

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	5/31	8:30 AM	SP	For Our Country
Tuesday	6/1	8:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek
Wednesday	6/2	NO MASS		
Thursday	6/3	8:30 AM	SC	Frank & Cathy Simons
Friday	6/4	8:30 AM	SP	Fr. George Welzbacher
Saturday	6/5	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard, Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	6/6	8:30 AM	SC	+Lawrence Jacques
	6/6	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR June 5 & 6, 2021

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	6/5	Rita Ryan, Bill Weiers
	6/6	Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka
Lector	6/5	Shelley Shepherd
	6/6	John Cassady
Altar Servers	6/5	Ian DeGross
	6/6	Norah & Annie Blaschko
Ushers	6/5	Mark Rezac
	6/6	Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	6/6	Dave Nelson
Lector	6/6	Tim Saarela
Altar Servers	6/6	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	6/6	Frank Simons, George Doheny
Greeters	6/6	Lee Hesse, Janet Ryan

*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 30: Fr. James McConville, May 31: ABP. Bernard Hebda, June 1: Pope Francis, June 2: Fr. Michael Miller, June 3: Fr. Patrick McCorkell, June 4: Fr. Kevin McDonough, June 5: Fr. Thomas McKenzie.



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

### O Most Holy Trinity

Having completed the Easter season last Sunday, the Church celebrates today the central mystery of our faith: The Most Holy Trinity. It is central because “it is the mystery of God in Himself. It is therefore the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them” (Catechism, 234). When we ask the question “Who is God?” the answer is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We speak this mystery with so much ease and familiarity that it is easy for us to underestimate its depth. We begin every prayer “in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” When we make this gesture and say those words do we realize that we are speaking the greatest truth that exists? There is no reality greater than this. God is the source of all that is. Nothing would exist if God had not given it existence. A common question that I have been asked by children over the years is, “if God made everything, then who made God?” I answer, “No one. That is why He is God. He always existed; was always perfect, and always was Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” They still look puzzled after the answer and for good reason: It is an impossible to comprehend. We cannot get our minds around it.

This is the story behind the main symbol on Pope Benedict XVI’s coat-of-arms: the seashell. As he said in his 2000 interview, God and the World: “I wanted to express my sympathy with Augustine. Augustine wrote his great work on the Trinity; he struggled with it and, then, had to recognize that it was beyond him. A legend developed, from this struggle of his, that he found beside the sea a boy who was digging a hole and who then tried to scoop the ocean into the hole with the seashell. When he saw that, the saint realized within himself that, just as the ocean cannot be put into this hole, no more can the mystery of God be put into your brain; it’s too small for that. I believe this legend hits the nail on the head about our limitations. The ocean just cannot go into the little seashell of our thought, even if we make it as big as possible. God, as the Wholly Other, remains beyond our comprehension.” (p.266-267). Yes, we can know very much about God. For centuries philosophers have reasoned to His existence and some of His characteristics, that He is all-powerful, all knowing, etc... “But His inmost Being as Holy Trinity is a mystery that is inaccessible to reason alone or even to Israel’s faith before the Incarnation of God’s Son and the sending of the Holy Spirit” (Catechism, 237). In other words, the only way that we could know that God is Three-in-one, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is for Him to reveal it to us. This is what we celebrate all throughout the liturgical year: God the Father is revealed by Jesus, His Son, in His life, death, and resurrection. The Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, was sent by the Father and the Son to lead the disciples into all truth (John 16:13), and to remind them of all that Jesus taught them.

Even though we are unable to understand this mystery we should concentrate on the most important truth of this revelation: “God is love” (1 John, 4:8): 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). So rather than being discouraged by the fact that we cannot fully comprehend God, let us take comfort in the fact that He fully comprehends us, and invites us to set sail ever more deeply upon the oceans of His mercy and love.

~Fr. Michael Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JUNE:** \*Chris & Shelley Shepherd, Chad & Emily Sandey, Mitchell & Breanna Sandy, John & Tish Scheffler, Scott & Karla Schmidt, Paul & Diana Schoenbauer, Sam & Kerri Schoenbauer, Terrie Schoenbauer and Michael & Kristi Schulte

Altar Linens: Linda Kreuser

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** We are forming a new Communications Committee that will be involved in initiatives centered around engaging parishioners and people outside of our parishes. Examples of committee responsibilities could include social media posting, monitoring and engaging, photography, videography, website, new member welcoming and branding. If you are interested in sharing your talents on this committee, contact Jennifer Witt at jencancy1@comcast.net.

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

**FESTIVAL 2021 IS ON- JULY 18th!!** 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 @ <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AEA62AA4FDC25-stpatricks>. 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 & Chad Sandey & Diana & Paul Schoenbauer

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
5/24/21 Collection:	\$ 2,560.23
5/24/21 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 50.00



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JUNE:** Lloyd & Deloris Friske, Karl & Rachel Eicher, Robert Grams & Susan Kempf

**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.

**ANNIVERSARY:** We want to wish Frank and Cathy Simons a Happy 60th Anniversary. Congratulations!

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
5/24/21 Collection:	\$ 852.00
5/24/21 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 110.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Father Larry Delaney, 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 is at 3PM on Friday, June 4 at St. Nicholas Church in Elko New Market. A private family-only burial will follow Mass.

**NEW OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESS:** Please note and update our email address in your contacts to:

[stpatrickstcatherine@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickstcatherine@gmail.com)

**OFFICE CLOSED:** The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day.

**TOTUS TUUS:** We are very excited to be offering Totus Tuus (Totally Yours) June 21-25. We will be joining with St. Wenceslaus as we experience this Catholic Vacation Bible School. It will run from 9-2:30 for grades 1-6. We will also be offering a 7-12 grade session in the evening. Mark your calendars! Registration forms available in the back of church.

**FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI BENEDICTION:** All are welcome to celebrate at St. John the Evangelist church in Union Hill following 10AM Mass on Sunday, June 6th, 2021. See flyers in the back of church.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

June 21-25(Gr 1-6)	9:00AM- 2:30PM	Totus Tuus VBS
June 20-24(Gr 7-12)	6:30-8:30 PM	Totus Tuus VBS