

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	July 12		NO MASS
Tuesday	July 13	8:30 AM (SP)	Priest's Personal Intentions
Wednesday	July 14	8:30 AM (SP)	+John C. Horejsi
Thursday	July 15	8:30 AM (SC)	+Sharon Zephirin
Friday	July 16	8:30 AM (SP)	+Richard Beuch
Saturday	July 17	5:00 PM (SP)	+Lill Chodek
Sunday	July 18	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	+John Jacques

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 17 & 18

St. Patrick

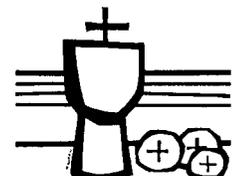
Extraordinary Ministers	7/17	Rita Ryan, Jim DeGross, Evelyn Scheffler
	7/18	Bob & Joan Goggins, Ron & Kathy McBroom, Lisa Sticha, Ted Jirik, Don Pesta, Adella Schmidt
Lectors	7/17	Jim DeGross
	7/18	Gerry Sandey
Acolytes	7/17	Megan Ryan, Peter Ryan, Mitchell Gareis
	7/18	Emily Sticha, Travis Sticha, Mike Verhoeven
Ushers	7/17	Dave Roach, Francis Beuch
	7/18	Norm Sticha, Rob Sticha, Dean Bisek, Don Pesta, Leo Jacques, Dick Chodek, Matt Trecker
Greeters	7/18	

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/18	Margaret Sharkey, Connie Svoboda, Gordy Giles, Joel Vochoska
Lector	7/18	Cindy Grolla
Acolytes	7/18	Cassie Timm, Trevor Timm, Matt Novak
Ushers	7/18	Vic Mushitz, Dan Norman
Greeters	7/18	Dave & Rosie Nelson

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 ladies 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! Parish Office summer hours: 8:00 AM—1:00 PM.

**READINGS FOR JULY 18, 2004
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10a
Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28
Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

ST. PATRICK

JULY 11, 2004

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

*Melvin & Kathy Gregory, Craig Flicek, Kristin Sticha, James & Candace Gareis, Robert & Joan Goggins, Thomas & Lynette Grobel, Sylvia Hill, Mike & Lynne Hoffman, Leo & Gloria Jacques. Altar Linens: Mary Jirik.

DISHTOWEL FINISHING: Anyone who has completed dishtowels out, please turn them in to the Country Store on Saturday, July 17th. Thank you.

FESTIVAL — July 18, 2004: Anyone who sells ten (10) or more books of raffle tickets will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate to St. Patrick's Tavern. Festival Flyers are available in the back of church. Take one and post it in your workplace.

FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE: Crafts, jellies, baked goods, garden produce, plants, and new merchandise are suggestions for contributions to the Festival Country Store. Please mark items with suggested price, if desired. These items may be brought to the Social Hall on Saturday, July 17, between 8:30 AM & noon. Thanks, in advance, for your contributions!

TOYS FOR THE FESTIVAL: Toys for the festival are once again needed. If you would like to donate, call Cathy Theis @ 461-2636 or drop off donations at the church office. Thank you.

ATTENTION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Please turn in your receipts from the festival to the parish office as soon as possible after the festival. We need them to send in the report to the Gambling Control Board. Thank you.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

MEETING: Monday, July 19th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING:

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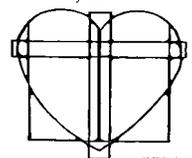
Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection July 4, 2004

Received this week.....\$ 1,661.11
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,680.00

Live the Law of Love



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

*Peter & Jill Pulk, Gerald & Julie Otremba, Jody & Jane Timm, Robert Grams & Sue Kempf.

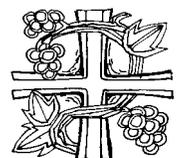
PARISH CENSUS: We are in the process of doing a Parish Census. If we have missed your name, please pick up a census form in the back of church and fill out. It may be dropped in the collection plate. Thank you. *St. Catherine Parish Pastoral Council*

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Received this week.....\$ 952.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Tom Shea (son of Rosetta Shea), Mathew Odette (grandson on Don & Virginia Odette), Nicholas Arntz (nephew of Tony & Colleen Martinson), George Dalsin, Linn Blocker, Ronald Greger (brother of Diane Williamson), Lawrence Simek, Peter Nytes, Rosie Pexa, Pam Boeser Spangrud, Angela Brandel, Jeanette Kreuger (mother of Vickie Cross), Nick Christianson (nephew of Vera Taylor), Jeff Paul.

