

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 16	6:30 PM (SP)	+Richard Chodek
Tuesday	May 17	8:30 AM (SP)	+Erin Kreuzer
Wednesday	May 18	8:30 AM (SC)	+Robert Richardson
Thursday	May 19	8:30 AM (SP)	Fr. Michael J. Miller
Friday	May 20		NO MASS
Saturday	May 21	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	May 22	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 21 & 22, 2016

St. Patrick

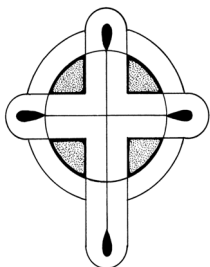
Extraordinary Ministers	5/21	Bill Weiers, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	5/22	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lectors	5/21	Anne Marie Weiers
	5/22	Diana Schoenbauer
Acolytes	5/21	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross, Joe Weiers
	5/22	Bryce Deutsch, Samantha Schoenbauer, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	5/21	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	5/22	Rob Sticha, Pat Puncochar
Greeters	5/22	Henry & Dee Kober

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/22	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska, Pat Schroeder
Lector	5/22	Tom Fredrickson
Acolytes	5/22	Kendra Korbel, Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras
Ushers	5/22	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	5/22	Gary & Ann Korbel

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 16: Fr. John Malone, May 17: Fr. Kevin Manthey, May 18: Fr. Thomas Margevicius, May 19: Fr. Sharbel Maroun, May 20: Fr. Luke Marquard, May 21: Fr. William Martin, May 22: Fr. David McCauley.



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 Giver of Life



Before becoming Benedict XVI, Joseph Ratzinger had written many works and given many interviews. These stand as a great treasure waiting to be discovered. In his most important interview published as the "Ratzinger Report" he was asked about angels, both good and bad. In discussing the devil he makes a very perceptive observation: "Satan is the absolute destroyer, undermining every relationship: man's relationship to himself and men's relation to one another. Thus he is the exact opposite of the Holy Spirit, who is the absolute 'mediator' who guarantees the relationships in which all others are rooted and whence they spring: the Trinitarian relationship by which Father and Son are One, one God in the unity of the Spirit" (p. 151).

As we celebrate Pentecost today it is good for us to keep in mind this work of the Holy Spirit, "the Lord, the giver of life", Who draws us into the very life of the Most Holy Trinity. It is easy for us to become discouraged as we see the destructive effects of Satan in our lives and in the world. The fruit of his work is a seemingly endless line of shattered relationships marked by hatred and destruction. And yet we must never believe that this power is greater than the power of God. It is impossible for Satan to overpower God. They are not equal. God alone is God; angels and men are His creatures, and there is an infinite chasm between them. And yet He has invited both creatures to share His very life. The acceptance of this invitation, however, is not forced, nor guaranteed. It must be freely accepted on God's terms, not ours. Satan would not do that. He said, "I will not serve," and thus introduced disunity into the good creation of God. Not content with the damage his choice caused to himself and the others who followed him, he turned his destructive force upon us starting with our first parents. His destructive power increases when fear causes us to sit back and do nothing. In his meditation on the first station of the cross, Benedict XVI said, "Justice is trampled underfoot by weakness, cowardice and fear of the dictate of the ruling mind-set. The quiet voice of conscience is drowned out by the cries of the crowd. Evil draws its power from indecision and concern for what other people think."

This is why the Holy Spirit is the antidote to all evil. The gift of Wisdom enables us to see things as God sees them; it makes us concerned about what God thinks rather than others. The gift of Fortitude gives us the courage to follow the voice of God rather than shouting crowd. The gifts of Knowledge and Understanding enable us to know and understand the truth of the word of God whose name is Jesus. The gift of Counsel helps us to advise others to go in the right direction, to follow the way that leads to Him. The gift of Piety helps us to walk this way with loyalty, love, and devotion. And the gift of the Holy Fear of God helps us to fear the only thing we should: the loss of God's friendship now and in eternity. "Only in this friendship are the doors of life opened wide." The Holy Spirit will lead us through these doors, for He is the Giver of Life.

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.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

*Jeff & Kerri Sticha, Warren & Beth Simon, Mathias & Diane Sirek, Luke & Paula Siskoff, Troy & Barb Skluzacek, Tim & Barbara Sonnek, Doug & Jan St. Aubin, Ken & Marge Sticha.

CEMETERY COLLECTION: This weekend, May 14 & 15, we will have a second collection for the St. Patrick Cemetery.

THANK YOU: We would like to thank everyone for all your thoughts and prayers during Braden's fight with cancer. A special thank you to Father Miller, all who attended Braden's services, donated food, worked at the luncheon, or provided the beautiful music. We appreciate it! Love and prayers,

The Braden Flicek Family

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone that helped with the Cemetery Clean-Up. Your help was appreciated. Special thanks to Jan Sticha for making our lunch.

Mike Sticha, Cemetery Board Chair

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, May 16th at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE III: Timothy Kern & Alicia Scheffler

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection May 8, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 2,146.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....	\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....	\$16,637.00
Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$6,175.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$6,463.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne Sheehan-Willis, Margaret Sharkey, Kathleen Prochaska.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING:

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

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM.

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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection May 8, 2016

Received this week.....	\$ 938.02
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,101.00
Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$1,330.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$4,013.00



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, Benoit 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 Monday morning, 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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

WOMEN'S RETREAT: 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.