

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 23	NO MASS
Tuesday	May 24 8:30 AM (SP)	+Laura Ryan
Wednesday	May 25 8:30 AM (SC)	Fr. Michael J. Miller (20th annv. of ordination)
Thursday	May 26 8:30 AM (SP)	+Sherrri Harndon
Friday	May 27	NO MASS
Saturday	May 28 5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	May 29 8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
	10:30 AM (SP)	+Jerry Cavanaugh

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 28 & 29, 2016

St. Patrick

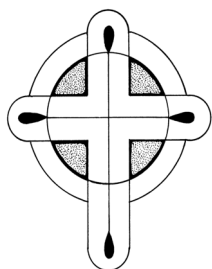
Extraordinary Ministers	5/28	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	5/29	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	5/28	Lynne Hoffman
	5/29	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	5/28	Mason DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	5/29	Elias DeGeest, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	5/28	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	5/29	Leo Jacques, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	5/29	Don & Elaine Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/29	Frank Simons, Bonnie Theis, Paul & Linda Torgesen
Lector	5/29	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	5/29	Addey Vochoska, Maggie Muelken, Monica Muelken
Ushers	5/29	Dave Nelson, Rick Sirek
Greeters	5/29	Lee Hesse, Kathy Prochaska

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 23: Fr. James McConville May 24: Fr. Patrick McCorkell, May 25: Fr. Kevin McDonough, May 26: Fr. Thomas McDonough, May 27: Fr. Steven McMichael, May 28: Fr. Benny Mekkatt Varghese, May 29: Fr. Fredrick Meer.



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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

God

God... a simple, three-lettered word, which we use so frequently, even casually, is the name of the very greatest mystery that exists. Unfortunately, it has become part of our language by which many people express surprise, anger, exasperation, and other emotions. This great name is used so many times each day in vain. But what does it mean? We must never think of God (with a capital G) as a word, but rather as a name. The name of the greatest being that is: one God in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – the Most Holy Trinity. “The mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of Christian faith and life. It is the mystery of God in Himself” (Catechism, 234). We can use other words to describe Him: almighty, all-knowing, perfect, ultimate reality, etc... and yet, the words He invites us to use in addressing Him are so personal: Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit. “You received a Spirit of adoption, through whom we cry, ‘Abba, Father!’” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him” (Romans 8:15-17).

That is why on the Sunday following Pentecost the Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. Throughout the liturgical year we celebrate the mysteries of our salvation: Christ’s birth, life, death, resurrection, and the sending of the Holy Spirit. And now, immediately after the great season of Easter we focus on the very heart of it all: God. All three persons of the Trinity have always worked together in all of these events, from creation itself, for one purpose: that we may share their very life. And that life is a life of love. “God is love” (1 John 4:8,16). “God’s very being is love. By sending His only Son and the spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God Himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and He has destined us to share in that exchange” (Catechism, 221).

The following week we celebrate the reality that makes this exchange possible: the Body and Blood of Christ. God’s plan from the beginning was for us to share His life. When that gift was rejected through



sin, God's plan of reconciliation was put in motion. It culminated in the sacrifice of the Body and Blood of Jesus on the cross, and His resurrection after this sacrifice. Jesus gave us this gift as a new and everlasting covenant in the Most Holy Eucharist, which "contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth: Christ Himself, our passover and living bread. Through His own flesh, now made living and life-giving by the Holy Spirit, He offers life to men. Consequently the gaze of the Church is constantly turned to her Lord, present on the Sacrament of the Altar, in which she discovers the full manifestation of His boundless love" (John Paul II, *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, 1). When we keep all these things in mind, and delve more deeply into these mysteries, we will discover with growing wonder and awe that God is good, beautiful, and true. He is Love. And when we look upon the Holy Eucharist and receive it we can truly say, along with St. Thomas, "My Lord, and my God" (John 20:28).

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.

CONGRATULATIONS! Timothy Kern & Alicia Scheffler who were married Saturday, May 21st at St. Patrick Church.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the Knights of Columbus (New Prague) for donating the wheelchair to St. Patrick Parish.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection May 15, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,454.00
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
Cemetery Collection.....\$ 392.77



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayne Sheehan-Willis, Margaret Sharkey, Kathleen Prochaska.



ST. CATHERINE PARISH

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection May 15, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 598.33
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, Benoite Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS: Monday, May 30th at 8:30 AM at St. Patrick. The New Prague Veterans Honor Guard will have a brief service at 9:00 AM followed by a rifle salute by the Veterans Honor Guard.

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

Archdiocesan Marriage Day Celebration, Sat. June 4, 10:00 AM at the St. Paul Cathedral. Bishop Cozzens invites you to celebrate the beautiful mystery of the mutual self-gift between a man and woman in the Sacrament of Matrimony. For more information, call 651-291-4488.

Women's Retreat, June 14-16 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more information, call 952-447-2182.

Festival, Sun. June 26 at St. Mary's in LeCenter. Polka Mass at 10:00 AM. Roast Beef Dinner 11:45 AM-1:30 PM. \$12/adult, \$5/child. Live Music, Country Store, Silent Auction, Bingo, etc.

Rummage Sale for Hope House, Please save household items, clothing, and furniture that you have been wanting to pass on. A rummage sale to benefit Hope House and Families Moving Forward will be held Aug. 4, 5, & 6. Items will be collected beginning July 28, location to be determined. Call Audre Johnson for more information at 612-790-9355.

Jubilee Year of Mercy, Pope Francis asks us to "live this Year in the light of the Lord's words: 'Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful (cf. Lk 6:36)'"'. Participate throughout the year by making a pilgrimage to a Holy Door at the Cathedral of St. Paul or Basilica of St. Mary, regularly receiving the sacrament of Reconciliation, performing corporal and spiritual works of mercy, and participating in the #Mercy Works video challenge. Find additional ways to **pray, learn, and act** at www.archspm.org/Mercy.