

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

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## PASTOR'S PEN

Greetings in Christ Jesus!

Many parents will give a knowing nod when they hear today's Gospel. Jesus uses the example of the problem parents have with uncooperative children to illustrate the problem God has with us, his children.

Jesus directs this parable at the Pharisees and elders who had just challenged his authority to teach in the temple. They'd already refused to decide whether or not John's baptism was of heavenly or human origin.

Lacking the courage and honesty to decide for or against John, they would not have believed Jesus if he had told them that he spoke and acted with divine authority. Jesus realized that there's no point in taking seriously someone who is not open to the truth.

This was the background for today's parable about the two brothers. The Pharisees and elders were like the second brother. They claimed to be willing to do God's will. They thought they, above all others, were pious and obedient. And yet their commitment was shallow and empty.

But tax collectors and prostitutes, whom the religious authorities wrote off as worthless sinners, did recognize John as a true pattern of righteousness. They heeded his word and repented. They were like the brother who at first refused to obey his father, but then had a change of heart, and did what was asked of him.

It would be a great mistake for us to think that this parable was directed only against the Pharisees and elders. Jesus is questioning each of us. Are we like the second brother? Do we claim to be devout, religious people, who are willing to obey God, while, in fact, refusing to do his will?

Elsewhere in the Gospels Jesus tells us that it's not sufficient to recognize Jesus as Lord, if we don't heed his command. True members of God's family must not only hear God's word, but also do it.

Or are we like the first brother and the sinners -- people who at first refuse to obey God, but then repent and do his will? If so, we're in a far better state than those who are full of empty good intentions.

Neither of the brothers nor what they represent is ideal. Instead, we must be people who say, 'Yes' to God's will, mean what we say and do it.

We may well be surprised to find that those who had been dismissed as being beyond redemption are welcomed into heaven, while some we would have expected to be present are not there. We pray that we may be numbered among the repentant sinners whom Jesus welcomes into his kingdom.

Fr.Maschio.

## CONTINUOUS CHAIN OF ROSARIES

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the church celebrates Our Lady of the Rosary. To celebrate this day, we would like to have the Rosary said continuously between the hours of 12:00 pm and 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's. The idea is to have families sign up for 30 minutes each and pray the Rosary during that time of adoration. Can you spare 30 minutes to pray the Rosary this day? If so, sign up on the sheet in the entry of St. Patrick's. Let's make this work!!

## BIBLE STUDY AT ST. PATRICK'S

Are you ready to expand your knowledge of the bible? Starting October 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am, Father Maschio will lead us in an 8 week study of "Romans" by Andrew Safford and Jeff Cavins at St. Patrick's Church. If you are interested in joining this study, or would like to order a book, contact Pam Hunt at [stpatrickshallock@gmail.com](mailto:stpatrickshallock@gmail.com) by October 1<sup>st</sup> so we can be sure to have study guides on hand.

## THANK YOU

Ray and Janis Hunt are moving to Fergus Falls this weekend. We would like to say THANK YOU to them for their years of active participation at St. Patrick's and wish them all the best in their next adventure. You will be missed!

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY** September 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock Special Intention

**SUNDAY** September 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Andi Olsonawski

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster Pro Populo

**MONDAY** September 28<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Special Intention

**TUESDAY** September 29<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Chelsey & Trevor Reiter

**WEDNESDAY** September 30<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock Special Intention

**THURSDAY** October 1<sup>st</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**FRIDAY** October 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 8:00 AM Hallock

**SATURDAY** October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Holy Mass 5:00 PM Hallock

**SUNDAY** October 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Holy Mass 9:00 AM Hallock Pro Populo

Holy Mass 10:45 AM Lancaster

## MASS INTENTIONS

The Mass intentions received thus far have been assigned so now is a good time to submit your Mass intentions. 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.

## ADORATION SIGN UP

There are signup sheets in the entry of the church for adoration this Wednesday beginning at noon until 6:00 pm. Please consider signing up to spend one hour with our Lord.

## PRAYER LIST

Those who are Sick, Struggling, Recovering

Catherine Klegstad  
 Elmer Hungate  
 Sophie Olsonawski  
 Eleanor Kraska  
 Cathy Cleem  
 Iver Cleem  
 Janet Olsonawski  
 Dion Turgeon  
 Jeanette Forfang  
 Kim Short  
 Wayne Stewart  
 LeRoy Vonasek  
 Renee Stewart  
 Don DeLorme  
 Robb Brown

## Deceased Loved Ones

Mark Rocznik  
 Betty Lockman  
 Susan Weaver  
 Andi Olsonawski  
 Walt Crummy  
 H Jeannie Howe  
 Louise Docken  
 Kristen (Hunter) Erickson  
 Verona Karboviak  
 Angie Plaine  
 Alice Carlson  
 Lois Pantzer

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

## LITURGICAL MINISTRY LIST

**Saturday** October 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:00 PM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Erick Gubbels  
 Ministers: Volunteers

**Sunday** October 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM St. Patrick  
 Sacristan: Jeff Reese  
 Servers: Aidan & Avery Wiese  
 Commentator: Laura Reese  
 Lector: Cindy Urbaniak  
 Ushers: Mike Green & Jason Weleski  
 Money Counters: Keith Urbaniak & Ron Anderson

**Sunday** October 4<sup>th</sup> 10:45 AM Holy Rosary  
 Ministers: Volunteers

## SUNDAY SCHOOL PLAN

Sunday School for the elementary students will be online for now. Check your email every Sunday for the assigned lesson!

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR GRADES 7-12

Grades 7 through 12 will meet on Wednesday evenings At 6:00 PM for RE Classes in the basement of St Patricks. Rock Bakken and Earl Karboviak will be with both groups. Wear a mask if you must, keep a safe distance. We will follow the local public school safety rules. Safe Environment policies will be reviewed and we will be using the youcat. It is a yellow paperback book which contains the condensed version of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. We also will use formed from time to time. Welcome back to another year of Religious Ed!

## WEEKLY COLLECTION COUNTERS

Are you looking for a way to use your talents in service of the church? Are you good with numbers? We have just the thing for you! St. Patrick's is in need of 3 people willing to count the weekend collection after the Sunday Mass. If this is you, contact Pam Hunt and training will be arranged promptly.

## ST. PATRICK'S MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION REPORT

August 2020 Charitable Contributions:

In-Church Contributions: \$6039.00  
 On-Line Contributions: \$2441.67