

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	Aug. 6		NO MASS
Tuesday	Aug. 7	8:30 AM (SP)	For Our Country
Wednesday	Aug. 8		NO MASS
Thursday	Aug. 9	8:30 AM (SC)	Kora Rettke, Michael Kleven
Friday	Aug. 10	10:30 AM (SP)	Ron & Kathy McBroom 50th wedding anniv.
Saturday	Aug. 11	5:00 PM (SP)	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	Aug. 12	8:30 AM (SC)	St. Catherine C.C.W.
		10:30 AM (SP)	For Our People

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR AUGUST 11 & 12, 2018

St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/11	Dave Roach, Rita Ryan, Tony Jirik
	8/12	Jan St. Aubin, Kristi Schulte, Dan Cervenka
Lectors	8/11	Lynne Hoffman
	8/12	Diana Schoenbauer
Altar Servers	8/11	Ben Simon, Hayden DeGross, Mason DeGross
	8/12	Cole Flicek, Ella Flicek, Ethan Flicek
Ushers	8/11	Mel Gregory, Steve Kreuser
	8/12	Leo Jacques, Pat Puncochar

St. Catherine

Extraordinary Ministers	8/12	Rachel Eicher, Dave Nelson, Lloyd & Deloris Friske
Lector	8/12	Deanna Vochoska
Altar Servers	8/12	Addey Vochoska
Ushers	8/12	Bryce Horejsi, Greg Horejsi
Greeters	8/12	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!

WILL YOU PRAY FOR A PRIEST EACH DAY?

Aug. 6: Fr. Matthew Shireman, Aug. 7: Fr. Daniel Griffith,
Aug. 8: Fr. Kurtis Gunwall, Aug. 9: Fr. Jose Gutierrez,
Aug. 10: Fr. Jerome Hackenmueller, Aug. 11: Fr. Byron Hagan,
Aug. 12: Fr. Nicholas Hagen.



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 THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

*Kevin & Stacy Langeberg, Denise Ledwein, John & Andrea Lehman, Gary & Barb Lewis, Dave & Tracy Luchsinger, Patrick & Lisa Luskey, Chris & Lynn Meyer, Greg & Heidi Michaelson, Tony & Kathee Michels, Jody & Roseann Morrell.
Altar Linens: Agnes DeGross.

ST. PATRICK C.C.W. MEETING: Monday, August 13th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

ST. PATRICK PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETINGS: Monday, August 20th at 7:00 PM in the social hall.

THANK YOU: Dear Fr. Miller, I want to thank all those who worked with the take-outs at the Festival. The people here were all pleased with the dinners. Had very nice compliments from the residents on the meal. Thanks to John Lehman for delivering our dinners. Many thanks. Sincerely, *Evelyn Scheffler*

St. Patrick Tavern Gift Certificates

375 books	\$7,500.00	Ron & Kathy McBroom
72 books	1,440.00	Chad & Emily Sandey
25 books	500.00	Francis & Colleen Beuch
16 books	320.00	Ted & Lorraine Simon
10 books	200.00	Wally Eischens
10 books	200.00	Craig & Kristin Fliccek
10 books	200.00	Brandon & Gina O'Connell
10 books	200.00	Mike & Jan Sticha

(\$20.00 gift certificate for selling 10 raffle books or more.)

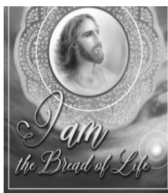
A huge thanks to Ron & Kathy McBroom for chairing the raffle tickets and selling all those books!! Thank you also to the rest of the raffle ticket sellers.

Stewardship of Treasure

"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"

Sunday Collection July 29, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 2,115.85
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 2,006.00



ST. CATHERINE

CHURCH CLEANING FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST:

Kevin & Mary Kay Mahowald, Paul & Linda Torgesen, Thomas & Janet Ryan.

ST. CATHERINE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING: Monday, August 27th at 7:00 PM.

THANK YOU: A big thank you to all our parishioners who gave their time and talent to make the garden tour a success... especially our committee chairs; Rosie Nelson, Sue Kempf, and Mary Kay Mahowald. A big thanks to Dave Nelson. It was great to have young blood and ideas like Rachel Eicher, who spent many, many hours on this. This project could not have

happened without the months of work done by Margaret Sharkey. May the time you gave be stepping stones on your garden path toward eternal life. Sincerely, *Kathy Ceola, chair*

ST. CATHERINE C.C.W. MASS: We would like to recognize the members of the St. Catherine's C.C.W. today with a Mass offered for their intentions. Thank you for supporting our little white church on the hill with your work and financial support.

Stewardship of Treasure

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Sunday Collection July 29, 2018

Received this week.....	\$ 927.60
Weekly budget requirement.....	\$ 944.00
Window Repair Estimate.....	\$23,115.00
Window Repair Campaign.....	\$25,110.00



PARISHIONERS CORNER

MONEY COUNTERS: We are in need of more money counters on Monday mornings at 8:30 AM. If you are interested, please contact the parish office.

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR

PARISHES: Diane Curfman (Ev Nelson's sister) Denise Despenas (sister of Bonnie Theis) JoAnn Kenne, Virginia Beuch, Karen Zweber, Richard Arens, Andrew Buckman, Fred Winker, Marsha Simon, Mary Lee Androli, Michael Zender, Daryl Sternitzke, Gerry Sandey, Amanda (Polson) Tinebra, Margo Mauser (sister of Kathy Prochaska) Annie Kelnhofer, Albert Braith, Douglas Van Moorlehem (brother of Jan St. Aubin), Carol Prochaska, Sharon Mastain (Carol Timmon's sister) Rosie Pexa, Ann Pint, Nicole Wood, Celeste Wilson, Alex Schlink, Paul Lambrecht, 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.

THANK YOU: Dear Fr. Miller, I am writing to thank you, and the people of your parishes, for welcoming and supporting the missionary group that came to your parish recently under the Missionary Cooperation Plan of the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis. Each year we participate in this face-to-face encounter with the efforts of one missionary organization so that we might personally share in the story of the Good News of Christ being proclaimed in one part of the world. Your effort continues the tradition going back to St. Paul who gathered assistance for the Church in Jerusalem as an act of communion and encouragement within the Body of Christ. May our Missionary God continue to strengthen you in living out your own call to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ. Peace, *Deacon Mickey Friesen, D.Min.*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Enroll your children in Religious Education by

1. Visiting www.stpandc.mn.org and selecting the Religious Education tab at the top of the page.
2. Navigate to the Religious Education website by clicking the Religious Education link. (You can also go directly to <https://sites.google.com/site/religiousedatstpatricks/>.)

We are in need of volunteers to fill teacher, assistant teacher, classroom helper, and hall monitor roles this year. No experience is necessary, just a 3.5 hour Archdiocese training commitment and a sincere desire to share your faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. PATRICK & ST. CATHERINE

Fri. Oct. 5	S.P.	Steak/Chicken Cookout
Tue. Oct. 9	S.C.	Autumn Dinner
Sun. Nov. 4	S.C.	C.C.W. Turkey Bingo