

## EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS

Monday	8/9	NO MASS		
Tuesday	8/10	NO MASS		
Wednesday	8/11	8:15 AM	SP	+David & Betty Geis
Thursday	8/12	8:30 AM	SC	+Betty Zanmiller
Friday	8/13	8:30 AM	SP	+Leonard Sticha
Saturday	8/14	5:00 PM	SP	+Erin Kreuser
Sunday	8/15	8:30 AM	SC	For Our Parishioners & Guests
	8/15	10:30 AM	SP	+Braden Flicek

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR August 14 & 15, 2021

### St. Patrick

Extraordinary Ministers	8/14	Bill Weiers, Tony Jirik
	8/15	Joan Nelson, Kristi Schulte
Lector	8/14	Max Eischens
	8/15	Jennifer Witt
Altar Servers	8/14	Bryce, Mason and Megan Deutsch
	8/15	Sara Bjerke, Alycia Klegstad
Ushers	8/14	Rob Sticha
	8/15	Brian Fiest

### St. Catherine

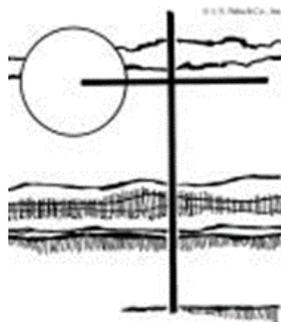
Extraordinary Ministers	8/15	Lloyd Friske
Lector	8/15	Petro Tsarehradsky
Altar Servers	8/15	Monica Muelken
Ushers	8/15	Kevin Mahowald, Lloyd Friske
Greeters	8/15	Diane Schumann, Margaret Sharkey

*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 8: Fr. Timothy Rudolph, August 9: Fr. Erich Rutten,  
August 10: Fr. Ivan Sant, August 11: Fr. Warren Sazama,  
August 12: Fr. Gregory Schaffer August 13: Fr. Damien Schill,  
August 14: Fr. Leo Schneider.

**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?

*(continued from last week)*



That being said, there is the opposite problem of people leaving after they receive Holy Communion. I heard of one priest who was so frustrated with people leaving at this time that he installed electronic locks on the doors which he would open after the Mass was over by pushing a button at the altar. The fire department made him take it out, but I can understand his frustration. I also heard that for many years in a parish that there was a sign that read, "The first one to leave Mass early was Judas." Though extreme, these are ways in which priests have tried to dissuade people from leaving Mass before it is over. Which leads us to the question, "When is the Mass over?" Very simply, it is over when the priest or deacon tells you that it's over. In fact, it could not be more clear: "Go forth, the Mass is ended." "Go in peace." "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." He actually tells you to go. Go and take the word and grace you have received into the world and live it. It is good to wait until the final hymn is complete and the priest has left the church before leaving. It is even better to remain for a while and pray more.

It is difficult to explain how frustrating it is to watch people receive Jesus Christ in Holy Communion and then walk out the door. Or to walk to the back of the church during the recessional hymn and find the back pews empty. It is disappointing, because it is the worst time to leave. We have reached the high point of the Mass: taking the Body of Christ and eating it. This is the highest form of a personal relationship with Jesus that we can have. It is a total communion with Him. He did not say, "Take this, all of you, eat it and run." He said, "This is my Body, which will be given up for you." After receiving such a gift – the greatest gift possible – it demands an adequate response: a response of thanksgiving through prayer. This can be done by singing the communion song, and by speaking quietly in our hearts with Christ who is physically present in us. We cannot be closer to Him on this earth than at this moment. And walking out the door to beat the traffic, or because we have decided that we have given enough time to God, without thanking Him and speaking to Him in prayer, is not the proper response. That is why priests get so frustrated about this matter. If we must leave early for a legitimate reason, we should do so in a state of thankful prayer.

I understand that there may be emergencies and circumstances beyond our control that may force us to come late to Mass or leave early, and I do not want people

to judge others because we may not be aware of them. But emergencies are not habitual. If we have the bad habits of coming to Mass late, or leaving early, it is time to break them; the results will be noticeable.

*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.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** Contributions can be debited automatically from your checking or savings account. Our electronic giving program offers convenience for you and much needed donation consistency for our congregation. Authorization forms are available in the back of church. Authorization is also accessible through our website, [www.stpandc.mn.org](http://www.stpandc.mn.org)

**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 [jennclancy1@comcast.net](mailto:jennclancy1@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.

### Stewardship of Treasure

*"Let us give back to God with Grateful Hearts"*

Weekly Budget Requirement:	\$ 2,400.00
8/1/21 Collection:	\$ 3,169.74
8/1/21 Mission Collection:	\$ 50.00



## 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.

**CLEANING COORDINATOR NEEDED:** We are looking for a cleaning coordinator to schedule who cleans the church each month. If interested, please contact the parish office.

**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
8/1/21 Collection:	\$ 906.73



## 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 Lorsung, 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.

**\*Pray for the repose of the soul of Irene Buresh**

**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.

## 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](mailto:kerri.stpandc.re@gmail.com). We are excited to have your students return this fall!



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

**54th ANNUAL HO-DOWN FESTIVAL:** Church of the Most Holy Trinity in Veseli Festival is Sunday, August 15; 11 am Polka Mass followed by grilled pork and dumpling dinner, music, games, country store, silent auction, home-baked goodies and a raffle drawing at 6:30 pm.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND:** Awesome marriages don't just happen~couples create them! Begin creating the marriage of your dreams by attending the August 21-22 Marriage Encounter. Weekends are held at Mt Olivet Conference and Retreat Center in Farmington. Visit [www.marriages.org](http://www.marriages.org) or call 651-454-3238.