

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	7/12	NO MASS		
Tuesday	7/13	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Sticha
Wednesday	7/14	8:15 AM	SP	+George & Rosie Pexa
Thursday	7/15	8:30 AM	SC	Fr. Marv Deutsch
Friday	7/16	NO MASS		
Saturday	7/17	5:00 PM	SP	+Walter, LaVerne, Richard & Don Beuch
Sunday	7/18	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
	7/18	10:00 AM	SP	For Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR July 17 & 18, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/17	Rita Ryan, Kelley DeGross
	7/18	Joan Nelson, Kristi Schulte
Lector	7/17	Jim DeGross
	7/18	John Cassady
Altar Servers	7/17	Mason & Megan Deutsch
	7/18	Ben & Claire Meyer
Ushers	7/17	Matt Sirek
	7/18	Rob Sticha

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/18	Rachel Eicher
Lector	7/18	Mary Kay Mahowald
Altar Servers	7/18	Monica Muelken
Ushers	7/18	Kevin Mahowald, Dave Koller
Greeters	7/18	Bonnie Theis, Margaret Sharkey

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?

July 11: Fr. Brian Park, July 12: Fr. John Parkos, July 13: Fr. William Paron, July 14: Fr. Biju Pattasseril, July 15: Fr. John Paul, July 16: Fr. Marc Paveglio, July 17: Fr. Mark Pavlak.

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 Hummingbird



Six years ago when I returned to the farm, my Dad pointed out a hummingbird that had made its way into one of our sheds but could not find its way out. It was on the floor completely exhausted from its efforts to escape its tin confinements. The door was quite wide, and though nothing inside could provide it life, the allure of the shiny shed drew it, and many other members of its species into its metallic graveyard. I picked up the defeated bird, which I have never experienced before, as hummingbirds are quick and elusive, and carried the colorful and delicate creature into the house in the palm of my hand. Once inside I poured some sugar water into the lid of a jar and placed the beak of the burn-out bird into the nectar. Immediately it began to lap up the sweet liquid until it could no more. After some rest it did so again, and then again. I then took it outside to the hummingbird feeder that my Dad so faithfully renewed and put its beak inside and again it drank the sweet water. Refreshed and strengthened it attempted to fly, but only made it slightly above my head before its weakness brought it back to the base of the maple tree on which the feeder hung. I picked it up again and repeated what I had done before. Finally it had the strength to fly up into the tree and hopefully live the life it was destined to live.

I see this as an image of Divine Mercy, where God picks us up in the palm of His hand and feeds with His mercy and grace which gives us healing and life. There are many things in life that may leave us like that hummingbird: exhausted and unable to fly. There is the tremendous pain of death and illness; there is anxiety of daily life with its uncertainty and unending efforts to make ends meet; there is the pain of sin, whether it is inflicted upon us or we have unleashed its pain upon others and ourselves. The fact is that every one of us will find ourselves in the condition of that hummingbird at some point of our lives, and perhaps many times. It may seem dark and hopeless, especially if we stubbornly hold on to the hope that we can heal ourselves.

Whatever the kind of injury, its degree or cause, there is one source of healing and hope: the Mercy of God. His mercy heals us from all of these injuries and gives us strength. It may come through the mediation of others, through prayer and the sacraments. It may take a long time, step by step, minute by minute, and like the days of spring our days may grow brighter through the healing power of God's mercy. God's mercy is always available to us and we only need to implore this mercy for ourselves and the whole world. "God gets involved with our misery, He draws close to our wounds and He heals them with His

hands; He became man in order to have hands with which to heal us...God does not save us merely by decree or by law; He saves us with tenderness...He saves us with His life given for us” (Pope Francis, Daily Meditations, October 22, 2013).

~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

FESTIVAL MASS TIME- Please note our Festival Mass next Sunday; 7/18 will be 10:00AM not the normal 10:30AM Mass time.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, www.stpandc.mn.org

BINGO DONATION REQUEST: It's that time of year when we are looking for donations for Festival Bingo. Gift cards in any form in \$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.

COUNTRY STORE REQUEST: To make our Festival's Country Store most attractive to our visitors and emphasize effort to sell desirable merchandise, without having to pack up and donate undesirable items after, we recommend and share these donation ideas: home-baked goods: rolls, cookies, brownies, cakes, caramel corn, pies, bars, etc. (package singly, half-dozen, dozen), snack mixes, cooking seasonings, cookie-in-a-jar mixes, home-grown produce, home-sewn items (potholders, blankets, quilts, bibs, aprons, rice warmers, hand warmers, pillowcases, headbands, scrunchies), dish towels, plants (indoor or outdoor), home-made candles, home-made jewelry, home-made lotions, home-made soap, knitted hats, mittens, scarves, home-made ornaments, photography (canvas, prints, magnets, greeting cards), hand-painted items (pictures, cards), home-made games, woodworking items of any kind, religious pictures/statues/rosaries, homemade crafts, pottery, painted glasses/vases, homemade bath bombs. **If you have a small or direct sales business and would like to donate items, we welcome those, just no promotional items please. **Schedule a craft day with your kids or girlfriends to make custom items to donate! Any questions, contact Country Store Chair, Kerri Sticha at 952-486-3277 or kerristicha@gmail.com.

SILENT AUCTION REQUEST: Looking for Silent Auction items for our church festival. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Here's some ideas, gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall decor, kid's games..... We are grateful with any donated item :) Please drop them off at our church office or the morning before the festival. If you have any questions, contact Andrea Fiest at: afeist@rockhardmn.com

Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,338.00
7/4//21 Collection:	\$ 2,589.23



ST. CATHERINE

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

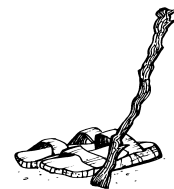
PRAY THE ROSARY: The Blessed Mother has stated the Rosary is the most powerful weapon we have against evil. Please join us every Sunday at 7:55 AM before Mass to pray the Rosary together.

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
7/4//21 Collection:	\$ 1,177.00



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.

PICTURE DIRECTORY: Save the date for our new church pictorial directory as follows;

Wednesday, August 4th 2-8:30pm (St. Catherine location)

Thursday, August 5th 2-8:30pm (St. Patrick location)

Friday, August 6th 2-8:30pm (St. Patrick location)

Saturday, August 7th 10am-4pm (St. Patrick location).

To schedule online go to www.ucdir.com. Click on the photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn137** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday-Friday. Parishioners can go to either church location for their photo. If you need help, call the office to set up a time slot. Get your appointment set up today!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

RACHEL'S VINEYARD: If you or someone you love is grieving the loss of a child or children to abortion, come and experience the compassionate mercy of Jesus Christ on our confidential weekend retreat. Rachel's Vineyard Twin Cities retreat is July 30-August 1, 2021. For more information contact Nancy at rachels@rvineyardmn.org, call 763-250-9313 or see www.rvineyardmn.org