

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 20	10:30 AM (SP)	Deceased Members of Feldmeier Family NO MASS
Tuesday	May 21		
Wednesday	May 22	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Thursday	May 23	8:30 AM (SC)	Jennifer Tomasehko NO MASS
Friday	May 24		
Saturday	May 25	5:00 PM (SP)	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard, & Don Beuch
Sunday	May 26	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	+Brandon Bruzek For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 25 & 26, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/25	Ron & Rosie Ryan, Tony Jirik
	5/26	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Joan Nelson
Lector	5/25	Shelley Shepherd
	5/26	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	5/25	Bryce, Mason, & Megan Deutsch
	5/26	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	5/25	Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory
	5/26	Darryl Volk, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/26	Dave Nelson, Kathy Prochaska, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	5/26	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	5/26	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	5/26	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	5/26	David & Joan Koller

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 20: Fr. Michael Van Sloun, May 21: Fr. Nicholas Vandenbroeke, May 22: Fr. Jon Vander Ploeg, May 23: Fr. Anthony Vanderloop, May 24: Fr. Chad Vanhooose, May 25: Fr. Richard Villano, May 26: Fr. Norman Volk.



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 14 years ago and I am running it again today on my birthday (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 THE MONTH OF MAY:

*John & Cassie Boegeman, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Meghan Blonigen, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pamela Caselius. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

We are looking for FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Sometimes we struggle with what to donate ... here are some ideas; gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kids games... We are grateful with any donated item :-). Please contact either Jacque Bittner @ 952-270-2024, Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923, or Cathy Theis @ 952-215-9526.

SECOND COLLECTION: This weekend, May 18 & 19, there will be a second collection for the St. Patrick Cemetery.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday, May 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

THANK YOU: We want to thank Kerri Sticha for volunteering to be our Wedding Coordinator at St. Patrick.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL: There are festival worker sign-up sheets & festival flyers in the back of church. Please take a moment after Mass to sign-up. The Festival Country Store will be looking for crafts, baked goods, garden produce, plants, and new merchandise. Also cookbooks and children's books. Sell your raffle tickets to your friends and relatives. Bring them to work, offer them at social gatherings, you'd be surprised how many you sell!! The Festival Raffle is our biggest revenue generator.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection May 12, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,429.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne & John Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

MAY CROWNING: On Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring our Blessed Mother with our tradition of crowning Her with roses. We will also introduce our new parishioners Jeff & Jane Lorsung and family. We will recognize our graduates Molly O'Hern and Addey Vochoska and our 1st communicants Brynn Clarkin and Kayden Nelson. Please join us for refreshments after Mass.

ST. CATHERINE CEMETERY BOARD MEETING:

Sunday, May 19th after Mass. Everyone is invited.

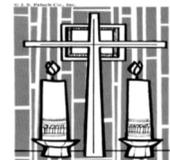
ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

There will not be a Council Meeting this month (Memorial Day).

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Sunday Collection May 12, 2019

Received this week.....\$1,004.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to, contact Colleen at the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

JOHN HAYES ORDINATION: John Hayes' ordination to the diaconate is Saturday, June 1, at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity in New Ulm. Address: 605 North State Street, New Ulm, MN 56073. It is open to the public. Please keep John in prayer as he prepares for ordination.

DRIVER(S) NEEDED: We have a mission priest coming on the weekend of June 1st & 2nd. A driver(s) will be needed to pick him up at St. John's in New Brighton on Saturday, June 1st. Also, he will need rides to the two Masses at St. Patrick and one Mass at St. Catherine and back to the hotel in New Prague. He will need a ride to the airport on Monday, June 3rd. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the parish office.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 21 S.P. Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 8 S.C. Autumn Dinner

