

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	July 18	NO MASS
Tuesday	July 19	8:30 AM (SP) +Janet Rezac
Wednesday	July 20	8:30 AM (SC) Charlie Dunham
Thursday	July 21	8:30 AM (SP) +Sherry Harnden
Friday	July 22	NO MASS
Saturday	July 23	5:00 PM (SP) +Bernard Simek
Sunday	July 24	8:30 AM (SC) +Russ Egan
		10:00 AM (SP) For Our People

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Our Greatest Need



Old songs sing of summer as a time of easy living filled with rest and fun. It is a time of vacations and enjoying the outdoors as much as possible; a time to do things that we want to do rather than things we have to do. And yet like so many other things, the old sayings do not seem to reflect life today. If there is one word that seems to characterize so many people's lives it is the word "busy." One set of activities replaces another during the summer so that we are just as busy as we are the rest of the year. We may even feel guilty if we take some time for ourselves. This may come from ourselves or from others. Take the well-known episode from Luke's Gospel when Martha complains to Jesus that Mary is not doing her fair share: "'Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me.' The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing'" (Luke 10: 40-42).

He was referring to Himself which Mary had chosen. Mary had stopped her work, sat at His feet and listened to Him speak. This is a model for all of us. We need to remember that the greatest need we have is God's friendship and presence in our lives. We need to hear His voice. We need to know Him as He is, and we will discover that the more we know Him, the more we can love Him. We may be tempted to think that Mary is taking the easy way out, or that she is wasting time, but Our Lord's defense of her shows this is not the case, "Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her" (Luke 10:42). He is not denigrating Martha's work; He is teaching us that knowing Him is our greatest need. And in order to do this we need to stop, look, and listen. We need to stop being busy all the time, which even includes entertaining ourselves. We need to look at the beauty of His creation, and contemplate His presence in our lives. And we need to listen to His word in the Scriptures and hear the quiet sound of His voice in prayer. This is not a luxury that we should feel guilty about taking. It is a necessity that we cannot leave unfilled.

If we find that we are too busy to go to Mass, to pray, to learn something about our faith, then we are too busy and changes need to be made. First things first. Nothing should ever take precedence over Sunday Mass – not work, recreation, or anything else that may present itself as being more important. When we are there give it 100% of our attention, confident that it is the greatest prayer possible, and the closest we can get to God this side of heaven. Next, take time to pray every day, especially the rosary in which we meditate on life of Christ and contemplate His face through the eyes of our Blessed

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 23 & 24 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/23	Dave Roach, Tony Jirik, Rita Ryan
	7/24	Heidi Michaelson, Agnes DeGross, Joan Nelson, Tim Sonnek
Lectors	7/23	Lynne Hoffman
	7/24	Greg Michaelson
Acolytes	7/23	Hayden DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Ian DeGross
	7/24	Greta & Claire Michaelson, Cole Flicek
Ushers	7/23	Melvin Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	7/24	Don Pesta, Norm Sticha
Greeters	7/24	Norm & Denie Sticha

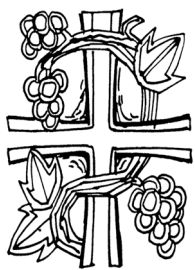
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/24	Kathy Ceola, Bill Dillingham, Joel & Deanna Vochoska
Lector	7/24	Rachel Friske
Acolytes	7/24	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Karley Vochoska
Ushers	7/24	Bruce Brumm, George Doheny
Greeters	7/24	Bonnie Theis, Kathy Prochaska

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 18:

Fr. Bryan Peterson, July 19: Fr. James Perkl, July 20: Fr. Bruce Peterson, July 21: Fr. James Peterson, July 22: Fr. Donald Piche, July 23: Bp. Lee Piche, July 24: Fr. Douglas Pierce.



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.

