

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	6/28	8:30 AM	SC	+Paul Lemke
Tuesday	6/29	NO MASS		
Wednesday	6/30	8:15 AM	SP	+Thoele Family
Thursday	7/1	8:30 AM	SP	Father Michael Miller - 2nd term as Pastor
Friday	7/2	8:30 AM	SP	+ Ty Schoenbauer
Saturday	7/3	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard, Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	7/4	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
	7/4	10:30 AM	SP	+ Rollie Ryan

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 3 & 4, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/3	Tony Jirik, Dave Roach
	7/4	Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lector	7/3	Max Eischens
	7/4	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	7/3	Ian DeGross
	7/4	Sara Bjerke & Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	7/3	Steve Kreuser
	7/4	Pat Puncocchar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/4	Lloyd Friske
Lector	7/4	Rachel Eicher
Altar Servers	7/4	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	7/4	George Doheny, Dave Koller
Greeters	7/4	Kathy Conway, Lee Hesse

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?

June 28: Fr. Timothy F. Nolan, June 29: Fr. Timothy L. Norris, June 30: Fr. James C. Notebaart, July 1: Fr. Matthew J. Northenscold, July 2: Fr. Bruno C. Nwachukwu, July 3: Fr. Robert C. Nygaard, July 4: Fr. Thomas F. O'Brien.

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.



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FROM THE PASTOR

The Declaration of Dependence



In 1941 the future Archbishop Fulton Sheen wrote a book entitled “A Declaration of Dependence.” This clever title expresses a great truth that we as a nation should never forget. As we celebrate Independence Day, and the freedom that we enjoy, we must not lose sight of the source of our freedom and what it really means. We are plagued in our country by the idea that freedom means the right to do whatever we want, so long as it does not hurt anyone else -- a condition which itself is frequently ignored. Abortion hurts the one aborted, and others who do not consent; pornography hurts the young, women, men, marriages, and society as a whole. Countless things are said and done that are harmful to individuals, families, and the larger community in the name of “free speech.” The false idea that freedom means independence from restriction is at the root of the problem. The Declaration of Independence, and later the Constitution of the United States, are often thought to be the source of the idea that the individual’s freedom is not dependent on others – including God. Therefore any restriction of that freedom, be it by law or custom is seen by some as an assault on our independence. But that was not what the Founding Fathers of our country had in mind at all.

This departure of understanding is not that recent. Archbishop Sheen wrote about it in 1941: “In these days when everyone talks of rights and few of duties, it is important for us Americans to recall that the Declaration of Independence is also a Declaration of Dependence. The Declaration of Independence asserts a double dependence: dependence on God, and dependence on law as derived from God. Whence comes the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness? Read the Declaration of Independence and there find the answer: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.’ Notice these words: The Creator has endowed men with rights and liberties; men got them from God! In other words, we are dependent on God, and that initial dependence is the foundation of our independence” (A Declaration of Dependence, pp.121-122).

For many years there have been those who have worked to banish God from the public domain in the name of freedom. Archbishop Sheen warned, “The day we adopt in our democracy the already widespread ideas of some American jurists that right and justice depend on convention and the spirit of the times, we shall write the death warrant of our independence” (p. 123). Since God is

the source of our freedom, He is the only one who can tell us how to use it. "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just. The choice to disobey and do evil is an abuse of freedom and leads to 'the slavery of sin'" (Catechism, 1733). Our country's greatness is founded on the truth that we are dependent on God for our existence and freedom, and that no man or government can take that away from us. Thousands have died to protect that truth. Let us never forget that justice and liberty for all is only guaranteed by the truth that we are one nation under God.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JULY: Tony & Mary Simek, Jim Simek, Mark Simek, Cyril & Natalie Simon, Patrick & Vonnie Simon, Warren & Beth Simon, *Luke & Paula Siskoff, Tim & Barbara Sonnek
Altar Linens: Linda Kreuser

PRAY THE ROSARY: Join us to pray the Rosary every Saturday evening at 4:40 PM before the 5:00 PM Mass or Sunday morning at 10:10 AM before the 10:30 AM Mass.

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 jenclancy1@comcast.net.

FESTIVAL 2021 – JULY 18th: Volunteer signups in back of church as well as on Signup Genius: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C44AEA62AA4FDC25-stpatricks>. Please sign up for your desired area(s) by June 27th. Thank you for helping making our festival a HUGE success!

FESTIVAL CHAIRPERSON MEETING: There will be a worker assignment meeting for all festival chairs on Monday, June 28th at 7PM at the Social Hall.

BINGO DONATION REQUEST: It's that time of year when we are looking for donations for Festival Bingo. Gift cards in any form of \$5 and \$10 denominations are needed and very much appreciated. We will also be doing two \$100 and two \$25 Cover-All games again this year if you would like to do a cash donation. Please call Joe & June Wallerius at 612-290-4309 or 612-240-4045 with any questions.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
6/20/21 Collection:	\$ 2,525.74
6/20/21 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 50.00

for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich.
2nd Cor. 8:9
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ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR JULY: Charles & Joan Bruzek, Deanna Vochoska

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.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, June 28 at 7:00pm.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Catherine Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Stewardship of Treasure
"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,040.00
6/20/21 Collection:	\$ 743.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Father Larry Delaney, Janice Lane, Tom & Jean O'Callaghan, 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.

FATHER MILLER: As Father Miller starts his second term as Pastor on July 1, he thought it would be neat to share with you the totals from his first term are as follows: Baptisms-64, 1st Communions-57, Confirmations-32, Weddings-16 and Funerals-31. Thanks for all your hard work Father. We appreciate you!

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday	7/18/21	SP	Festival
Tuesday	10/12/21	SC	Autumn Dinner

COMMUNITY EVENTS

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can help you do that! Marriage Encounter is 44 hours where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones — and focus just on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021 in OWATONNA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: twincitieswwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.