

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	May 6		NO MASS
Tuesday	May 7	8:30 AM (SP)	Ron & Nancy Greger
Wednesday	May 8	6:30 PM (SP)	Religious Ed. Teachers
Thursday	May 9	8:30 AM (SC)	+Tom Ryan
Friday	May 10		NO MASS
Saturday	May 11	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	May 12	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+Ermin & Esther Giesen

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 11 & 12, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	5/11	Bill Weiers, Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	5/12	Dan Cross, Agnes DeGross, Aimee Henry
Lector	5/11	Jim DeGross
	5/12	John Cassady
Altar Servers	5/11	Sam Lambrecht, Joe Weiers, Ian DeGross
	5/12	Ben Meyer, Claire Meyer, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	5/11	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	5/12	Don Pesta, Pat Puncocar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	5/12	Pat Schroeder, Bonnie Theis, Frank Simons, Deanna Vochoska
Lector	5/12	Addey Vochoska
Altar Servers	5/12	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	5/12	Shawn O'Hern, Bill Dillingham
Greeters	5/12	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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

May 6: Fr. Patrick Tobin, May 7: Fr. Adam Tokashiki,
May 8: Fr. Rolf Tollefson, May 9: Fr. Jon Tran,
May 10: Fr. James Peter Trares, May 11: Fr. Paul Treacy,
May 12: Fr. Vaughn Treco.



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

The following is an excerpt from a tribute that I wrote for my parents on their 50th wedding anniversary, 10 years ago.



Witnesses to Love

They say a picture is worth 1000 words, but only to those who are in it or around it. A picture captures a moment in time. But it was a moment that was preceded and followed by another moment, and these by others, and those more, and so on and so on until we find that the moments have added up to years, and the years into a lifetime. And the ones who can say the most about those moments are the ones who lived them. As we stop and look back upon 50 years of marriage (now 60) between Carlton and Mary Jane Miller we see a lot of moments captured in time, and there are a lot of people who can say 1000 words about each one. Yet when we look for one word that can tie them together and bring them to life it must be the word that describes the reality that bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things; the reality that never fails – love.

So deep and powerful is that word that Saint John uses it to describe God himself. Love is the reason God created us and what he created us for: to love and to be loved. He loved us first and the greatest thing we can do is to return that love. The next is to receive it from and give it to one another. The first place this is normally experienced is within the family, the communion of persons founded on the love of man and wife. “The vocation of marriage is written in the very nature of man and woman as they came from the hand of the creator... and their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves man. It is good, very good, in the Creator’s eyes” (Catechism of the Catholic Church: 2204, 1603, 1604).

Because marriage is a call from God for a man and woman to make a complete gift of them selves to each other it should be faithful, permanent, and fruitful. We did not have to wait 50 years to see whether the marriage of Carl and Mary Jane fulfilled these requirements. They were lived moment by moment beginning at 10 AM, Tuesday, May 5, 1959, at the church of the Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. They vowed to love and honor each other for the rest of their lives. They began a life together that was marked by hard work, faithfulness, and love. A dairy farmer is guaranteed steady work, if not steady income; and a beautician can be sure that beauty fades and hair grows. Not only was Mary Jane good at making her customers more beautiful, she made the farm bloom with flowers of all kinds. They bought this farm, on which I now own and live, in 1962 and moved there with

my sister Kim. I was born three years later, and my sister Kayleen five years after that.

On that farm they raised their family with all of the good times and bad that come with life. With the roses there are thorns. Yet, despite the thorns I remember best the roses, so colorful and fragrant, symbolic of the beauty and joy of the life lived on that farm – the fruit of the marriage that began on that Tuesday morning in May just 4 miles away in a church dedicated to the Immaculate Conception. And just as Jesus returned to Nazareth and grew in wisdom and age and grace before Mary and Joseph, so did Kim, Kayleen, and I before Mom and Dad in our own little Nazareth: a little taste of heaven. As long as we are on this side of heaven there will be thorns, but when we join them to the One who wore a crown of them we let God plant even greater seeds: a treasure in heaven more beautiful than all the roses this world can give, which will never fade and never hurt.

As St. John and says at the end of his gospel, there are many other things that happened that are not written down here. They are contained in the pictures and the memories of those who lived them. It is easy to fall into sadness when we notice how fast time flies. We can be grateful for the good things that make up our memories, yet sad that they are in the past. But the tears of this sadness are wiped away when we think about the blessing of the Easter candle at the Easter Vigil. As the priest traces the cross he says “Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end, Alpha and Omega, “and as he traces the numbers of the New Year he says, “All time belongs to Him, and all the ages, to Him be glory and power, through every age and forever. Amen”

Time does not just fly away. It flies to Him, and so do we. Thank you Mom and Dad for being such beautiful witnesses of His love. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

*John & Cassie Boegeman, Chris & Laurie Blaschko, Brian & Meghan Blonigen, Michael & Sarah Brundage, Brian & Kelley Buckman, Jim & Crystal Buesgens, Joe & Julie Capaul, Rick & Beth Carey, Cam & Gwen Case, Pamela Caselius. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAY: Tuesday, May 7th at 4:30 PM. Your help is appreciated. Lunch to follow. Any questions, call Mike Sticha @ 952-758-2022.

We are looking for **FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION** items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Sometimes we struggle with what to donate ... here are some ideas; gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kids games... We are grateful with any donated item :-). Please contact either Jacquie Bittner @ 952-270-2024, Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923, or Cathy Theis @ 952-215-9526.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection April 28, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 2,502.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

Jayme & John Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP: We will be cleaning up the church yard on Saturday, May 11th at 9:00 AM. Please bring gloves, rakes, and pruners. This should only take about one to one and a half hours if we have enough volunteers. Call Kathy @ 952-440-6740 if you have questions.

MAY CROWNING: On Sunday, May 19th we will be honoring our Blessed Mother with our tradition of crowning Her with roses. We will also introduce our new parishioners Jeff & Jane Lorsung and family. We will recognize our graduates Molly O’Hern and Addey Vochoska and our 1st communicants Brynn Clarkin and Kayden Nelson. Please join us for refreshments after Mass.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection April 28, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 461.15
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson’s sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) 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, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin’s cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

CATHOLIC SPIRIT: If you are not receiving the Catholic Spirit newspaper, but would like to, contact Colleen at the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

ADVOCACY HOUR: Stop by the Capitol anytime between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Tuesday, May 7th to speak with your legislators AND spend time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in a private room at the Capitol! You can help get important legislation over the finish line this season. For more information visit, www.MNCatholic.org/Advocacy-Hour

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wed. May 8	6:30 PM	Mass at St. Patrick Church.
	7:00 PM	Teacher Appreciation Dinner.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

