

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/24	6:30 PM	SC	+Kenneth Haglund
Tuesday	5/25	8:30 AM	SP	Fr. Michael Miller (25th Anniversary)
Wednesday	5/26	8:15 AM	SP	Tim Anderson
Thursday	5/27	NO MASS		
Friday	5/28	NO MASS		
Saturday	5/29	5:00 PM	SP	Ken & Marge Sticha Family
Sunday	5/30	8:30 AM	SC	+Ken Maciej
		10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR May 29 & 30, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/29	Tony Jirik, Dave Roach
	5/30	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	5/29	Max Eischens
	5/30	Jenny Witt
Altar Servers	5/29	Ben, Claire & Joe Meyer & Jack Sticha
	5/30	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
Ushers	5/29	Steve Kreuser
	5/30	Pat Puncocchar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/30	Lloyd Friske
Lector	5/30	Petro Tsarehradsky
Altar Servers	5/30	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/30	Kevin Mahowald, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	5/30	Janet Ryan, 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 23: Fr. Kevin Manthey, May 24: Fr. Thomas Margevicus, May 25: Fr. Luke Marquard, May 26: Fr. Bill Martin, May 27: Fr. Joshy Mathew, May 28: Fr. Thomas McCabe, May 29: Fr. James McCellan.



Lord Jesus Christ, You ordained the apostles priests at the Last Supper to continue the mission of mercy to the end of time. We believe that every Catholic priest traces his ordination to that first ordination on Holy Thursday night. We know how much You expect of Your priests, and we also know how weak and human they are. Inspire us, dear Jesus, to pray and sacrifice for Your priests, that their faithfulness to You in this life they

may bring countless souls to You in the life to come. Mary, mother of priests, pray for the priests that they may love your Divine Son, even as you did unreservedly, all the days of their lives. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR

25 Years and Counting



It is always good to mark the milestones of one's life. May 25th marks an important one for me: 25 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 20 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 flare 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 Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR MAY: Tim & Susan Rousseau, Donald & Patricia Ryan, James Ryan, John & Kathy Ryan, Philip & Elissa Ryan, Ron & Rose Ryan, Chad & Christi Ryburn

Altar Linens: Linda Kreuser

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

DRIVER NEEDED: We are looking for anyone who is interested in helping out with transportation for Judie Cervenka’s dialysis. Pick up to take her to dialysis is at 11:00am on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from Praha Village to St. Francis Hospital. Pick up from dialysis is at 3:45pm back to Praha Village. If you are interested in helping out in anyway, please text or call me at 952-649-8388. Thank you for your consideration. God Bless, Deb Kubes

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
5/16/21 Collection:	\$ 1,424.23
5/16/21 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 277.00



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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, May 24 at 7:00pm.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
5/16/21 Collection:	\$ 1,473.00
5/16/21 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 168.00



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.

*Please pray for the repose of the soul of Leonard Meger, 89. A Catholic funeral Mass 3PM Friday, June 4 at St. Nicholas Church in Elko New Market. A private family-only burial will follow Mass.

CONGRATULATIONS:

We would like to congratulate Father Miller on his 25th Ordination Anniversary. We are so happy to have you as part of our parishes!



CCD TEACHER APPRECIATION DINNER:

Our CCD teacher appreciation dinner will be Wednesday, May 26th. Anyone who would like to donate money, gift cards or other gifts towards this may put it in the Sunday collection basket- labeled “Teacher Appreciation” or drop off at Parish Office. Thank you!

Vacation Bible School: We are very excited to be offering Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) June 19-25; with St. Wenceslaus Church. See RE Calendar below for dates & Times. Registration forms are available in the back of church.

FESTIVAL 2021 IS ON!! With the recent CDC Guidelines & Governors Executive Orders relaxed, we are pleased to announce that St. Patrick’s Summer Festival 2021 is a **GO!!**

There are now sign-up sheets in the back of church. New this year, you will also be able to sign-up online. Stay tuned to next week’s bulletin for further details. Please sign up for Festival 2021 at your earliest convenience. Parishioner participation will determine what our Festival looks like this year. We will be making modifications to our event after we gauge the volunteer participation, as well as after new guidelines and executive orders are modified for large events. There are a lot of moving parts to the event and we ask for your patience and flexibility as we attempt to adjust to the new normal. As always, your suggestions for improvements are always welcome. This is our opportunity as a parish community to put on an event that shows our post-Covid resilience and our commitment to St. Patrick’s Church.

Festival Co-Chairs

Emily and Chad Sandey

Diana and Paul Schoenbauer

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. May 26	6:00 PM	CCD Teacher Appreciation Dinner
June 21-25(Gr 1-6)	9:00AM- 2:30PM	Totus Tuus VBS
June 19-24(Gr 7-12)	6:30-8:30 PM	Totus Tuus VBS