

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	July 8		NO MASS
Tuesday	July 9	8:30 AM (SP)	St. Patrick C.C.W.
Wednesday	July 10	8:30 AM (SP)	Souls in Purgatory
Thursday	July 11	8:30 AM (SC)	John Hayes
Friday	July 12		NO MASS
Saturday	July 13	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	July 14	8:30 AM (SC)	For Our People
		10:30 AM (SP)	Puncochar Family

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR JULY 13 & 14, 2019

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	7/13	Barbara Lewis, Dave Roach, Rita Ryan
	7/14	Leo & Gloria Jacques, Joan Nelson
Lector	7/13	Shelley Shepherd
	7/14	John Cassady
Altar Servers	7/13	Ian DeGross, Sam Lambrecht, Joe Weiers
	7/14	Annie & Norah Blaschko, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	7/13	Mark Rezac, Matt Sirek
	7/14	Don Pesta

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	7/14	Barb Lerschen, Dave Nelson, Kevin Mahowald, Kathy Prochaska
Lector	7/14	Linda Torgesen
Altar Servers	7/14	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	7/14	Lloyd Friske, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	7/14	Joe & Diane Williamson

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 8: Fr. Leonard Andrie, July 9: Fr. Michael Arms,
 July 10: Fr. Dennis Backer, July 11: Fr. Albert Backmann,
 July 12: Fr. Sebastien Bakatu, July 13: Fr. Dennis Backer,
 July 14: Fr. Neil Bakker.



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

The Hummingbird

Four 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. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY: Charles & Joan Bruzek, Ken & Becky Jilk, Deanna Vochoska.

ST. PATRICK

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

*Jonathan & Angela Deutsch, Ralph & Brenda DeGross, Thomas & Jody Deutsch, Dean & Kari Dolezal, Michael Dudley, Duane & Kelli Dworshak, Anthony Efta, Christine Efta, David & Ag-Rita Efta, Brian & Andrea Feist. Altar Linens: Rosie Ryan.

ST. PATRICK FESTIVAL: Sun, July 21st. There are festival flyers in the back of church. Please post them at your place of employment and at local businesses. Help spread the word!

We are looking for **FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION** items. This is a great opportunity to promote your business, or just give from your heart. Sometimes we struggle with what to donate... here are some ideas; gift cards, outdoor games, chairs, fire pit, grill, flower planters, wall décor, kids games... We are grateful with any donated item :-). Please contact either Jacquie Bittner @ 952-270-2024, Kayla Puncoschar @ 952-292-7923, or Cathy Theis @ 952-215-9526.

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 RAFFLE TICKETS: Sell your raffle tickets to your friends and relatives. Bring them to work, offer them at social gatherings, you'd be surprised how many you sell!! The Festival Raffle is our biggest revenue generator.

FESTIVAL BINGO: It's that time of year where we are looking for donations for Bingo. Gift cards in amounts of \$5 and \$10 denominations are needed and very much appreciated. We will also be doing the two \$100 and two \$25 cover-all games again this year, if you would like to make a cash donation. Please call Joe & June Wallerius @ 952-758-8841 with any questions. Thank you!
Joe & June Wallerius

FESTIVAL TRACTORS: Do you have a restored antique tractor that you would like to display at our festival? We are going to park a few antique tractors on the grounds for show. If you have a tractor you would like to display, please call Diana Schoenbauer @ 952-461-2817 for details.

FESTIVAL BAKE DAY: Saturday, July 13th beginning at 8:00 AM in the social hall. All are welcome to help.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL is seeking one more council member. Please contact the parish office or John Cassady jgcassady@gmail.com if you are interested in being a council member.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection June 23, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 1,904.50
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 2,006.00
 Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 6,463.00
 Catholic Services Appeal received.....\$ 5,435.00



SCHOOL SUPPLIES: St. Catherine's Church C.C.W. is collecting NEW school supplies, even backpacks, for the Scott County children through the CAP Agency, "Project Student Success". Items of high need include: handwipes, tissues, and deodorant. We will be collecting now—July 7th. Questions? Contact Barb Perry @ 952-461-2296.

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. BAKE & CRAFT SALE: Thank you to all the women who baked the fresh goods sold at the Bake Sale and to those parishioners who purchased them. We, the women of the C.C.W., appreciate your support.

Margaret Sharkey, Ruth Romanowski, Kathy Prochaska

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"
Sunday Collection June 23, 2019

Received this week.....\$ 751.58
 Weekly budget requirement.....\$ 944.00
 Catholic Services Appeal goal.....\$ 4,013.00
 Catholic Services Appeal received.....\$ 1,575.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Paul Kempf, Shelby Perry, Bonnie Theis, Steve Cross, Christine Gregori, Roman Stepka, baby Maxley Ferguson, Joe Horejsi, Diane Sirek, Anne Weber (granddaughter of Sue Zender), Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Cynthia Troendle, Pat Scharf, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Grace Bittner, Laura Stepka, Joe & Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

NEEDED: Religious Ed. Co-coordinator for the next school year. Please contact Juli @ 612-382-0265 for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Sun. July 21	S.P.	Parish Festival
Fri. Sept. 27	S.P.	Steak & Chicken Cook-out
Tue. Oct. 8	S.C.	Autumn Dinner

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Catholic Grandparent Conference, Sat. Aug. 24, 8:30 AM—3:30 PM at Church of the Epiphany, Coon Rapids. Cost \$25/person. Register online or print and mail the registration form.

160th Anniversary of St. Henry Parish, Sun. July 14, 12:00-4:00 PM. Mass at 8:00. Food, beverages, & entertainment for all ages. 3 mi. west of LeCenter off Hwy. 112.

