

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/23	NO MASS		
Tuesday	5/24	8:30 AM	SP	Thoele Family
Wednesday	5/25	8:15 AM	SP	Fr. Michael Miller (26th Anniversary)
Thursday	5/26	8:30 AM	SP	+Feldmeier Family
Friday	5/27	NO MASS		
Saturday	5/28	5:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Sunday	5/29	8:30 AM	SC	
		10:30 AM	SP	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR May 28 & 29, 2022

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/28	Rita Ryan
	5/29	Kristi Schulte
Lector	5/28	Rob Puncochar
	5/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	5/28	Max & Weston Streefland
	5/29	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	5/28	Mark Simek
	5/29	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/29	Pat Schroeder
Lector	5/29	Petro Tsarehradsky
Altar Servers	5/29	Volunteer
Ushers	5/29	Dennis Maciej, Kevin Mahowald
Greeters	5/29	Lloyd & Deloris Friske

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 envelope. Thank you!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 22: Fr. John Hofstede, May 23: Fr. David Jottinger, May 24: Fr. Spencer Howe, May 25: Fr. Jeffrey Huard, May 26: Fr. Peter Hughes, May 27: Fr. Thomas Hunstiger, May 28: Fr. Joseph Hurtuk.

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

26 Years and Counting

It is always good to mark the milestones of one's life. May 25th marks an important one for me: 26 years as a priest. As I look back, I am struck by some salient changes that have happened. The biggest change came from the abuse scandal. The first five years of my priesthood were very different from the last 21 because of it. Of course, being an associate pastor those first five years also accounted for the difference. I was already a pastor in Delano for six months before the Boston scandal first hit. The country was still reeling from the September 11th attacks just four months earlier. I was encouraged by the increase of Mass attendance after the attacks as people turned to God for healing and strength. Then there was another attack, this one caused by fellow members of the clergy. News about this was constant and expanding, and it did not take long before priests were the punchline of media jokes and all of us felt as though we were painted by the same brush. Church attendance began to drop as quickly as her credibility. Suddenly the bishops were scrambling to stop the breach, and we all felt as though we were one accusation away from doom. Though things quieted down there were flairs ups here and there, until September 2013 when MPR published a story about abuse failures in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis which continued to dominate every aspect of our lives for the next several years and still casts its ugly shadow upon us. I hope and pray that no one is ever abused again by a priest or anyone else.

Many good things happened too. It was one of my happiest days when Pope Benedict XVI was elected. He had guided me through his writings from the beginning. Vocations were burgeoning and my late classmate, Fr. Bill Baer, rector of St. John Vianney Seminary, would bring the whole group out for a Sunday Mass, picnic, and baseball game in Delano. We often spoke with great joy about the present and hope for the future. It was always special that we were ordained on his birthday. He died suddenly on January 14, 2018. May he rest in peace and continue to pray for us. I think about the many priests that have passed on in this last quarter century. Almost every one of my mentors now (hopefully) worship God at His altar on high in the sight of His divine majesty. I ask for their prayers that when my time is done here, I may be with them, along with all those entrusted to my care.

There have been many other changes too. Our culture has changed greatly. Most people accepted without a second thought that marriage was between one man and one woman, and that boys were boys and girls were girls. There was no such thing as being "woke" and we enjoyed the peaceful bliss of being "disconnected." I did not have email for my first five years as a priest. I did not realize what a blessing that was until I got my first account. I have been behind on it ever since. It was about four years until I got a rudimentary cell phone, and I did not get an i-phone until about 2012. We did not have social platforms on which complete strangers try to form your opinions through intimidation and "cancellation." We had to wait to get the news and that was often local and what was actually important. Now we can have the entire world in our face all the time through a device that we hold in the palm of our hand. Maybe that is why people are so unhappy. They are more afraid to offend the "Mob"



than to offend God.

Despite all of these changes one thing has not changed: "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today, and forever" (Heb. 13:8). And God is God and we are not. Satan continues his ancient temptation, "You will be like gods who know what is good and what is bad" (Gen.3:5), and the world with the help of our technology continues to switch the meanings around. Only the truth will set us free (Jn. 8:32). I mark this milestone with gratitude and pray that God will bless the good work He has begun in me, make good its defects, and that He will let me finish it in a way that pleases Him. Deo Gratias!

~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.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
5/15/22 Collection:	\$ 2,565.87
5/15/22 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 443.00



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.

MASSES: 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.

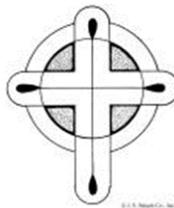
ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, May 23 at 7pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
5/15/22 Collection:	\$ 339.00
5/15/22 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 136.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES: 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.

~For the repose of the soul of Rich Schultz, father of Deanna Vochoska and Arthur Torgesen, brother of Paul Torgesen.

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.

PEACE CENTER: The Peace Center Food Shelf is New Prague's local food shelf, open and ready to serve those in need. If you are in need of food, or if you know someone who is, please call 952-758-4688. No referral is necessary.

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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat...." Let Worldwide Marriage Encounter help protect your good marriage from the weeds of the modern world. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is October 7-9, 2022 in Buffalo, MN. More info: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at 612-756-8720.