

St. Patrick's Church Hallock, MN & Holy Rosary Mission Lancaster, MN

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 *Confessions 30 minutes prior to each weekend Masses.

PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

This Sunday's gospel recounts the famous story of the wedding feast at Cana. It's the first manifestation of Christ's divine power and I'm sure we all know the story well.

Jesus was attending a wedding with his mother when the hosts ran out of wine. At Mary's suggestion Jesus changed water into wine, so that their hosts could avoid the embarrassment of not being able to serve wine to their guests.

In some ways it's a strange miracle. Jesus was clearly reluctant to intervene, pointing out that his "hour had not yet come" and in the end appeared only to act because Mary encouraged him to do so.

What we have here is the power of God manifesting itself in the world to bring about something only God could do, namely change a quantity of water into the same amount of wine.

And it's about Christ beginning the public phase of his mission. Christ will redeem the world from sin. He's got the power to do that and this wedding feast is a demonstration of that very power.

It's clearly symbolic: water is to the Old Law what wine is to the new law of grace. And just as there would be no shortage of wine at Cana nor would there be any shortage of grace in the new Law of the gospel, which Christ would inaugurate through his life, death and resurrection.

Our Lady has a crucial role here, one that testifies to her role in the history of salvation. Mary is the one who encourages Jesus to act. Mary intercedes on behalf of the hosts of the wedding and Jesus responds to her.

And just as Jesus responds to Mary's intercession then so also he responds to her intercession today. This means of course when we ask Mary to intercede on our behalf with Christ, we have a powerful advocate on our side.

And there's a message there for us. To recognize what Christ is doing in a particular situation we have to be part of that situation. What Christ does won't always be obvious to us but nevertheless he's there at work in our lives and in our world.

Fr. Maschio.

SOLIDARITY FUND FOR THE CHURCH IN AFRICA

This weekend we take up our collection to support the Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa. The people of Africa are joyous and faith-filled, but as the Church in Africa grows, the pastoral needs of the people also increase. From the formation of clergy to communications programs that bring the Gospel to remote territories to youth ministries that engage the next generation of disciples, the Church's needs are wide-ranging. The Solidarity Fund is an opportunity for our parish to stand with the people of Africa. Our contributions help them face these challenges, and we support them as they build lasting foundations of missionary discipleship. Please be generous. To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/africa.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING-RESCHEDULED

St. Patrick's Parish Council has rescheduled its meeting until January 26th, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the conference room at St. Patrick's.

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual Respect Life novena, 9 Days for Life, Wednesday, January 19 - Thursday, January 27. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up at 9daysforlife.com!

REAL PRESENCE RADIO BANQUET

The Real Presence Radio Banquet will be held in Fargo on Monday, February 7th at the Delta Hotel beginning at 6:30 pm, doors open at 5:30 pm. Dr. Stacy Trasancos will be the keynote speaker. If you have any interest in attending, contact Carol Olsonawski at 218-689-9081.



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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| SATURDAY Holy Mass | January 15th 5:00 PM Hallock | Helen Potrament |
| SUNDAY Holy Mass | January 16th 9:00 AM Hallock | Pro Populo |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 AM Lancaster | Paul Olsonawski |
| MONDAY Holy Mass | January 17th 8:00 AM Hallock | Erick Gubbels |
| TUESDAY Holy Mass | January 18th 8:00 AM Hallock | Doris Seng |
| WEDNESDAY Holy Mass | January 19th 8:00 AM Hallock | Mike Olsonawski |
| THURSDAY Holy Mass | January 20th 8:00 AM Hallock | Ray Masloski |
| FRIDAY Holy Mass | January 21st 8:00 AM Hallock | Andi Olsonawski |
| Holy Mass | 10:00 AM Nursing Home | Mary Ann Schmiedeberg |
| SATURDAY Holy Mass | January 22nd 5:00 PM Hallock | Jake Satterlund |
| SUNDAY Holy Mass | January 23rd 9:00 AM Hallock | Pro Populo |
| Holy Mass | 11:00 AM Lancaster | Brian Weleski |

Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$5 offering is customary for each request.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Sophie Olsonawski
 Eleanor Kraska
 Cathy Cleem
 Iver Cleem
 Janet Olsonawski
 Dion Turgeon
 Jeanette Forfang
 Kim Short
 LeRoy Vonasek
 Renee Stewart
 Robb Brown
 Ruth Hennen
 Dorothy Barber
 Dave Fertig
 Gloria Dziengel
 Kayla (Sjostrand) Thompson
 Ken Hunter

Deceased Loved Ones

Brian Weleski
 Charlie Anderson
 Raymond Masloski
 Elmer Hungate
 Paul Olsonawski
 Bonita Hanson
 Wayne Stewart
 Luella Quiner
 Eileen Totleben
 Catherine Klegstad

Email the parish office with those you would like listed above for prayer each month.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

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| Saturday Ministers: | January 22nd 5:00 PM | St. Patrick Volunteers |
| Sunday Sacristan: Servers: Commentator: Lector: Usher: Money Counters: Coffee Hosts: | January 23rd 9:00 AM | St. Patrick Earl Karboviak Eli Wiese & Avery Wiese Gloria Cedergren Terry Kent Phil Muir Keith Urbaniak & Volunteer Reese/Sugden/Green |
| Sunday Ministers: | January 16th 11:00 AM | Holy Rosary Volunteers |

BULLTEIN BITS-2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)
 St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

ON-LINE GIVING AVAILABLE

A simple, consistent way to support your parish is via on-line giving. You can sign up through the church website or contact Jeff Reese, he will be happy to assist you.

RCIA AFTER SATURDAY MASS

Rock Bakken will be offering RCIA classes after Saturday Masses until Easter. These classes will be for anyone who either wishes to become a Catholic or just learn more about the Catholic faith.

ADORATION

Adoration begins right after morning Mass on Wednesday's at 8:30 am and continues until noon. There are half hour time slots available during these hours but you are welcome to sign up for more time if you are able. Please consider spending some time adoring our Lord.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

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| 2021 Charitable Contributions: | | |
| | <u>DECEMBER</u> | <u>NOVEMBER</u> |
| In-Church Contributions: | \$13,808.41 | \$4,321.78 |
| On-Line Contributions: | \$1,703.83 | \$1,229.89 |

HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

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| | <u>DECEMBER</u> | <u>NOVEMBER</u> |
| In-Church Contributions: | \$1,872.00 | \$1,283.00 |