

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/16	6:30 PM	SP	+Gary Erickson
Tuesday	5/17	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Sticha
Wednesday	5/18	6:00 PM	SP	Deloris Friske
Thursday	5/19	8:30 AM	SP	Father Miller (Happy Birthday Father!)
Friday	5/20	NO MASS		
Saturday	5/21	5:00 PM	SP	+Bob Geditz
Sunday	5/22	8:30 AM	SP	Brevig Family
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR May 21 & 22, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/21	Kelley DeGross
	5/22	Volunteer
Lector	5/21	Jim DeGross
	5/22	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	5/21	Weston Fiest
	5/22	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	5/21	Mark Rezac
	5/22	Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/22	Dave Nelson
Lector	5/22	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	5/22	Volunteer
Ushers	5/22	Frank Simons, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	5/22	Lee Hesse, Margaret Sharkey

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 15: Fr. Robert Hazel, May 16: ABP Bernard Hebda, May 17: Fr. Paul Hedman, May 18: Fr. David Hennen, May 19: Fr. Roger Hessian, May 20: Fr. Patrick Hipwell, May 21: Fr. Steven Hoffman.

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

I wrote this 17 years ago and I am running it again today on my birthday week (you can do the math).

Thoughts on Turning Forty

As far as birthdays go, the fortieth seems to elicit the most reaction. From others the reaction varies according to which side of the mark they are on.

Those on the far younger side will often react with a derisive incoherence, as the age seems farther away from them than the stars. After 35 the expression changes to an unspoken sympathy, or a certain fear as they realize the closeness of the mark for themselves. Those on the other side provide a proportionate consolation as they wistfully muse, "Oh, to be forty again." The one reaching the mark may have feelings ranging from denial, fear, and regret to resignation, accomplishment, and gratitude.

All these reactions are caused by the fact that the age of forty makes us keenly aware of our mortality. Scripture speaks of it as, at best, the halfway mark: "Seventy is the sum of our years, or eighty, if we are strong" (Psalm 90:10). The Wisdom writings of the Old Testament speak often of the reality of death and the tension that it causes within us. The book of Wisdom itself pinpoints the cause of this tension: "Because God did not make death, nor does He rejoice in the destruction of the living, for He fashioned all things that they might have being" (Wisdom 1:13-14). The book of Ecclesiastes reveals another cause: "He has made everything appropriate to its time, and has put the timeless into their hearts, without men's ever discovering, from beginning to end, the work which God has done" (3:11). Aging and death cause tension in us because we were not made for them, and yet we are powerless to stop them. This is where faith comes in to save the day. God is not subject to time: "With the Lord one day is like a thousand years and a thousand years like one day" (2 Peter 3:8); "from eternity to eternity you are God. A thousand years in your eyes are a mere yesterday" (Ps. 90:2,4). It is to this life -- which is eternal -- that God, through Christ, has invited us to share. It is an invitation to which we must respond. We do so in the way we live our lives, mindful that "we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil" (2 Cor. 5: 10). That is why aging and death are not simply the inevitable lot of our existence, but are rather the part of our life that is subject to time. We have the possibility of attaining the timelessness that God has put into our hearts.

And so I consider turning 40 another reason to be grateful. Life is a gift and we can always be grateful that we have received it. Birthdays are an especially good time to be thankful for this gift and to acknowledge the truth that it is good that we exist. One of the simplest definitions of love is this: it is good that you exist. God looks upon us in this way, as do our parents, family, and friends. As I look back on 40 years of the gift of life, I am grateful for everyday, and for everyone who saw that it was good that I exist. However many more God gives me I hope to live them



in a way pleasing to Him, that it may be said of me: “He who fears the Lord will have a happy end; even on the day of his death he will be blessed” (Sirach 1:11).

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY: *Pat & Lisa Luskey, John & Andrea Lehman, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Kevin & Meghann Malecha, Patrick & Brittany McMichael, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathleen Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell, Sean & Susan Murphy
Altar Linens: Lin Kreuser

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

RAFFLE TICKETS: Your festival raffle tickets are now available in the back of church to be picked up.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 16th at 7:00pm in the social hall.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
5/8/22 Collection:	\$ 2,109.84



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY: None due to remodeling.

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 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

MASSSES: Due to a remodeling project at St. Catherine, all Masses will be held at St. Patrick from now through May 28. This includes the Sunday 8:30 AM Mass and Daily Masses.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, May 23 at 7pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
5/8/22 Collection:	\$ 815.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: Rich Schultz Family (Deanna Vochoska), Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, JoAnn Kenne, Karen Zweber, Andrew Buckman, Daryl Sternitzke, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Pat Scharf, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

BIKING FOR BABIES: Biking for Babies is back and better and bigger than ever! This pro-life, non-profit organization provides resources to Pregnancy Centers across America to support mothers in crisis and gives them everything they need so they choose life for their children. Erin McCoy is returning as a second time missionary to the program this year, and as a thank you to everyone who supported last year’s mission and to provide new information for this year’s ride, she’ll be staying after the 5 pm and 8:30am Masses the weekend of May 21 and 22. Please take a moment to come see what B4B is all about and where the bike has taken not just our missionaries, but PRCs and moms across the states! #forthebabies

THE CHOSEN: Season 2 is beginning Sunday, May 15 at 5:30pm at the St. Patrick Social Hall. Please join us.

HELPING THE PRIESTS WHO HAVE HELPED US: Did you know there’s a home for retired priests of the Archdiocese? There is and you have an opportunity to share your gratitude by supporting the men who’ve ministered to you and your family for many decades. The Leo C. Byrne Residence offers 29 individual apartments for priests who have reached retirement age, most of whom continue to actively serve parishes and organizations around the Archdiocese. The GRATITUDE Capital Campaign Renovation Project (coordinated by the Catholic Community Foundation) will fund work required to bring the entire Byrne Residence to a level of security and efficiency suitable for the safety and well-being of each resident priest. We ask for your support in this much needed renovation. There will be a second collection the weekend of May 28/29. Checks can also be mailed to CCF/Byrne Residence Court West Suite 500 2610 University Ave W. St. Paul, MN 55114. Donations are also accepted online, www.CCF-MN.org/ByrneResidence.

BIRTHDAY WISHES: Wishing Father Michael Miller a Happy Birthday on May 19.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

TEACHER APPRECIATION DONATIONS NEEDED: During the 2021-2022 Religious Education program a total of **94 students** were served by a group of incredible volunteers! From teachers and substitute teachers, to safety monitors, it took **30 adults** to make this program run as smoothly week after week as it did. An appreciation dinner is scheduled to honor their time and commitment on May 18th. God has blessed this program and the children through these people. **Please consider donating gift cards/certificates, of any denomination, as prizes during our gathering.** (Donations may be labeled and dropped in collection baskets or at the Parish Office.)

CATECHISTS NEEDED: We are in need of additional Catechists for our ‘22/’23 Religious Education Program. Anyone interested in volunteering please contact Kerri Sticha @ kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com. Thank you for considering!

TOTUS TUUS: We are partnering with St. Wenceslaus Parish for the 2022 Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) on June 20-24 for the Kid’s Program and June 19-23 for the Teen’s Program. **Registration is now open:** npcatholic.org/totus-tuus. Deadline is June 11.

