

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	7/4	9:00 AM	SC	For Our Country
Tuesday	7/5	8:30 AM	SP	+Bob Geditz
Wednesday	7/6	8:15 AM	SP	+Gloria Wagner, +Susie Friedges, +Victor Kremer
Thursday	7/7	NO MASS		
Friday	7/8	NO MASS		
Saturday	7/9	5:00 PM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests
Sunday	7/10	8:30 AM	SC	+Michael Lerschen
		10:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR July 9 & 10, 2022

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/9	Kelley DeGross
	7/10	Kristi Schulte
Lector	7/9	Jim DeGross
	7/10	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	7/9	Max & Weston Streefland
	7/10	Cole, Ella & Ethan Flicek
Ushers	7/9	Mark Simek
	7/10	Pat Puncocchar

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/10	Kevin Mahowald
Lector	7/10	Dave Nelson
Altar Servers	7/10	Volunteer
Ushers	7/10	Frank Simons, George Doheny
Greeters	7/10	Joe & Diane Williamson

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!

The parish office will be closed on Monday, July 4th.

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

July 3: Fr. David Kohner, July 4: Fr. Thomas Kommers, July 5: Fr. Lawrence Konald, July 6: Fr. Evan Koop, July 7: Fr. Dale Korogi, July 8: Fr. Kyle Kowalczyk, July 9: Fr. Cole Kracke.

**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

### Stand in the Bright Light of Truth

We commonly equate the truth with light. When referring to someone who is ignorant of something we say, “He is in the dark.” Ideas or revelations are pictured with lightbulbs, as well as the phrase that “One has seen the light.” The Collect for the 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time reminds us that God, “through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light” and prays, “that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth.”

As we pray in the Act of Faith, God can “neither deceive nor be deceived,” so we must look elsewhere for the source of this “darkness of error.” We do not have to go any farther to find it than Lucifer, the bearer of light, who, in refusing in his pride to acknowledge the truth that God was God and he was not, introduced the darkness of error into the goodness of God’s creation. It did not take long for that darkness to overshadow Adam and Eve’s innocence as “the father of lies” (Jn 8:44) planted the first lie into the soil of doubt that he had prepared by asking the question, “Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden? (Gen 3:1) by telling them that God lied: “You certainly will not die!” (Gen 3:4). Adding to the darkness with the aim of closing the deal he proposed the lie that God was holding back something that was good, “your eyes will be opened, and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is bad” (Gen 3:5). As always happens when we begin to wander down the path of error, we lose our ability to distinguish this very thing.

One of the consequences of The Fall is that man, “is subject to error and inclined to evil in exercising his freedom” (CCC,1714). We deal with this all of the time. We may be quite learned in somethings and very ignorant in others; we may miss the mark a bit, or we may be way off believing something is true when it is not. That is why instructing the ignorant is one of the spiritual works of mercy. Our intellects were made to know the truth and it is an attack on a person’s dignity to be intentionally left in the dark. Yet, as we also know, sometimes people cling to the darkness: “And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil” (Jn 3:19).

So, what are we to do about this? Remember that the only will over which we have control is our own, so stand in the bright light of the truth and drink it in; absorb its beauty with humility, joy, and thanksgiving. People will be more open toward desiring the good they see than being condemned for the evil they may have embraced. Pray and be patient: “The fervent prayer of a righteous person is very powerful” (James 5:16); “Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord” (James 5:7). And



always remember that God is God and we are not, "What came to be through Him was life, and this life was the light of the human race; the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" (John 1:3-5). And it never will.

~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.

**FESTIVAL BAKE DAY:** Tuesday, July 12 and Wednesday, July 13 both days starting at 9 AM. If you are not able to help in the morning, we will be packaging the rolls in the afternoon. No experience is necessary. Contact Marge Sticha at 952-758-3965 with any questions.

**RAFFLE TICKETS:** Are you needing more raffle tickets to sell? If so, please contact Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408.

**BINGO DONATION REQUEST:** It's that time of year when we are looking for donations for Festival Bingo. Gift cards of 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 Rena Bjerke at 952-201-4715 with any questions.

**SILENT AUCTION REQUEST:** We are 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 Feist at: afeist@rockhardmn.com or Stacy Langeberg at: sklangeberg@gmail.com.

**CHILDREN'S GAMES:** We are looking for toys for our fun children's games. Toys can be dropped off in the back of church or in the parish office. If you have any questions, please contact either Andrea Lehman at 952-994-9496, Kristin Fliccek at flicckkc@yahoo.com or LaRissa Wagner at 952-457-0381.

**COUNTRY STORE REQUEST:** To make our Festival's Country Store most attractive to our visitors and emphasize effort to sell desirable merchandise, we recommend and share these donation ideas: home-baked goods, snack mixes, cooking seasonings, cookie-in-a jar mixes, home-grown produce, home-sewn items, plants, home-made items, home-made ornaments, photography, hand-painted items, 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 Chairs, LuVerne Verhoeven at 613-619-1891 or Kerri Sticha at 952-486-327.

**FESTIVAL MASS TIME-** Please note our Festival Mass on Sunday, July 24 will be **10:00 AM** not the normal 10:30 AM Mass time.

**THANK YOU:** Wow! Once again, FCSLA Life has sent us a \$600 matching grant check from our last fish fry. FCSLA Life sells prepaid funeral plans, life insurance and annuities. If interested, call Ron McBroom at 952-758-2408.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
6/26/22 Collection:	\$ 1,981.33
6/26/22 Capital Improvement:	\$ 20.00



## 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.

**SAVE THE DATES:** St. Catherine's Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 11 and the CCW Turkey Bingo is Sunday, November 6.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
6/26/22 Collection:	\$ 1,522.00
6/26/22 Cemetery Collection:	\$ 100.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

**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.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**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 August 1, 2022. For more information and an application call (651) 962-5072 or visit CInstudent.org.