A REFLECTION:

One of the most difficult things for any of us to do is to hold ourselves accountable for our own attitudes and actions. The standard procedure is to make an excuse that will place the responsibility on someone or something outside of ourselves. For example, when things go wrong in a marriage, it is predictable that the husband will blame the wife and the wife will blame the husband. It was this human tendency that prompted Jesus to tell the story of the "Good Samaritan." He and a scholar of the law had reached an agreement that the two most important commandments in the law were to love God with all of your heart, being, strength, and mind, and love your neighbor as yourself. Jesus wanted it to be put into practice, so he said to the scholar, "Do this and you will live." The scholar, wishing to justify himself said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" In response to that question Jesus told the story of the Samaritan-traveler.

It is obvious what the scholar had in mind. He was looking for a loophole in the law that would justify his contempt for certain people or groups of people. He wanted to be known as a keeper of the law, but he also wanted to hold on to his racial pride and prejudice. So he was searching for an excuse, some line of reasoning that would justify himself in his own eyes. How typical of the human race that is. We all know the fine art of justifying ourselves. If we fail at anything our first impulse is to reach for any excuse. That scholar's whole life hanged on the way he dealt with that instinctive desire to justify himself. So does yours and mine. Our lives never will count for very much until we drop the excuses and start holding ourselves accountable for our own attitudes and actions.

Each of us has a sense of right and wrong, and we also have a conscience that talks to us about it. Few things can be more unpleasant than an aroused and accusing conscience. When that happens, our instinctive reaction is to reach for an excuse that will soothe the conscience and enable us to feel better about ourselves. We know that we have done wrong, and there is no way of evading it. So we blame somebody or something beside ourselves. That's a neat little trick but it is also deadly destructive. We can never recover from our moral failures until we find the courage to accept the responsibility for them.

When life lets us down and stamps on us how tempting it is to look for an excuse to give us comfort. But excuses make recovery virtually impossible. The best thing we can do is shoulder the responsibility for our own lives, including the trouble and say, "With God's help we shall rise above it."

We do not know what happened to the scholar in the story. We can only hope that he found the courage to face the truth about himself and deal with it. Christ gave him that opportunity. Now Christ is giving it to us. It will not be easy to give up our excuses. But if we will, Christ will replace them with something far better—a life changed by his grace.

STEWARDSHIP—Stewardship of PROPERTY

We bring nothing into this world...
and we take nothing out of it.

EVERYTHING that we have while we are here comes as a **GIFT FROM GOD...**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

11 Day Pilgrimage to Rome & Shrines of Italy, Feb. 23-Mar. 5, 2005. Father Sebastien Bakatu is leading the pilgrimage. For more information, contact the parish office @ 952-492-6276.

Breakfast & Bake Sale, Sun. July 11, 8:30 AM-12:30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lexington. Texas French Toast, Sausage, Breads, Fruit, & Beverage. \$5.00/adult, \$2.75/child.

World Youth Day 2005, The Archdiocese is sponsoring a pilgrimage to Cologne, Germany next year for Aug. 12-22, 2005. Bishop Richard Pates will join the group. All participants are asked to be 16-30 yrs. old by Aug. of 2005. For more information, call 651-291-4552 or 651-290-1645.

National Catholic Youth Choir in concert: "Sing Psalms to the Lord," Thur. July 15, 7:30 PM at Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids. Free will offering. For more info, 320-363-3233.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend, July 16-18 at Yankee Square Inn in Eagan. For more info, 1-800-795-5683.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for Healing after Abortion, Aug. 13-15 in the Twin Cities area. For more info, 1-888-329-3773.

Parish Festival, Sun. July 18 at St. Mary's in LeCenter. Roast Beef Dinner 11:00-1:30 PM. Silent Auction 10:00-3:00 PM.

Julifest, July 24 & 25 at St. Mark's Church in Shakopee. Festival opens 5:30 PM on Sat. Street Dance 7:30-11:30 PM. Sunday-11:00 AM-8:00 PM. Continuous Entertainment featuring Chuck Thiel & the Jolly Ramblers and the Bruce Bradley Band. German Dinner Platter, games, raffles, bake & craft sale, beer garden, etc.

Days of Prayer, Tue. July 27 or Wed. July 28 at Franciscan Retreats in Prior Lake. For more info, call 952-447-2182.

Annual Charity Golf Tournament, Fri. July 30 at Dahlgreen Gold Club in Chaska. Proceeds benefiting Safe Place for Newborns. Registration fee is \$80.00 and includes golf, cart, barbeque, bucket of balls, and 2 drink tickets. 612-317-2895.

PARISH NURSE PROGRAM:

Boredom and loneliness are common complaints made by those living in nursing homes. When you visit you may want to bring something they will enjoy after you leave. Some ideas are: Reader's Digest-LARGE PRINT, audio books, magnifying glass, small radio, note cards, padded sheepskin to cover their wheelchair or bed, colorful quilt, photos of your family, children's art, fresh vegetables or fruit if allowed. Most importantly, plan enough time for your visit so you are not rushed. Enjoy this special time.