

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when you are in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout (St. John Paul II).

Jesus teaches us the importance of prayer through this Sunday’s readings. The need to pray, however, is not only for saints but for all of us. Even Jesus, who is God Himself was always in communion with the Father, He prayed. Mary, the mother of God who is sinless, prayed. Then, what is prayer? I understand prayer as the opening of the heart to God as to a friend. Some spiritual writers would define it as: “the lifting up of mind and hearts to God” or “the communication between God and human being.”

A Christian without Christ is like a vehicle without brake and accelerator. He/she could not move or stop. If we take the word ‘CHRIST’ from the word ‘CHRISTIAN’, the remaining letters are ‘IAN’ which means I Am Nothing. In other words, without Christ, I Am Nothing at all.

There are occasions when prayer becomes the easiest thing to make excuses with. We have so many reasons and excuses for not praying and faithful to it. When we are too busy with our work at the office or at home, we cancel or delete from the planned schedule our prayer time or our bible reading schedule. Even during Sunday, a day usually spent for contemplation, praying and re-evaluation, we sometimes change it into a worldly celebration or affairs. And yet, Sunday is the Lord’s Day; we make it as a consumers’ day. We may probably find the Mass as the same, a repetitious one. It is routinely done, boring and mechanical. We cannot find meaning and nourishment in the celebration.

Prayer is oftentimes, the bone of contention among people. Some would say: “Why bother to pray. I have nothing to ask for.” Some also would say: “How should I pray? I pray always but nothing happens.” In prayer, we do not expect God to answer us in the way we want but, in the way, God wants because He knows what is best for us. Hence the saying: “Man proposes, God disposes.”

To end my sharing let us reflect on what Benjamin Franklin had said: “Work as if you were to live 100 years and pray as if you were to die tomorrow.” A beautiful life or family life does not just happen, it is built daily by prayer, humility, sacrifice and love. May that beautiful life be yours always.

I had a spirit-filled and blessed days with the JP II summer campers in the past week in Bemidji. The responses and feedback from the campers were very positive and encouraging. One of them said, “I will never forget the time at the camp in my life, I love Jesus more now”. Another said, “the best part of the camp was the time I spent before the Eucharistic Lord in adoration, I know Him better now, I love Him with all my heart”. May they continue to love and worship Jesus with their lives.

United in prayer,
Fr. Joshy Mathew, MSFS

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Have you heard about the Eucharistic Revival that began June 19th on the Feast of Corpus Christi? Our own Bishop Cozzens is leading this nationwide revival! If you haven’t heard about it, check out the website: <https://eucharisticrevival.org> There are videos on various topics and you can learn about what is planned for the three year cycle. If you have any questions, Deacon Jeff Reese is a member of the diocesan committee for the Eucharistic Revival.

CURSILLOS AT THE MOUNT

Come be one of the first to experience a retreat at the Mount St. Benedict Monastery in Crookston. The Cursillo retreats will be held there starting this fall! The Women’s weekend will be held September 22-25, 2022, and the Men’s retreat is October 27-30, 2022. Experiencing Cursillo surrounded by the beautiful, Catholic setting of the Mount will surely provide an opportunity for you to grow deeper in your Catholic faith and your relationship with Christ. If you are interested in attending the retreat, please contact your parish office. If you have any questions, please contact Brandy Pelzel at pelzel40@hotmail.com, Len Vonasek at lvonasek@sacredheartegf.net, or Fr. Bill DeCrans in Bemidji.

QUILTS NEEDED FOR NEW DIOCESE RETREAT CENTER

As the Diocese prepares to open the new diocesan retreat center, when we considered the need to purchase bedding, the idea was suggested that we cover each bed in its own unique quilt made by people from across the Diocese. Some parishes have quilting groups while most have individuals who make quilts for a hobby. If you or your group are willing to make a quilt for the Diocesan retreat center, please contact Dcn. Mark Krejci (mkrejci@crookston.org) who will send you information about the size needed for the beds. It would be wonderful if every parish would submit a quilt as a support to people who are on retreat.

