

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 29	8:30 AM (SP)	+Jan Ferrazzo
Tuesday	May 30		NO MASS
Wednesday	May 31		NO MASS
Thursday	June 1	8:30 AM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
Friday	June 2	8:30 AM (SP)	Sticha Families
Saturday	June 3	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	June 4	8:30 AM (SC) 10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People +John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JUNE 3 & 4, 2017

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	6/3	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	6/4	Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Agnes DeGross, Tim Sonnek
Lectors	6/3	Brianne Jirek
	6/4	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	6/3	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	6/4	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Bryce Deutsch
Ushers	6/3	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	6/4	Volunteer, Don Pesta
Greeters	6/4	Don Pesta & Elaine Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	6/4	Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske, Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham
Lector	6/4	Molly O'Hern
Acolytes	6/4	Maggie & Monica Muelken
Ushers	6/4	Rick Sirek, Shawn O'Hern
Greeters	6/4	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 29th (Memorial Day).

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 29: Fr. Glen Jenson, May 30: Fr. Joseph Johnson, May 31: Fr. Michael Johnson, June 1: Pope Francis, June 2: Fr. Michael Miller, June 3: Fr. Paul Johnson, June 4: Fr. Jan Joncas.



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'S DESK

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 a few 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.

It is always an excellent time to renew our own 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 really too deep to fathom. 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 JUNE:

*Steven & Jennifer Olson, Robert & Donna Patton, Jeff Paul, Jesse & Rebecca Pexa, Roger & Jackie Pomije, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Mike & Rachel Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, Paul & Rachel Radermacher. Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK PARISH FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION:

We are looking for Silent Auction items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Here are some examples of what can be donated . . . gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kid’s games . . . We are grateful for any donated item. If you have questions, or items to donate, call Jacque Bittner @ 952-270-2024 or Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923.

FESTIVAL SPOTLIGHT—CHILDREN’S GAMES: Tish Scheffler, Diana Schoenbauer, and Natalie Simon are all co-chairing Children’s games once again this year. Because there are a total of 10 games, we are still looking for more people who would like to help co-chair. If you are interested in helping out with the children’s games, please call Diana at 952-201-1088. Chairing an event is a great way to meet your fellow parishioners! Children’s games is a great area for parents that have young children to work in and get involved in. We would love to have some younger parents to get involved in this area.

Each year we need over 3000 prizes for these games. The chairs spend many hours throughout the whole year looking for great deals to purchase all these toys at bargain prices to maximize our profits. Prizes include toys of all sizes, stuffed animals, games, school supplies, candy, snacks, pop and much more. We would like all parishioners to try to donate items for this area also. The more we have donated, the less our expense will be and the less time the chairs will need to shop for the over 3000 prizes. There is a container in the back of the Church all year long where you can put donated items. Let’s see if we can start filling it up each week!!! Or you can give any one of the chairs a call and they can arrange getting the donated toys from you.

This year, due to very busy schedules by the current chairs, we are in even a greater need for toys. Even if you are not interested in chairing but would have time to shop for toys that would be of great help. You can always help buy toys and turn in receipts to the office.

*Chad & Emily Sandey and
Paul & Diana Schoenbauer*

FESTIVAL FLYERS: There are Festival Flyers available in the back of church. If you would like an electronic copy, please contact the parish office. Help spread the word!

CONGRATULATIONS! Benjamin & Tanya Stuber on the baptism of their son, Trevor Michael Stuber, on May 21, 2017.

NEEDED: We are looking for someone to take over the job of scheduling St. Patrick Mass Helpers. Many thanks to Heidi Michaelson for doing this job in the past!

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection May 21, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 1,959.75
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,925.00
Cemetery Collection.....	\$ 431.00
Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$5,715.00
Catholic Services Appeal Goal.....	\$6,463.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Rachel Friske, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf.

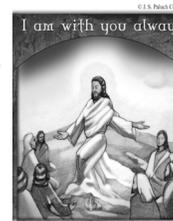
MARK YOUR CALENDARS: St. Catherine’s Luncheon and Garden Tour will be Saturday, July 29th.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection May 21, 2017

Received this week.....	\$ 797.76
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 1,001.00
Catholic Services Appeal.....	\$ 815.00
Catholic Services Appeal Goal.....	\$4,013.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Fr. Francis Roach, Rosie Ryan, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Danny Theis, Anne Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons’ sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner’s uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT COLLECTION: June 3 & 4 we will have a second collection for the Catholic Spirit. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit, but would like to, please contact the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

MEMORIAL DAY: There will be a Mass at St. Patrick on Monday, May 29th at 8:30 AM (Memorial Day). At 9:00 AM the New Prague Veterans Honor Guard will have a short service and a rifle salute.

April 25, 2017 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
“Dear children! Love, pray, and witness my presence to all those who are far away. By your witness and example you can draw closer the hearts that are far from God and His grace. I am with you and intercede for each of you so that, with love and resoluteness, you may witness and encourage all those who are far from my Immaculate Heart. Thank you for having responded to my call.”