

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	June 17	6:30 PM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Tuesday	June 18	8:30 AM (SP)	Maureen Singleton
Wednesday	June 19		NO MASS
Thursday	June 20		NO MASS
Friday	June 21	8:30 AM (SC)	+Art Schumann
Saturday	June 22	5:00 PM (SP)	Thoele Family
Sunday	June 23	8:30 AM (SC)	+Lawrence Jacques
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JUNE 22 & 23, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	6/22	Barb Lewis, Dave Roach, Rita Ryan
	6/23	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Joan Nelson
Lector	6/22	Jim DeGross
	6/23	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	6/22	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Joe Weiers
	6/23	Karlie & Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	6/22	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	6/23	Leo Jacques, Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	6/23	Kevin Mahowald, Pat Schroeder, Kathy Prochaska, Frank Simons
Lector	6/23	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	6/23	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	6/23	Bill Dillingham, Rick Sirek
Greeters	6/23	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?

June 17: Fr. Peter Wittman, June 18: Fr. Benjamin Wittnebel, June 19: Fr. James Wolnik, June 20: Fr. Timothy Wozniak, June 21: Fr. Timothy Wratkowski, June 22: Fr. Timothy Yanta, June 23: Fr. Joseph Zabinski.



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

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 J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

*Jennifer Clancy, John & Gail Cassady, Jim & Mora Cavanaugh, Dan & Debra Cervenka, Terry Connelly, Jayne Cram, Dan & Vickie Cross, Benjamin & Lori Davis, Jim & Kelley DeGross, Kevin & Lisa DeGross. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

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 Jacque Bittner @ 952-270-2024, Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923, or Cathy Theis @ 952-215-9526.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL: There are festival worker sign-up sheets & festival flyers in the back of church. Please take a moment after Mass to sign-up. The Festival Country Store will be looking for crafts, baked goods, garden produce, plants, and new merchandise. Also cookbooks and children’s books. Sell your raffle tickets to your friends and relatives. Bring them to work, offer them at social gatherings, you’d be surprised how many you sell!!! The Festival Raffle is our biggest revenue generator.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Monday, June 17th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL is seeking one more council member. Please contact the parish office or John Cassady jgcassady@gmail.com if you are interested in being a council member.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Sunday Collection June 9, 2019

Received this week.....	\$ 2,184.00
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$ 6,463.00
Catholic Services Appeal received.....	\$ 5,220.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE:

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine’s Church C.C.W. is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency, “Project Student Success”. Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now—July 7th. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. BAKE & CRAFT SALE: Sunday, June 23rd after the 8:30 AM Mass.. Members of the C.C.W. are asked to bring their home-made items, between 8:30 and 11:30 AM on Saturday, June 22nd. Parishioners please support us by enjoying your delicious baked items or unique craft purchases. Sales generated will be placed in our community and St. Catherine Church donation funds. Questions, call Margaret Sharkey, Kathy Prochaska, or Ruth Romanowski.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, June 24th at 7:00 PM.

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”
Sunday Collection June 9, 2019

Received this week.....	\$1,975.50
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Catholic Services Appeal goal.....	\$ 4,013.00
Catholic Services Appeal received.....	\$ 1,135.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISHES:

Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zwebler, 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.

NEEDED: Religious Ed. Co-coordinator for the next school year. Please contact Juli @ 612-382-0265 for more details.

THANK YOU: Thanks to Mike Sticha for picking up all the branches on the church grounds after the storm last Tuesday.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

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



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Chicken Cookout, Sun. June 16, 10:30 AM—3:00 PM at St. Nicholas Church in New Market. \$12/adult, \$7/child & 65 yrs.+

Church Festival, Sun. June 23 at St. Mary’s Catholic Church in LeCenter. 10:00 AM Polka Mass. Roast Beef Dinner 11:15 AM -1:30 PM. \$12/adult, \$5/child.