

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	July 4	NO MASS
Tuesday	July 5	8:30 AM (SP) +Laura Ryan
Wednesday	July 6	8:30 AM (SC) +Sherry Harnden
Thursday	July 7	8:30 AM (SP) St. Patrick C.C.W.
Friday	July 8	NO MASS
Saturday	July 9	5:00 PM (SP) +Erin Kreuser
Sunday	July 10	8:30 AM (SC) For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP) +Harold & Della Schmitt, Ed Schmitt

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 9 & 10 2016

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/9	Barb Lewis, Jim & Kelley DeGross
	7/10	Ron & Kathy McBroom, Dan Cervenka, Don Pesta
Lectors	7/9	Lynne Hoffman
	7/10	Tim Sonnek
Acolytes	7/9	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Dan DeGross
	7/10	Elias DeGeest, Bella Schulte, Hannah Langeberg
Ushers	7/9	Dave Roach, Melvin Gregory
	7/10	Leo Jacques, Gerald Sandey
Greeters	7/10	Don & Elaine Pesta

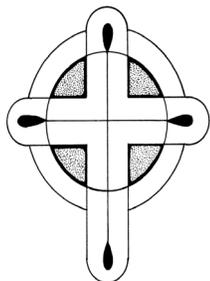
St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/10	Bonnie Theis, Kathy Prochaska, Frank Simons, Pat Schroeder
Lector	7/10	Linda Torgesen
Acolytes	7/10	Abbie Kavouras, Jenna Kavouras, Bryce Horejsi
Ushers	7/10	Greg Horejsi, Tim Saarela
Greeters	7/10	Rick & Linda Sirek

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! The parish office will be closed Monday, July 4, 2016.

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY? July 4:

Fr. Anthony O'Neill, July 5: Fr. Bryan O'Rourke, July 6: Fr. Fernando Ortega, July 7: Fr. Benjamin Osborne, July 8: Fr. David Ostrowski, July 9: Fr. Humberto Palomino, July 10: Fr. Brian Park.



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'S DESK

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:

*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.

PARISH FESTIVAL: 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.

PARISH 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: The Festival Country Store will be looking for crafts, baked goods, garden produce, plants, and new merchandise. Also cookbooks and children's books.

FESTIVAL BAKE DAY: Saturday, July 16th at 8:00 AM. We will need 4 or 5 gallons of home rendered lard. Contact Agnes DeGross @ 952-758-7301. Also, we will need help with packaging at 3:00 PM. We need many people to help—men and women—no experience necessary!

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection June 26, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 1,569.00
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,867.00
Steeple Repair Project budget.....\$38,000.00
Steeple Repair amt. remaining.....\$16,637.00
Diocese of Kabale, Uganda.....\$ 662.00



ST. CATHERINE

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

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection June 26, 2016

Received this week.....\$ 739.55
Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 1,101.00
Diocese of Kabale, Uganda.....\$ 464.00



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

June 2, 2016 Message from Our Lady of Medjugorje:
"Dear children, as the Mother of the Church, as your mother, I am smiling as I look at you: how you are coming to me, how you are gathering around me, how you are seeking me. My comings among you are proof of how much Heaven loves you. They indicate to you the way to eternal life, to salvation. My apostles, you who strive to have a pure heart and to have my Son in it, you are on the good way. You who are seeking my Son are seeking the good way. He left many signs of His love. He left hope. It is easy to find Him if you are ready for sacrifice and penance—if you have patience, mercy and love for your neighbors. Many of my children do not see and do not hear because they do not want to. They do not accept my words and my works, yet through me, my Son calls everyone. His Spirit illuminates all of my children in the light of the Heavenly Father, in the unity of Heaven and Earth, in mutual love—because love invokes love and makes works more important than words. Therefore, my apostles, pray for your Church, love it and do works of love. No matter how betrayed or wounded, it is here because it comes from the Heavenly Father. Pray for your shepherds so that in them you may see the greatness of the love of my Son. Thank you."