

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/3	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5/4	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	5/5	8:30 AM	SP	+Carlton Miller & Mary Jane Miller
Thursday	5/6	8:30 AM	SC	Fr. Michael Miller
Friday	5/7	8:30 AM	SP	Flores Family
Saturday	5/8	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuzer
Sunday	5/9	8:30 AM	SC	+Marion Jacques
	5/9	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR May 8 & 9, 2021

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/8	Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	5/9	Joan Nelson, Kristi Schulte
Lector	5/8	Jim DeGross
	5/9	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	5/8	Ian DeGross
	5/9	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	5/8	Matt Sirek
	5/9	Rob Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/9	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	5/9	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	5/9	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/9	Frank Simons, George Doheny
Greeters	5/9	Lee Hesse, Kathy Conway

*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!*

### WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 2: Fr. Michael Miller, May 3: Fr. John Lapensky, May 4: Fr. Thomas Lawler, May 5: Fr. Tan Le, May 6: Fr. Roy Lepak, May 7: Fr. James Liekhus, May 8: Fr. Matthew Linn.



O Lord, may You find shelter and rest gently within the heart of your priest. Make him, O Lord, a priest according to Your heart: meek, humble, zealous, so that all he does will be for Your honor and glory. Mold him into a man of prayer and labor, insensible to earthly things, and sensible only to Your love and to the graces of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## FROM THE PASTOR

### 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: and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate 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 MAY:** \*Rollie & Maureen Ryan, Tim & Susan Rousseau, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan, Ron & Rose Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn, John & Toni Sacco  
Altar Linens: Linda 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.

**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)

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

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
4/25/21 Collection:	\$ 2,625.96
4/25/21 Easter Offering:	\$ 50.00
4/25/21: Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 228.00



### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
4/25/21 Collection:	\$ 854.00
4/25/21 Catholic Home Mission:	\$ 85.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:** Father Larry Delaney, Kathy Bittner, Janice Lane, Tom & Jean O'Callaghan, Judie Cervenka, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsung, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Witt), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, 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, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**INFORMATION UPDATE:** Did you move? Do you not use your landline phone anymore? Have a new cell phone number? Change your email address? If so please call 952-492-6276 or email: [admin@stpandc.mn.org](mailto:admin@stpandc.mn.org) to update your information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Please join in celebrating Fr. Michael Miller's 25th Ordination Anniversary on Sunday, May 23rd. The celebration will begin with Mass at 10:30 am at St. Patrick Church followed by a dinner and open house in the St. Patrick Social Hall and Pavilion. If you'd like to donate to the party or contribute to a surprise gift from the parishes, please drop an envelope in the collection or at the Parish Office. Checks can be made payable to your parish. **Sign-up sheets for volunteer helpers will be located in the back of the churches.** Our final meeting will be on Monday, May 17 at 6:00pm in the St. Patrick Social Hall. All parishioners are welcome to help with the final preparations.

## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY:

Dave & Rosie Nelson, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey

**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.

**SYNOD SMALL GROUP OPPORTUNITY:** We are looking for individuals who would like to join a Synod Small Group. The small group will gather together to learn, pray and discuss the Synod focus areas. By participating in these groups you will be helping Archbishop Hebda move the Archdiocese forward. More information can be found at: [www.archspm.org/synod/](http://www.archspm.org/synod/) If interested, contact the parish office.

**OUTSIDE CLEANUP:** We will be cleaning the church yard, Mary's Grotto, and the flower beds on Saturday, May 8th at 9:30 am. Please bring rakes and pruning shears. Over the years, I have seen many strangers coming off the road to sit in front of Mary's statue. Let's keep our special little church welcoming inside and outside. Questions contact Kathy at 612-418-7427.

**CELEBRATION:** On May 16th, we will introduce and welcome our new parishioners: Donna Wright, Joe and Shirley Schelton. We will also recognize our graduate Karley Vochoska, our Confirmandi Sarah O'Hern and 1st Communicant Isla Clarkin. Please join us after Mass as we process outside for our annual May Crowning of the Blessed Mother followed by refreshments.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. May 5th	6:30-8:00 PM	Classes 1-9
Sun. May 16	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5
Sun. May 23	9:15-10:15 AM	CGS ages 3-5

**INSTAGRAM:** You can find St. Patrick and St. Catherine Religious Education on Instagram for updates and activities. Follow along at: [@stspatandcatmn](https://www.instagram.com/stspatandcatmn).

