

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	7/25	NO MASS		
Tuesday	7/26	8:30 AM	SP	Dana Dunham
Wednesday	7/27	8:15 AM	SP	Judy Tobin
Thursday	7/28	8:30 AM	SC	+Jeff Schroeder
Friday	7/29	NO MASS		
Saturday	7/30	5:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Sunday	7/31	8:30 AM	SC	+Arthur Torgesen
		10:30 AM	SP	+Michael Bradford

### LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR July 30 & 31, 2022

#### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/30	Rita Ryan
	7/31	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	7/30	Rob Punchochar
	7/31	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	7/30	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	7/31	Max & Weston Streefland
Ushers	7/30	Mel Gregory
	7/31	Norman Sticha

#### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/31	Pat Schroeder
Lector	7/31	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	7/31	Volunteer
Ushers	7/31	Petro Tsarehradsky, Dave Nelson
Greeters	7/31	Lloyd & Deloris Friske

Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday at noon. (notices can be mailed, emailed or put in the black box on the side of the rectory). Save the money counters time: write your name & amount of donation on your Sunday envelope. Thank you!

#### **WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?**

July 24: Fr. Roy Lepak, July 25: Fr. James Liekhus, July 26: Fr. Matthew Linn, July 27: Fr. Benjamin Little, July 28: Fr. James Livingston, July 29: Fr. John Long, July 30: Fr. Kenneth Ludescher.

**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

### Unwrapping the Darkness of Error

On Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I was praying Morning Prayer on my phone at St. Patrick's in Cedar Lake after the Mass of the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, when a notification popped up saying that Roe vs. Wade had been overturned. It was the best place and time to receive this news that I had been praying for, writing about, and preaching about for the full 26 years of my priesthood and before. It turned out that the next Sunday was the 13<sup>th</sup> of Ordinary Time, in which the Collect prays: "That we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but may always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth." How providential that prayer would be the prayer of the universal Church following the correction of the egregious error of Roe vs. Wade (January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1973), that somehow discovered in the Constitution a "right" to abortion. As Justice Alito states in the Dobbs opinion, "The Constitution makes no reference to abortion, and no such right is implicitly protected by any constitutional provision." So, for all those in a rage over the rescinding of a "right" that they think has been taken away by this decision, the "bright light of truth" is that this "right" never existed, in the Constitution of the United States, or our "Nation's history and tradition" or in Natural Law: "The inalienable right to life of every innocent human individual is a constitutive element of a civil society and its legislation" (Catechism, 2273).

The bright light of truth regarding this issue is that "Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life" (Catechism, 2270). Like a seed, everything needed for maturity is internally present. The only difference between an adult, a child of one year, or an unborn child of six weeks, is time. Naturally, at every stage we need external elements to sustain life – these too can not be withheld from a person. For the unborn child that is the mother, through whom all of these are provided. The child is not a part of the mother like her heart or lungs but is another person with its own heart and lungs which will naturally develop through time. Arguing about exceptions and circumstances does not invalidate these general principles. Further, there is an obligation on the part of others to assist a mother in all stages of development, before and after birth. Some of the most generous people I have known are actively involved with the pro-life movement.

Pro-life. The word acknowledges the goodness of life, which is a gift from God. The Dobbs decision was officially released on June 24<sup>th</sup>, which is the Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist, who leapt in the womb when Mary visited his mother. But in 2022, the Solemnity of the



Sacred Heart of Jesus (dependent of the date of Easter) fell on that day, which is always followed by the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. At Fatima she said that her Immaculate Heart would triumph. Could this be the beginning of that long hope-for era? So many people have prayed, worked, and sacrificed for this day, including marching in the dead of winter to protect the lives of the unborn. The work, however, is not done. This decision has returned this issue to the states where the prayer, work, and sacrifice must continue. Let us especially invoke our Blessed Mother to implore her Son to send the Holy Spirit to free all people from the darkness of error and sin, and that we may all stand together in the bright light of truth.