Mother, Mary. If possible, go to daily Mass, which brings us to God's house, where we hear His word, honor His saints, pray most effectively for our needs and the needs of others, and are strengthened by receiving Him in Holy Communion. And finally, take some time to adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament at adoration or in the tabernacle, or at least speak to Him in silence. When we do so, we are really following the example of Mary who sat at Our Lord's feet and listened to Him speak. We will better understand our lives, our dignity and our purpose; we will come to know God more each day, and we will understand why He is our greatest need. *Fr. Michael J. Miller*

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

*Rob Sticha, Mike & Jan Sticha, Norm & Denie Sticha, Travis Sticha, Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Carol Timmons, James & Anette Trecker.

Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Tim & Lisa Velishek, Lloyd & Cynthia Troendle, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs, Anthony Verhoeven John Verhoeven, Michael Verhoeven, Tim & LuVerne Verhoeven, Darryl & Juli Volk.

REMINDER: Mass on Festival Day, (Sunday, July 24) will start at 10:00 AM and be held in the church.

FESTIVAL SET-UP: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 6:30 PM. All available parishioners are welcome to come.

FESTIVAL TENT SET-UP: Saturday, July 23rd at 8:30 AM. The tent company requires we have a minimum of 12 people on site before they will unload the tents.

FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP: Sunday, July 24th after the festival and Monday, July 25th at 9:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION: We are looking for Silent Auction items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Here are some examples of what can be donated . . . gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kid's games . . . We are grateful with any donated item :-). Please contact Kayla Puncochar @ 952-292-7923 with questions or to donate an item.

FESTIVAL FLYERS: These are available in the back of church, on the parish website, or from the parish office electronically. Help spread the word!!

FESTIVAL TOYS NEEDED: Now is the time to get toys for the Festival Children's Games. We need approximately 2000 toys to make the Children's Games successful each year. We need all sizes and types of toys. Any and all help from you would greatly be appreciated. Please leave toys in back of church labeled *Children's Games 2016*. Thank you!!

FESTIVAL COUNTRY STORE: Please bring your donations for the Country Store to the Assumpta Pavilion on Saturday morning July 23, 9:00 AM-noon. We will be accepting baked goods, jellies/jams, fresh produce and craft items, as well as new or slightly used household goods, jewelry and accessories, and books. Thank you for helping to make our festival a success!

FESTIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS: The festival raffle is our biggest revenue generator. It would help tremendously if you would remove the staples from your sold raffle tickets. Please turn in all raffle tickets at the social hall on Saturday, July 23rd between 8:30 AM and noon.

FESTIVAL MUSIC REHEARSAL: Anyone interested in helping lead the music for the Festival Mass is asked to attend rehearsal on Thursday, July 21, 8:00 PM at the church. Musicians and singers welcome!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection July 10, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,836.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$16,637.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: Joel & JoAnn Erickson, Ken & Becky Jilk, Joel & Deanna Vochoska.

SUNDAY MORNING IN THE GARDEN: Please join us for friendship and refreshments in our gardens Sunday, July 31, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM.
Ken & Kathy Ceola

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Sunday Collection July 10, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,133.26
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Patty Whalen, Sandi Suilmann, Jan Sticha, Mary Munson (Sue Zender's daughter), Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmons' sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Dave Hover, Diane Hentges (Cathy Theis' sister), Alex Schlink, Ev Nelson, Mary Jane Keep, Paul Lambrecht, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Jack & Jane Eiseman (parents of Jacque Bittner), Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Therese Ryan, Florian Bauman (Bryan Bittner's uncle), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Benoit Stepka, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

COMING SOON! St. Patrick & St. Catherine parishes will be doing a new pictorial directory. We will need helpers. If you are interested in helping at St. Catherine, contact Deloris Friske @ 952-492-3827 or Tim Saarela @ 952-412-5212. If you are interested in helping at St. Patrick, please contact the parish office @ 952-492-6276. Photography dates will be Sept. 27 & 28 at St. Catherine and Sept. 29- Oct. 1 at St. Patrick.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sunday, July 24	S.P.	Parish Festival
Tuesday, October 11	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sunday, November 6	S.C.	Turkey Bingo