

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	July 1		NO MASS
Tuesday	July 2		NO MASS
Wednesday	July 3	8:30 AM (SP)	Maureen Singleton
Thursday	July 4	9:00 AM (SP)	For Our Country
Friday	July 5	8:30 AM (SC)	+Jeff Schroeder
Saturday	July 6	5:00 PM (SP)	+RoseAnn & Randy Sticha
Sunday	July 7	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 6 & 7, 2019

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/6	Jim & Kelley DeGross, Tony Jirik
	7/7	Dan Cervenka, Dan Cross, Aimee Henry
Lector	7/6	Lynne Hoffman
	7/7	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	7/6	Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross
	7/7	Karlie Bjerke, Sara Bjerke, Lincoln Stuber
Ushers	7/6	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	7/7	Leo Jacques

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/7	Bill Dillingham, Rachel Eicher, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	7/7	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	7/7	Karley Vochoska, Drake Nelson
Ushers	7/7	Frank Simons, George Doheny
Greeters	7/7	Bonnie Theis, 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! 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?

July 1: Pope Francis, July 2: Fr. Michael Miller,  
 July 3: Fr. Peter Ali, July 4: Fr. Robert Altier,  
 July 5: Fr. Jake Anderson, July 6: Fr. Michael Anderson,  
 July 7: Fr. Joseph Andrade.



**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 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 THE MONTH OF JULY:

\*Jonathan & Angela Deutsch, Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Thomas & Jody Deutsch, Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Brian & Andrea Feist. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

**ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL:** Sun, July 21st. There are festival flyers in the back of church. Please post them at your place of employment and at local businesses. Help spread the word!

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.

**FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE:** The Festival Country Store will be looking for crafts, baked goods, garden produce, plants, and new merchandise. Also, cookbooks and children’s books.

**FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:** 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.

**FESTIVAL BINGO:** It’s that time of year where we are looking for donations for Bingo. Gift cards in amounts of \$5 and \$10 denominations are needed and very much appreciated. We will also be doing the two \$100 and two \$25 cover-all games again this year, if you would like to make a cash donation. Please call Joe & June Wallerius @ 952-758-8841 with any questions. Thank you!  
*Joe & June Wallerius*

**FESTIVAL BAKE DAY:** Saturday, July 13th beginning at 8:00 AM in the social hall. All are welcome to help.

**ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** is seeking one more council member. Please contact the parish office or John Cassady [jgcassady@gmail.com](mailto: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 23, 2019**

Received this week.....\$ 1,904.50  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00  
 Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 6,463.00  
 Catholic Services Appeal received.....\$ 5,435.00



## ST. CATHERINE

### CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Charles & Joan Bruzek, Ken & Becky Jilk, Deanna Vochoska.

**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:** Thank you to all the women who baked the fresh goods sold at the Bake Sale and to those parishioners who purchased them. We, the women of the C.C.W., appreciate your support.

*Margaret Sharkey, Ruth Romanowski, Kathy Prochaska*

### Stewardship of Treasure

*“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”*  
**Sunday Collection June 23, 2019**

Received this week.....\$ 751.58  
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00  
 Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 4,013.00  
 Catholic Services Appeal received.....\$ 1,575.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Paul Kempf, 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 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.

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

**THANK YOU:** A BIG thanks to Shawn O’Hern (South Metro Carpet & Upholstery Cleaners, 952-492-7799) for cleaning the office carpets.

### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival
Fri. Sept. 27	S.P.	Steak & Chicken Cook-out
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**Catholic Grandparent Conference,** Sat. Aug. 24, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM at Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids. Cost \$25/ person. Register online or print and mail the registration form.

**160th Anniversary of St. Henry Parish,** Sun. July 14, 12:00-4:00 PM. Mass at 8:00. Food, beverages, & entertainment for all ages. 3 mi. west of LeCenter off Hwy. 112.