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JULY:** Roger & Jackie Pomije, Jack & Amy Puncochar, Patrick & Kayla Puncochar, Rob & Jodie Puncochar, \*Paul & Stephanie Radel, Paul & Rachel Radermacher, Mark & Cheryl Rezac, Mike & Stephanie Rossi, Tim & Susan Rousseau, Donald & Pati Ryan  
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.

**WELCOME:** Welcome parishioners, family and guests. We hope you enjoy yourselves at our 2022 Church Festival.

**FESTIVAL CLEAN-UP:** We are in need of help to take down tents and clean-up the grounds on Monday, July 25 at 6:30 PM. All are welcome.

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,644.00
7/17/22 Collection:	\$ 2,610.33



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR JULY:** Chuck & 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, July 25 at 7:00 PM.

### Stewardship of Treasure

“Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts”

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,234.00
7/10/22 Collection:	\$ 1,195.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**ARE YOU NEEDING A HOSPITAL BED?:** Giving away a hospital bed that works great. It is clean and functional with electric motors that raises and lowers both the head and feet ends. Contact Rob Sticha at 612-490-1478 if interested.

## PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Ethel Pieper (Emily Sandey’s mom), Baby Rosemary, Brandon Witt, Shelby Perry, Janice Lane, Tom O’Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Brooklyn Prochaska, 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, Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

**MONEY COUNTERS:** We are in need of money counters. If interested, please call the parish office at 952-492-6276.

**HOMEBOUND:** If you or anyone you know would like to receive communion at home, please contact the parish office at 952-492-6276.

### Upcoming Events for St. Patrick and St. Catherine:

Friday, September 23	Steak/Chicken Cook-Out	SP
Tuesday, October 11	Autumn Dinner	SC
Sunday, November 6	Turkey Bingo	SP

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**NOMINATIONS:** Calling all nominations for the **Leading with Faith Awards**. If you know someone who is an exemplary model of faithful leadership in the secular workplace, then the St. Joseph Business Guild wants to hear from you. Since the Garden of Eden, work has been humanity’s vocation. Our Lord himself labored at his father’s business. And the more we celebrate the men and women in our midst who model holiness and leadership in the secular workplace, the more our lives, work, and world as we know it, will be transformed. So nominate someone you know for the Archdiocese’s “Leading with Faith Awards”, now presented by the St. Joseph Business Guild. Nominations are due July 29. Recipients will be honored at a public banquet on November 22, featuring Archbishop Hebda, as well as keynote speaker Monsignor Patrick Shea (U of Mary). For more information and to nominate someone, please visit [sjbusinessguild.com](http://sjbusinessguild.com) or contact Roger Vasko, Guild President, at [roger@sjbusinessguild.com](mailto:roger@sjbusinessguild.com)

**GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP:** Griefshare is a 13 week program featuring grief recovery topics. Each week has a short video session topic which includes leader questions and small group discussion. Griefshare starts on Monday, August 1 at St. Wenceslaus Basement. There is a one time \$15 charge for the workbook. For more information or to register call MaryCarol at 952-758-3225 or email at [MaryCarol.Wolf@npatholic.org](mailto:MaryCarol.Wolf@npatholic.org).

**LEARN YOUR FAITH:** Catechetical Institute Come discover the plan that will transform your work, your marriage, your family, your community...your life! This fall, the Catechetical Institute will begin another two-year Pillars Program with a satellite option at St. Wenceslaus in New Prague. Taught by some of the best instructors in the Twin Cities, the program follows the four pillars of the Catechism of the Catholic Church and will make sense of all things Catholic, deepen your faith, and lay out the roadmap to heaven. The classes are divided into four eleven-week modules and meet on Monday evenings, 7 to 9 pm, with two Saturday morning formative sessions per module. Applications are now being accepted for the Class of St. Michael the Archangel until August 1, 2022. For more information and an application call (651) 962-5072 or visit [CIstudent.org](http://CIstudent.org).