REMINDER

All parish members can access free Catholic content through formed.org. All you have to do is sign up with your email address under our parish account by going to the website listed above. There is content for all ages: Animated kid shows, movies about Saints, video talks on various subjects, and audio recordings as well. Please take the time to check it out. If you have any questions please email Karen at stpatrickshallock@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY July 23rd St. Bridget
5:00 PM Hallock Jaci & Nate Satterlund

SUNDAY July 24th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

11:00 AM Lancaster Mary Ann Schmiedeberg

MONDAY July 25th St. James, Apostle
No Daily Mass

TUESDAY July 26th Sts. Joachim & Anne
8:00 AM Hallock Brian Weleski

WEDNESDAY July 27th
8:00 AM Hallock Thomas Dullea

THURSDAY July 28th
8:00 AM Hallock Jason Urbaniak

FRIDAY July 29th St. Martha
8:00 AM Hallock Mary Ann Schmiedeberg

10:00 AM Nursing Home Nicolette Gubbels

SATURDAY July 30th St. Peter Chrysologus
5:00 PM Hallock Deacon Jeff Reese

SUNDAY July 31st Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

11:00 AM Lancaster Dorothy Kalka

Masses can be requested from the parish at anytime, for the living or the dead, or for any good intention. A \$10 offering is customary for each request.

PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Sophie Olsonawski
Eleanor Kraska
Cathy Cleem
Iver Cleem
Janet Olsonawski
Jeanette Forfang
Kim Short
LeRoy Vonasek
Renee Stewart
Ruth Hennen
Dave Fertig
Gloria Dziengel
Kayla (Sjostrand) Thompson
James Sorenson
Scott Flatland Jr.
Amy Turgeon
Conrad Olsonoski
Rick Bakken
Lane Neuschwander

Deceased Loved Ones

Laura Schrankler
Virginia Coffield
Jerome Turgeon
Dorothy Barber
Vi Bakken
Dorothy Kalka
Dustin Kukowski
Daniel Ingeman
Kathryn Earnest
Mona Fertig
Veronica Lubarski
Brian Weleski
Charlie Anderson
Raymond Masloski
Elmer Hungate
Paul Olsonawski

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

LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

Saturday July 30th 5:00 PM St. Patrick
Ministers: Volunteers

Sunday July 31st 9:00 AM St. Patrick
Sacristan: Erick Gubbels
Servers: Avery & Aidan Wiese
Commentator: Ron Anderson
Lector: Gloria Cedergren
EMHC: Jerry & Carol Olsonawski
Usher: Keith Urbaniak & Volunteer
Gifts: Erick Gubbels Family
Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Ron Anderson

Sunday July 31st 11:00 AM Holy Rosary
Ministers: Volunteers

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Father will be saying Mass at 8 AM on the first Saturday of each month Starting August 5th. Why the First Saturday Devotion? It is for the Immaculate Heart of Mary. There are five types of offenses and blasphemies committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary (against the Immaculate Conception; against Our Lady’s perpetual virginity; against her divine maternity, in refusing at the same time to recognize her as the Mother of men; those who publicly seek to sow in the hearts of children, indifference or scorn or even hatred of their Immaculate Mother; and those who outrage Our Lady directly in her holy images). To complete a First Saturday Devotion one must attend Mass five consecutive Saturdays (daily Mass not weekend obligation Mass), have the intention of consoling the Immaculate Heart of Mary, go to Confession (within 8 days before or after the Saturday Mass), receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Holy Rosary, and meditate at least 15 minutes on the decades of the Holy Rosary keeping Our Lady company (for example in church or in front of a statue or image of Our Lady). Did you know there is also a First Friday Devotion for the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Father also says Mass each Friday at 8 AM at St. Patrick’s and 10 AM at the Nursing Home. To complete the First Friday Devotion you must receive Holy Communion 9 consecutive Fridays and make reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for all the sinfulness and ingratitude of men. **Please note that Father will be offering Anointing of the Sick at all First Friday Masses as well.**

MINISTRY SIGN UP SHEETS

There will be sign up sheets in the back of church if you are interested in becoming a sacristan, server, commentator, lector, Eucharistic minister, usher, gifts or money counter. You can also email Karen at stpatrickshallock@gmail.com if you would rather and she will add you to the list. There will be training scheduled for the various positions later in August or September.

ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

2022 Charitable Contributions:

	JUNE	MAY
In-Church Contributions:	\$ 4,426.00	\$ 6,683.39
On-Line Contributions:	\$ 1,321.72	\$ 1,755.90

HOLY ROSARY MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

	JUNE	MAY
In-Church Contributions:	\$1618.00	\$ 1,803.36