

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

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|-----------|--------|---------------|-----------------|
| Monday    | May 7  |               | NO MASS         |
| Tuesday   | May 8  | 8:30 AM (SP)  | +Lulu Cavanaugh |
| Wednesday | May 9  | 6:30 PM (SP)  | +Brandon Bruzek |
| Thursday  | May 10 | 8:30 AM (SC)  | +Robert Zweber  |
| Friday    | May 11 |               | NO MASS         |
| Saturday  | May 12 | 5:00 PM (SP)  | +Erin Kreuser   |
| Sunday    | May 13 | 8:30 AM (SC)  | +Marion Jacques |
|           |        | 10:30 AM (SP) | For Our People  |

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MAY 12 & 13, 2018

### St. Patrick

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 5/12 | Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Tony Jirik           |
|                         | 5/13 | Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka |
| Lectors                 | 5/12 | Lynne Hoffman                               |
|                         | 5/13 | Phillip Scheiber                            |
| Altar Servers           | 5/12 | Ben Simon, Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross    |
|                         | 5/13 | Cole Flicek, Ella Flicek, Ethan Flicek      |
| Ushers                  | 5/12 | Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser                  |
|                         | 5/13 | Leo Jacques, Pat Puncochar                  |

### St. Catherine

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| Extraordinary Ministers | 5/13 | Frank Simons, Kathy Ceola, Joan Bruzek, Bill Dillingham |
| Lector                  | 5/13 | Rachel Eicher   |
| Altar Servers           | 5/13 | Conner Anderson, Monica Muelken                         |
| Ushers                  | 5/13 | Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi                             |
| Greeters                | 5/13 | Joe & Ruth Romanowski                                   |

*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 7: Fr. John Brandes, May 8: Fr. William Brenna, May 9: Fr. Andrew Brinkman, May 10: Fr. James Burns, May 11: Fr. John Burns, May 12: Fr. Harold Bury, May 13: Fr. John Byron.



**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 Mary Month of May*



For many centuries the month of May has been dedicated to Mary. It is a time in which we honor Mary in a special way for the unique role that she had in our salvation in being the mother of our Savior. We are also reminded that she continues to be a part of God's activity in the world by her prayers on our behalf. The Second Vatican Council summed up both of these aspects of Mary when it wrote: "Mary has by grace been exalted above all angels and men to a place second only to her Son, as the most holy mother of God who was involved in the mysteries of Christ: she is rightly honored with special reverence. Indeed, from most ancient times the Blessed Virgin Mary has been venerated under the title of 'God-bearer.' In all perils and needs, the faithful have fled prayerfully to her protection" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church Lumen Gentium, 66).

One of the ways that Mary is honored in many places is by a May crowning. A crown of flowers is placed on a statue of Mary to symbolize our love and devotion to her. It is a beautiful symbol of our devotion to Mary in its simplest form. A few years ago I had some children who were about 5 years old do the crowning. They were so innocent as they brought up the crown and placed it on top of the statue. This is a reminder that no matter how old and accomplished we may become we are still children in God's eyes, and we must have the same simplicity and trust as a child: "Unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 18:3). This particular crowning also demonstrated something about God. At first I set the statue of Mary on a pedestal so it would be easy to see it. But when I brought the children up to practice the crowning I found that they could not reach. So I had to put the statue on the floor so that it was eye to eye with the children. Then they could reach. And that is what God has done for us: "For us men and our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man." God came down so we could reach Him. This is the reason why we honor Mary as we do. He came down to us through her.

*Fr. Michael J. Miller*

## ST. PATRICK

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

\*Jim & Annette Frawley, Tom & Jessica Gallagher, Dave & Kerry Giesen, Tyler & Megan Green, Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Bob & Maria Hanson, Brian & Renee Hartman, Joseph & Mindee Hemann, Johnathan & Ashley Hentges.  
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

### ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEMBER:

We have an opening on the Parish Pastoral Council. Joe O'Brien completed his second term. We thank Joe for his 6 years of dedicated service! If you are interested in being on the Parish Council, please contact Fr. Miller or the parish office.

**ST. PATRICK CEMETERY CLEAN-UP:** Monday, May 7th at 4:30 PM. Lunch to follow.

**FESTIVAL GAMES:** We are in need of larger toys for the festival. We need 5-10 or more of the same toy that is larger for the prize tree. Generally, we pay \$5-20 for each. We need 300+ large toys for boys and girls. If you have any questions, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.

**\*We are in need of someone to help with Festival Games, buying toys throughout the year. If you are interested, please contact Tish at 612-799-6496.**

### FATHER'S LETTER & FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:

These are available in the back of church. Please pull the staples out of the raffle tickets before returning them. Thank you.

**FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION:** Hello Parish Members, It's getting to be that time of year again where we are looking for items for the Church Festival Silent Auction. We are accepting new items, we always love basket items. Let your creative minds work their magic. Without your help our Silent Auction wouldn't be such a success. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to one of us. Thank you.

*Cathy Theis (952-215-9526)  
Jacque Bittner (952-270-2024)*

**THANK YOU:** A big thanks to FCSLA (First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association) for the \$600 matching grant we got for the Group II Fish Fry on March 16, 2018.

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

**Sunday Collection April 29, 2018**

Received this week.....\$ 1,625.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00  
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 6,463.00  
Catholic Services Appeal collected.....\$ 5,640.00



### **ST. PATRICK CEMETERY COLLECTION:**

We will have a second collection May 19th & 20th for the St. Patrick Cemetery. Please use the envelope in your box for this collection. Thank you.

## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF MAY:

John & Jayme Willis, Kathleen Prochaska, Margaret Sharkey.

**ST. CATHERINE SPRING CLEAN-UP:** We will be having a yard clean-up on Saturday, May 12th at 9:00 AM. We would like everyone's help. Please bring gloves, rakes, pruners, etc. If we get enough people, it should just take a short time. Questions, contact Kathy @ 952-440-6740.

**MAY CROWNING:** In celebration of Mother's Day, May 13, we will be crowning our spiritual mother Mary. We will also be recognizing our graduates, confirmand, and our new parish members. Please join us after Mass for a reception in their honor.

**ST. CATHERINE PARISH COUNCIL,** Enclosed is \$1,500, a donation for the window protection. We have also voted at the C.C.W. Meeting that we would also donate 75% of our proceeds received from the Garden Tour Event on July 28. To help promote this event we will be asking assistance from our men in the parish to put out road signs and assist with bringing any folding tables, if needed, outside for Bake Sale/Craft item sales. With God's blessing we will have a good turnout that day.

*Margaret Sharkey, C.C.W. President*

### **Stewardship of Treasure**

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*  
**Sunday Collection April 29, 2018**

Received this week.....\$ 894.00  
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00  
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$4,013.00  
Catholic Services Appeal pledged.....\$1,990.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

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

**PARISHES:** JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zwebber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Fr. Francis Roach, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack Eiseman (father 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.

**THANK OUR DEDICATED TEACHERS:** Thank you notes and gift cards (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, or \$25 for meals, groceries, coffee, shopping, etc.) for the Teacher Appreciation Dinner are being accepted. Place your thank you note and/or gift card (or cash and we will purchase a gift card in your name) in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation" in the offertory basket by May 6. If you missed the letter and envelope in the April 8 bulletin, there are additional envelopes in the back of church. Thank you for your generosity.

**PLAN AHEAD:** St. Wenceslaus Church, New Prague, will be hosting a VIRTUS session on Monday, May 21 at 6:00 PM. To sign-up go to [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org) and follow the prompts. If you have questions, contact Laura @ 952-758-5131.