

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/25	NO MASS	Joe Williamson
Tuesday	5/26	NO MASS	+David Tomaschko
Wednesday	5/27	NO MASS	+Jim Restrepo
Thursday	5/28	NO MASS	
Friday	5/29	NO MASS	
Saturday	5/30	NO MASS	Thoele Family
Sunday	5/31	NO MASS	+Brandon Bruzek
		NO MASS	For Our People

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 30 & 31, 2020

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/30	Tony Jirik, Barb Lewis, Rita Ryan
	5/31	Rob Puncochar, Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte
Lector	5/30	Shelley Shepherd
	5/31	Jennifer Clancy
Altar Servers	5/30	Ian DeGross, Weston Feist, Sam Lambrecht
	5/31	Ben Meyer, Claire Meyer
Ushers	5/30	Mark Rezac, Brian Feist
	5/31	Pat Puncochar, Rob Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/31	Deanna Vochoska, Kathy Prochaska, Ken & Kathy Ceola
Lector	5/31	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	5/31	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/31	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Nelson
Greeters	5/31	Paul & Linda Torgesen

*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 25th, (Memorial Day).*

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

May 18: Fr. James Reidy, May 19: Fr. Peter Richards,  
May 20: Fr. Raymond Rickels, May 21: Fr. Cory Rohlfing,  
May 22: Fr. Steven Rohlfis, May 23: Fr. Pietro Rossotti,

May 24: Abp. Bernard Hebda & Bp. Andrew Cozzens.

**Go and make  
disciples of  
all nations**



**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

### I am with you always

Today we celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven. Normally it is celebrated 40 days after the Resurrection, which always falls on a Thursday. It can be transferred to the following Sunday, which was done in our Archdiocese about 20 years ago. We read the end of the Gospel of St. Matthew, the last line of which contains the promise of Jesus that He would be with His disciples always. He remains in the world through His Church, and especially through the Holy Eucharist, which He has ever since He ascended into heaven. What an unbelievable treasure we have in the Eucharist. And how sad it is that so many people, including many Catholics, do not believe in this presence. It echoes the description of the disciples just before Jesus makes this promise: "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw Him, they worshiped, but they doubted." The Holy Spirit enabled them to overcome these doubts and fulfill the mission Jesus gave them to: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." This same Holy Spirit is present and active today in the Church and in the hearts and minds of all believers. It is the Holy Spirit who can help these believers to overcome their doubts about Christ's presence in the Holy Eucharist.

As most Catholics have been deprived of the holy Eucharist for the last two months, it is an excellent time to renew our faith in Jesus' Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. We can read and study about it, which is always fruitful, but we will find that our belief is all based on faith. It is contained in the very words that bring about that presence in each Mass: "This IS my Body . . ." Jesus did not say, "this is a symbol of my body," or "this is my body if you believe it is," He simply said that it is His Body. And that is why we believe it: because He said so. As we pray to the Holy Spirit to increase our faith in this presence, perhaps we can pray that we would regain some of the trust and simplicity that we had when we first received Holy Communion. The priest who prepared us may have explained the Real Presence in the same way. We probably believed with very little doubt. We may not have understood very deeply, but when you think about it you never really can. It is a



mystery that is so great that it is beyond our ability to comprehend it. The best thing we can do is worship without doubt and believe with a simple faith our Lord's words: "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me . . . And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

\*Travis & Amanda Sticha, Jeff & Kerri Sticha, Mike & Jan Sticha, Norm & Denie Sticha, Rob Sticha, Brian & Becky Szyszka, Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Joe & Amy Tupy. Altar Linens: Lin Kreuser.

**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)

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH WILL BE OPEN** 8:00 AM—8:00 PM daily to come and pray. Blessed palms are available in the back of church. Palm Sunday and Easter bulletin inserts are also available. *The Servant Newspaper* with Father's article about his dad are in the back of church.

**ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL UPDATE 2020:** The Festival Committee has met with the Parish Council to discuss the 2020 Festival as it will be impacted by the Covid-19 crisis. As of May 18<sup>th</sup>, our plan is to continue full speed ahead with our regular festival plans, until we hear otherwise. By the end of June, the State of MN and the Archdiocese will have some data and experience with larger gatherings and will be able to give guidance on Large Crowd Event Protocols. We will adjust our Festival plans accordingly to comply with the most current guidance at the time.

The raffle will still be held whether or not a full Festival takes place. Please sell as many raffle tickets as possible this year as there is a possibility that our Festival will be impacted in other ways, thus limiting our fund-raising potential.

Also, please note that Festival Bake Day is still scheduled for Saturday July, 11 @ 8:00 AM. This event will be adjusted accordingly as we get closer to Bake Day. Everyone is encouraged to attend Bake Day as this is a huge undertaking from our talented Baking Parishioners. No experience is necessary, just a helping hand!!

Please continue to monitor the bulletin for more information as it becomes available. We appreciate your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

*St. Patrick's Festival Committee*

**MEMORIAL DAY:** The New Prague Veterans Honor Guard will be at St. Patrick Cemetery Monday, September 25th at 9:00 AM.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection May 17, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 1,663.06  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,223.00  
Cemetery Collection.....\$ 50.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

John & Jayme Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

### ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: No meeting in May.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
Sunday Collection May 17, 2020

Received this week.....\$ 500.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,040.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS:** Please send your picture along with graduation plans, ie. university or trade school, branch of military, etc. Please send to [religiousedatstpatricks@gmail.com](mailto:religiousedatstpatricks@gmail.com)

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:**

Michael Lonergan, Jane Lorsung, Ryan Maciej, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Clancy), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Maxley Ferguson, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska), Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), 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, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer. +Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stan Chromy, former parishioner of St. Catherine.

**CONFESSIONS:** Anyone seeking to meet with Father Miller for confession; please email him directly to setup @ [fmiller@stpandc.mn.org](mailto:fmiller@stpandc.mn.org)

**FAITH FORMATION:** A Study of St. Joseph, Sunday evenings, 6:30 PM at St. Patrick Social Hall, meet in parking lot first for masks and gloves. Contact Dave Nelson @ 952-492-3402 or [dmanang2@gmail.com](mailto:dmanang2@gmail.com)

**WEEKLY CONTRIBUTIONS:** As the novel coronavirus (Covid19) response grips our country and our Parish Communities, we want to remind you that our regular financial obligations continue to occur. We are asking you to continue to GIVE to our churches on a regular basis. We have installed a new contributions drop box at the Parish Office; you may also mail to: St. Patrick & St. Catherine Church, 24425 Old Hwy. 13 Blvd. Jordan, MN 55352. Thank you for your continued support!



### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday	7/19/20	SP	Parish Festival
Tuesday	10/13/20	SC	Autumn Dinner
Sunday	11/1/20	SC	Turkey Bingo