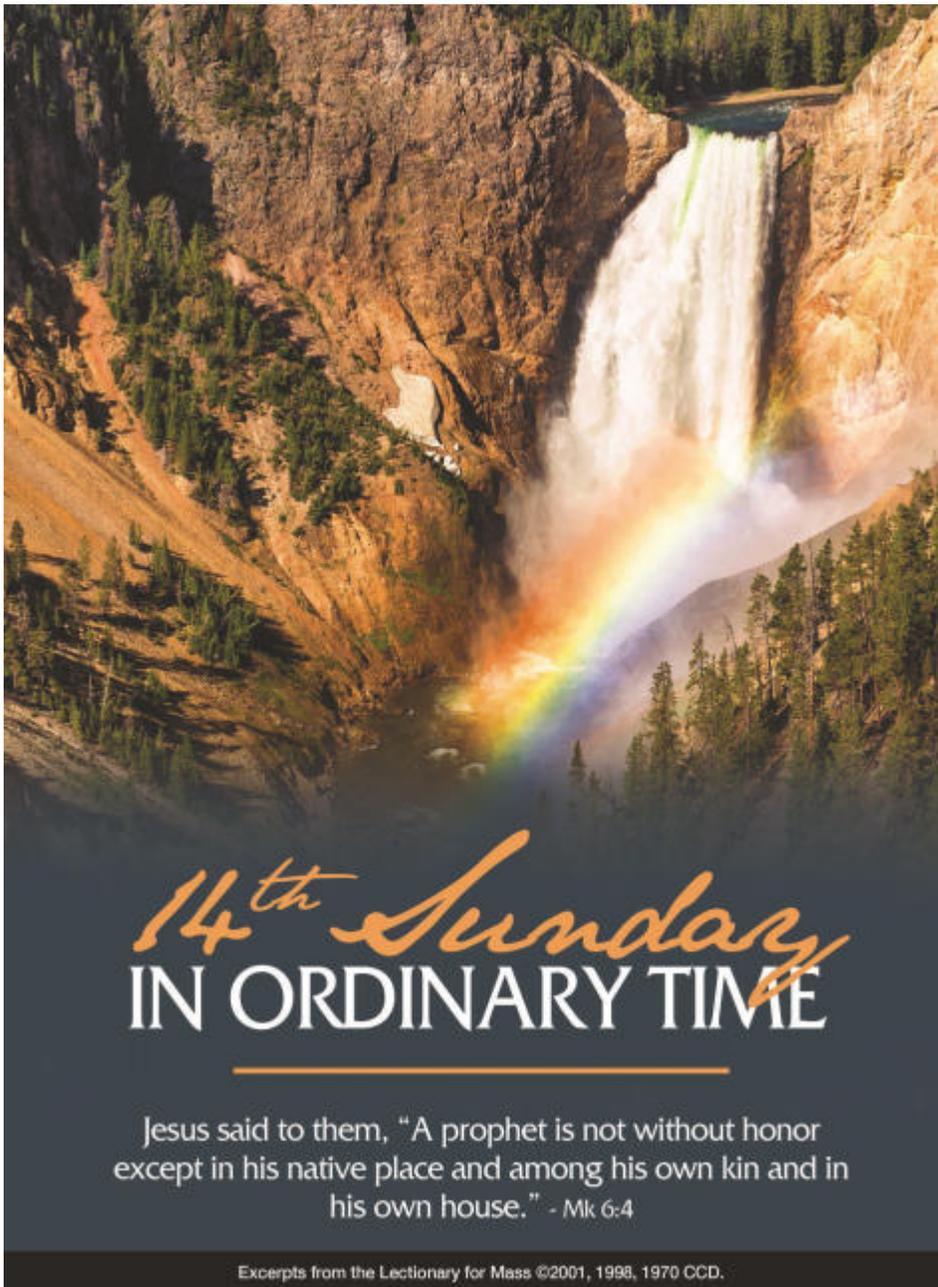




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Mission Statement

Saint Patrick's Church welcomes all into our community of Catholic faith and worship. We celebrate the Word of God, proclaim His Word by our daily actions, foster hope, and commit to justice in service to others.



14th Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house." - Mk 6:4

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday 5 PM. Sunday 8 & 10:30 AM

Weekday Masses

See Page 5.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

The 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30 PM
Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4 to 4:30 PM or by appointment.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 8:30 AM to 6 PM.

Infant Baptism Preparation

A preparation class is required. Please contact the Parish Office.

Baptisms

The 3rd Sunday at the Masses or by appointment. Dates for Baptism may be set after you have attended instruction. We encourage you to attend instruction before the birth of your child.

New Parishioner Registration

Is available during office hours Monday thru Friday OR on-line: www.churchofstpatrick.com.

Marriages

Contact the Parish Office a minimum of six months prior to the wedding date.

Office Hours

8:30AM-4:30PM ~ Monday-Thursday

8:30AM-Noon ~ Friday

Bulletin Notices

Submit in writing at the Parish Office or to bulletin@churchofstpatrick.com by noon on Monday. Occasionally deadlines vary due to holiday schedules. Please contact the parish office with questions.

** Notary services available upon request.

July 4, 2021 ✠ 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Response: Teaching Document on the Eucharist

Recently there have been some questions on the distribution of Holy Communion, particularly to President Biden, the teaching document on the Eucharist and the bishops' Spring General Assembly meeting. The information below is being presented as clarification.

At the Spring General Assembly, the bishops were not voting on whether President Biden or other politicians should receive Holy Communion, nor will they issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. Please see the Q and A from the USCCB below. Rather, they were voting on whether to create a teaching document on the Eucharist. In fact, they did vote to create such a teaching document, about which you can learn in the article in the Catholic Spirit from June 18 and this June 21. To access these articles visit thecatholicspirit.com.

