received this week.....\$ 1,257.50
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,001.00



March 1, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:

"Dear children! Today I am calling you to profoundly live your faith and to implore the Most High to strengthen it, so that winds and storms cannot break it. May the roots of your faith be prayer and hope in eternal life. Already now, little children, work on yourselves in this time of grace, wherein God is giving you the grace—through renunciation and the call to conversion—to be people of clear and persevering faith and hope. Thank you for having responded to my call."