

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	8/23	NO MASS		
Tuesday	8/24	8:30 AM	SP	Diane Thoele
Wednesday	8/25	8:15 AM	SP	+Joe & Shirley Meurer
Thursday	8/26	8:30 AM	SC	+Paul Lemke
Friday	8/27	NO MASS		
Saturday	8/28	5:00 PM	SP	+Connie Donabauer
Sunday	8/29	8:30 AM	SC	+Brandon Bruzek
	8/29	10:30 AM	SP	For Our Parishioners & Guests

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR August 28 & 29, 2021

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/28	Ron & Rosie Ryan
	8/29	Leo & Gloria Jacques
Lector	8/28	Rob Puncocar
	8/29	Chad Sandey
Altar Servers	8/28	Bryce, Mason & Megan Deutsch
	8/29	Ben & Claire Meyer
Ushers	8/28	Matt Sirek
	8/29	Pat Puncocar

St. Catherine

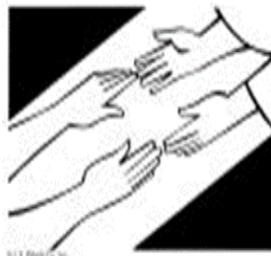
Extraordinary Ministers	8/29	Rachel Eicher
Lector	8/29	Linda Torgesen
Altar Servers	8/29	Karley Vochoska
Ushers	8/29	Lloyd Friske, Dave Nelson
Greeters	8/29	Margaret Sharkey, Lee Hesse

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 22: Fr. James Spahn, August 23: Fr. Jeffrey Steenson, August 24: Fr. Edward Sthokal, August 25: Fr. James Stiles, August 26: Fr. Mark Stoppel-Wasinger, August 27: Fr. Andrew Stueve, August 28: Fr. Michael Sullivan.

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 Drama of Faith



During year B of the lectionary cycle the Church takes a break from reading the Gospel of Mark and spends five weeks reading the sixth chapter of St. John's Gospel. In this way we are reminded of the centrality of the Most Holy Eucharist in our faith. "The Eucharist is the heart and the summit of the Church's life, for in it Christ associates His Church and all her members with His sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving offered once for all on the cross to His Father; by this sacrifice He pours out the graces of salvation on His Body which is the Church" (Catechism, 1407). In addition to the teachings of the Eucharist and the liturgy, we find in the course of the whole chapter a paradigm of the drama of faith that is to be lived out in the life of every person.

The people followed Jesus "because they saw the signs He was performing on the sick" (Jn 6:2). They then witnessed another sign, their physical hunger was satisfied through another miracle, and this was enough for them to make Him King. But it was not the tinsel crown of this world that He sought, but something worth more than the whole world: the human heart and soul. But access to this treasure is guarded by the free will of each person, and the key is forged by the gift of faith. "And this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have eternal life" (Jn 6:40). We see this drama of faith played out as the chapter continues. Jesus tells them the truth, they question and He repeats it, they question further and He repeats it again and finally they are left with a decision. Sadly many choose doubt over faith, "many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him" (Jn 6:66).

This is the same drama of faith that we all face. We hunger for the truth, and we can fill that hunger with fantasy and frivolity, our own personal take on reality, and even the bits and pieces of the whole truth that we can know by natural reason. But the ultimate conclusion of reason is to know that reason is not enough. There is more reality than we can know on our own. We can know that God exists and some of what He is like from reason, but we cannot know His inner life and how He wishes to share that with us without Him revealing it to us. Faith believes in the reality of what He has revealed. It is reasonable to know that we need faith. "Trusting in God and cleaving to the truths He has revealed are contrary neither to human freedom nor to human reason" (Catechism, 154). Are we open to the fullness of truth, or do we continue to murmur, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (Jn 6:60).

Here is the drama of faith, we have to make a choice to believe or not: "We are not allowed neutrality when faced with the question of God. We can only say yes or no, and this with all the consequences extending right down to the smallest details of life" (Benedict XVI, The Yes of Jesus Christ, p.13). The essential disposition is humility. "To a 'critical' way of thinking that criticizes everything except human beings themselves we thus oppose openness to the infinite, vigilance, and sensitivity for the whole of being: a humility of thought that is ready to bow before the majesty of truth, before which we are not judges but

suppliants - it reveals itself only to the watchful and humble of heart- it is self-evident that the highest truths demand a humble and continuous readiness to listen" (ibid. p.19). It is the same attitude that Peter expressed as he was given the choice to walk away with the others, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God" (Jn 6:68-69).

~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

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.

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.

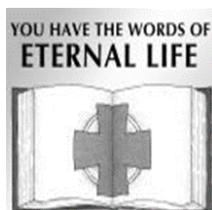
SAVE THE DATE: Steak and Chicken Cookout is Friday, October 1, 2021.

AUTUMN DINNER TICKET SALES: St. Catherine's will be selling tickets at St. Patrick after both Masses 9/11-12 & 9/25-26.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
8/15/21 Collection:	\$ 1,968.89
8/15/21 Feast of the Assumption Collection:	\$ 200.00



Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 1,160.00
8/15/21 Collection:	\$ 874.00
8/15/21 Feast of the Assumption Collection:	\$ 190.00



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, 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.

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. 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Friday	10/1/2021	SP	Steak & Chicken Cookout
Tuesday	10/12/2021	SC	Autumn Dinner

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE:

Here is the link to our online class registration for the 2021-2022 school year:

<https://forms.gle/GW9FoEUisS6caddh8>

Please register and get any required document of Sacraments turned into the office as soon as possible. If you need a hard copy registration form or have any questions please reach out to the CO-DREs Erin at 847-867-8841 or Kerri at kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com. We are excited to have your students return this fall!



Wednesday	9/8/2021	Confirmation Orientation- 6:30PM
Wednesday	9/15/2021	Grades 1-8 Orientation- 6:30PM Confirmation 1st class- 6:30-7:45PM
Sunday	9/18/2021	CGS- 1st class 9:15-10:15AM
Wednesday	9/21/2021	Grades 1-8 class 6:30-7:30PM Confirmation class 6:30-7:45PM

ST. CATHERINE

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to Margaret Sharkey who has volunteered to be the new Church Cleaning Coordinator for St. Catherine's!

SAVE THE DATE & TICKET SALES: St. Catherine Autumn Dinner is Tuesday, October 12, 2021. Tickets will be available for purchase after 8:30 Masses starting today 8/22 through 10/3; in the back of Church.