

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	8/2	NO MASS		
Tuesday	8/3	8:30 AM	SP	+Joe Scheffler
Wednesday	8/4	8:15 AM	SP	+Richard Eischens
Thursday	8/5	8:30 AM	SC	Williamson Family
Friday	8/6	8:30 AM	SP	Thoele Family
Saturday	8/7	5:00 PM	SP	+Leonard, Rose Ann & Randy Sticha
Sunday	8/8	8:30 AM	SC	+Ken Cottrell
	8/8	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR August 7 & 8, 2021

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/7	Ron & Rosie Ryan
	8/8	Ron & Kathy McBroom
Lector	8/7	Shelley Shepherd
	8/8	Tim Sonnek
Altar Servers	8/7	Volunteer
	8/8	Ben & Claire Meyer
Ushers	8/7	Steve Kreuser
	8/8	Norm Sticha

### St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/8	Deanna Vochoska
Lector	8/8	Pat Schroeder
Altar Servers	8/8	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	8/8	Frank Simons, Dennis Maciej
Greeters	8/8	Bonnie Theis, Lee Hesse

*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!*

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

August 1: Fr. Thomas Rayar, August 2: Fr. Michael Reding,  
August 3: Fr. James Reidy, August 4: Fr. Peter Richards,  
August 5: Fr. Cory Rohlfs, August 6: Fr. Steven Rohlfs,  
August 7: Fr. Michael Rudolph.

**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

### When does Mass Begin and End?



In Year B of the Lectionary cycle we pause our reading of St. Mark's Gospel and read the 6th chapter of St. John, also known as the Discourse on the Holy Eucharist. It is a good time to meditate about different elements of the Mass including the most basic, namely, when does Mass begin and end? Most Catholics can probably answer that question, yet there is a noticeable number that do not seem to appreciate the importance of the answer. There are two bad habits that some Catholics have: coming to Mass late and leaving Mass early. It is even worse when the same person has both habits. At first glance one may think that neither habit is really that bad. But like many other superficial presumptions of life we will discover that it is worse than we think. So we must ask the question, when does Mass actually begin? And when should we be there?

Mass actually begins with the entrance procession, which usually includes an entrance hymn: "When the people are gathered, and as the Priest enters with the Deacon and ministers, the Entrance Chant begins. Its purpose is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have been gathered, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical time or festivity, and accompany the procession of the Priest and ministers." (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 47). The priest then reverences the altar by kissing it, incenses it (if incense is used) and greets the congregation with the sign of the cross and one of three forms of "The Lord be with you." All of this presupposes that everyone is already there. My suggestion and challenge is for everyone to be in their pew five minutes before Mass begins: that is, before the priest begins the procession. One may incredulously ask what are we to do for so long? The answer is to prepare for the Mass. And we prepare through prayer. It is a time to become attentive and ready. We do so by contemplating what we are about to do, and what God is about to do in our midst. Through Christ, the High Priest, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, and with the angels and saints, we are about to offer God the Father the highest form of worship possible. He is about to present to us again the saving Death and Resurrection of His Son; and to

feed us with His actual Body and Blood, through which He gives us a pledge of Eternal Life. In the stillness of prayer, we need to place all the elements of our lives within the context of this mystery: all our anxieties, worries, troubles, fears, joys, hopes, gratitude, and all of these of our loved ones as well. We pray too for the needs of others in our parish, community, indeed, the whole world. When we look at it that way, five minutes is not nearly enough. *(to be continued)*

~Fr. Michael J. Miller

## ST. PATRICK

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR AUGUST:** Jeff & Kerri Sticha, Mike & Jan Sticha, Norm & Denie Sticha, Rob Sticha, Travis & Amanda Sticha, \*Brian & Becky Szyszka, Brian & Shannon Theis, Dan & Cathy Theis, Paul Tuma & Susan Jacobs  
Altar Linens: Linda Kreuser

**ATTENTION FESTIVAL COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** Please turn in your receipts from the festival to the parish office as soon as possible after the festival. We need them before August 13. Thank you.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE:** We are forming a new Communications Committee that will be involved in initiatives centered around engaging parishioners and people outside of our parishes. Examples of committee responsibilities could include social media posting, monitoring and engaging, photography, videography, website, new member welcoming and branding. If you are interested in sharing your talents on this committee, contact Jennifer Witt at [jenclancy1@comcast.net](mailto:jenclancy1@comcast.net).

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Steak and Chicken Cookout is Friday, October 1, 2021.

### Church of St. Patrick 2021 Raffle Ticket Sales:

Name:	Books	Amount
Ron & Kathy McBroom	429	\$8,580.00
Chad & Emily Sandey	107	\$2,140.00
Brandon & Gina O'Connell	40	\$800.00
Jim & Kelley DeGross	32	\$640.00
Francis & Colleen Beuch	27	\$540.00
Ted & Lorraine Simon	13	\$260.00
Mike & Jan Sticha	12	\$240.00
Travis & Amanda Sticha	10	\$200.00
Marty & Cynthia Flicek	10	\$200.00
Wally Eischens	10	\$200.00
Craig & Kristin Flicek	10	\$200.00
Dave & Julie Roach	10	\$200.00
Julie Welch	10	\$200.00

**Many thanks to all for selling raffle tickets! Anyone selling 10 books or more of raffle tickets will receive a \$20.00 gift certificate for St. Patrick Tavern.**

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
7/25/21 Collection:	\$ 2,470.05
7/25/21 Mission Collection:	\$ 1,108.50



## ST. CATHERINE

**CHURCH CLEANING FOR AUGUST:** Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Janet Ryan

**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 DATE:** St. Catherine Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

### Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
7/25/21 Collection:	\$ 1,217.00
7/25/21 Mission Collection:	\$ 827.00



## PARISHIONERS CORNER

### PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

**PARISHES:** Father Larry Delaney, Janice Lane, Tom & Jean O'Callaghan, James Hesse, Baby Isabel Guidarelli, Sparky Mahowald, Laura Lano, Martha Carr, Jane Lorsche, Brooklyn Prochaska, Brandon Witt (brother of Jenny Witt), John Mullenmeister, Shelby Perry, 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, Gerry Jensen (Jan St. Aubin's cousin), Anikah Schmidt (great granddaughter of Bonnie Theis), Laura Stepka, Evelyn Scheffler, Jennifer Lonergan, John Thomas Byer.

### PICTURE DIRECTORY: Did you sign up yet?

Save the date for our new church pictorial directory as follows;

**Wednesday, August 4th** 2-8:30pm (St. Catherine location)

**Thursday, August 5th** 2-8:30pm (St. Patrick location)

**Friday, August 6th** 2-8:30pm (St. Patrick location)

**Saturday, August 7th** 10am-4pm (St. Patrick location).

To schedule online go to [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on the photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter **mn137** in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. If you have 6 or more in your family please use 2 consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday-Friday. Parishioners can go to either church location for their photo. If you need help, call the office to set up a time slot. Get your appointment set up today!

**SYNOD 2022:** Archdiocesan Synod kicks into high gear this fall and your input is needed to help Archbishop Hebda chart the course for this local Church. Join a small group to discuss and give feedback on priorities within each Synod focus areas. You can find more information at [archspm.org/synod](http://archspm.org/synod). There are also sign up sheets in the back of church. The filled out forms can be left in the labeled box in the back of church.