

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 21		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 22	8:30 AM (SP)	Sherry Harndon
Wednesday	May 23	8:30 AM (SP)	Gregory Family
Thursday	May 24	8:30 AM (SC)	For all grandchildren
Friday	May 25	2:00 PM (SP)	Landry/Eichens wedding
Saturday	May 26	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	May 27	8:30 AM (SC)	+Brandon Bruzek
		10:30 AM (SP)	For our parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 26 & 27, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/26	Barbara Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	5/27	Don Pesta, Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte
Lectors	5/26	Mike Puncochar
	5/27	Juli Volk
Altar Servers	5/26	Sam Lambrecht, Ben Simon, Mason DeGross
	5/27	Claire, Henry, & William Michaelson
Ushers	5/26	Roman Stepka, Mel Gregory
	5/27	Leo Jacques, Darryl Volk

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/27	Barbara Lerschen, Kathy Prochaska, Dave Nelson, Pat Schroeder
Lector	5/27	Kevin Mahowald
Altar Servers	5/27	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/27	Frank Simons, Rick Sirek
Greeters	5/27	Bonnie Theis, Lee Hesse

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! The parish office will be closed Monday, May 28th, Memorial Day.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 21: Fr. Eduardo Castillo, May 22: Fr. John Clay,
May 23: Fr. Kevin Clinton, May 24: Fr. Timothy Cloutier,
May 25: Bp. Andrew Cozzens, May 26: Fr. Michael Creagan,
May 27: Fr. Luis Curbelo.



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

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. These earlier works will serve to strengthen his present work as Pope. 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:

*Jim & Annette Frawley, Tom & Jessica Gallagher, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Tyler & Megan Green, Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Johnathan & Ashley Hentges.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

POP CAN TABS: All three New Prague Elementary Schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please collect your tabs and bring them to St. Patrick Church. Lisa Luskey will get them to the schools. Thank you.

BOXTOPS: Please save boxtops for Catholic Education. Each one you clip is worth money that goes back to education. There is a box in the back of church for you to place them in.

MASS HELPERS: If your e-mail address has changed, please contact Shelley Shepherd at seleped@frontiernet.net

FESTIVAL GAMES: We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION: Hello Parish Members, It's getting to be that time of year again where we are looking for items for the Church Festival Silent Auction. We are accepting new items, we always love basket items. Let your creative minds work their magic. Without your help our Silent Auction wouldn't be such a success. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of us. Thank you.

Cathy Theis (952-215-9526), Jacque Bittner (952-270-2024)

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY COLLECTION:

This weekend we will have a second collection for the St. Patrick Cemetery.

WEDDING BANNS: Lucas Landry / Erica Eischens

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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL: If we collect \$823.00 more on the Appeal, St. Patrick Parish will receive 25% of the money back (\$1,615.75).

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection May 13, 2018

Received this week.....\$ 1,596.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 6,463.00
Catholic Services Appeal collected.....\$ 5,640.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

John & Jayme Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine Church is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency. Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now-early summer. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

STAINED GLASS WINDOWS: Our beautiful 110 year old stained glass windows are in need of repair. Under the direction of Joe Williamson, we have already taken steps to repair three of the windows. One of these required structural repairs. The more significant step is replacing all of the storm windows as a protective barrier from the elements. This work will be completed this summer.

After a rigorous bidding process, Gaytee-Palmer out of Minneapolis has been selected to perform the repairs at a total cost of \$23,115. As many of you already know, our budget is extremely tight year after year. So, to fund the repairs, we are initiating a capital campaign. We have some savings to draw from and the CCW has graciously offered to contribute. The Parish Council has proposed a capital campaign goal of \$16,000 to cover the balance.

Because of the significance of this capital campaign, all donors will be recognized with their names engraved on a plaque that will hang in the church.

To make a contribution, please place your donation in the collection basket over the next several weeks and mark the envelope accordingly (your name and labeled "Window Fund"). We will publish in the bulletin a running total of contributions weekly until our goal is met. If you have questions, you can contact me (Tim Saarela), other Parish Council members, or the trustees (Pat Schroeder and Joe Williamson).

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection May 13, 2018

Received this week.....\$1,152.08
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$4,013.00
Catholic Services Appeal pledged.....\$1,990.00
Window Repair Campaign.....\$4,800.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PATRICK / ST. CATHERINE JOINT PARISH PASTORAL

COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, May 21st at 7:00 PM in the St. Patrick Social Hall.

VIRTUS SESSION: St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 PM. To sign-up go to www.virtusonline.org and follow the prompts. If you have questions, contact Laura @ 952-758-5131.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 22	S.P.	Parish Festival
Sat. July 28	S.C.	C.C.W. Garden Tour & Lunch