We as Catholics believe that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is important to remember that the Church has always taught that out of reverence, we all must carefully examine our consciences and be free of mortal sin in order for worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist.



June 21, 2021

Questions and Answers on the U.S. Bishops' Vote to Draft a Document on the Meaning of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church

Since the conclusion of the Spring Plenary Assembly of the U.S. bishops last week, there has been much attention on the vote taken to draft a document on the Eucharist. The question of whether or not to deny any individual or groups Holy Communion was not on the ballot. The vote by the bishops last week tasked the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Doctrine to begin the drafting of a teaching document on the Eucharist.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of Christian life. The importance of nurturing an ever deeper understanding of the beauty and mystery of the Eucharist in our lives is not a new topic for the bishops. The document being drafted is not meant to be disciplinary in nature, nor is it targeted at any one individual or class of persons. It will include a section on the Church's teaching on the responsibility of every Catholic, including bishops, to live in accordance with the truth, goodness and beauty of the Eucharist we celebrate.

Below are a few commonly asked questions on the meeting and on this topic at issue.

Why are the bishops doing this now?

For some time now, a major concern of the bishops has been the declining belief and understanding of the Eucharist among the Catholic faithful. This was a deep enough concern, that the theme of the bishops' strategic plan for 2021-2024 is *Created Anew by the Body and Blood of Christ: Source of Our Healing and Hope*. This important document on the Eucharist will serve as a foundation for the multi-year Eucharistic Revival Project, a major national effort to reignite Eucharistic faith in our country. It was clear from the intensity and passion expressed in the individual interventions made by the bishops during last week's meeting that each bishop deeply loves the Eucharist.

Did the bishops vote to ban politicians from receiving Holy Communion?

No, this was not up for vote or debate. The bishops made no decision about barring anyone from receiving Holy Communion. Each Catholic - regardless of whether they hold public office or not - is called to continual conversion, and the U.S. bishops have repeatedly emphasized the obligation of all Catholics to support human life and dignity and other fundamental principles of Catholic moral and social teaching.

Are the bishops going to issue a national policy on withholding Communion from politicians?

No. There will be no national policy on withholding Communion from politicians. The intent is to present a clear understanding of the Church's teachings to bring heightened awareness among the faithful of how the Eucharist can transform our lives and bring us closer to our creator and the life he wants for us.

Did the Vatican tell the bishops not to move forward on drafting the document?

No. The Holy See did encourage the bishops to engage in dialogue and broad consultation. Last week's meeting was the first part of that process. It is important to note that collaboration and consultation among the bishops will be key in the drafting of this document.

Teresa Neuman, Director of Faith Formation

Support Vacation Bible School!!! This week in the gathering space you may notice an ancient tower and trees. We are demonstrating the awesome learning environment for Vacation Bible School and asking for your help at the same time. You will notice treasure chest tags hanging from the trees in the gathering space. The treasure chests represent the theme for our Vacation Bible School this year: TREASURED: Where children learn they are priceless to God. **Pick up a tag on the back is an item we need to make Vacation Bible School happen this year. Purchase the item and bring it back to church and place it next to the tower.** Your generosity enables us to offer an engaging bible learning experience this year. Questions? Contact Teresa.

Mary's Garden Continues to Grow: The statue of Mary is here. The St. Patrick's statue has been refurbished. The garden beds are planted. Thank you to the many families and individuals who have donated to this project. **We are still in need of funds to complete this project. Please look at our drawings of what the completed garden will look like in the gathering space. If you would like to donate to this project to make the completion of this garden a reality, please make out your check to St. Patrick's with "Mary's Garden" in the memo.**

Worship Commission Update: Cantor In-Service

The Worship Commission is planning an in-service for new and current cantors on Wednesday, August 11 at 7:00pm. Anyone interested in the cantor ministry is strongly encouraged to come. Participants must sign up in advance with Kim Thompson, ktompson@churchofstpatrick.com.

The Lighter Side

Marriage and Coffee: Shortly after tying the knot, a young married couple started arguing over who should make the coffee. Being a good Christian woman, the wife went to the scriptures for her answer. She said that the Bible specifically stated that men should be the ones to make the coffee.

Puzzled, the husband asked her where in the Bible it said that. Very confidently, the wife opened up her Bible and said, "It's right here — HEBREWS."

The Kindergartener: A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom as the children drew pictures. The teacher would occasionally walk around and see each child's artwork. As she approached one little girl who was working especially hard, she asked what the drawing was. The little girl told her: "I'm drawing God!" "But sweetie," the teacher replied, "no one actually knows what God looks like." Automatically, the little girl continued drawing and said, "well, they certainly will in a minute!"

No Pushing: A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran, she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!" As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran, she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late ... But please don't shove me either!" ©LPi

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Weekly Collection	\$10,230	Year to Date: 07/01/2020 - 06/27/2021	
Electronic Giving	\$8,470	Sunday Giving	\$910,063
Total for the Week	\$18,700	Sunday Budget Needed	\$1,043,373
Total Revenue Needed Weekly	\$20,146	Year to date shortfall	-\$133,310
Weekly Shortfall	-\$1,446	Weekly Youth Collection to date	\$3.21

Please consider making a charitable gift to the Church of St. Patrick in your will or trust. Thank you.



COME AND MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD: Dear Parishioners, the ambassador team is looking for individuals or groups of people to come and participate in our 6 week small group sessions in the fall. The dates are on Tuesdays- Sept. 21st, Sept. 28th, Oct. 5th, Oct. 12th, Oct. 19th, and Oct. 26th. Small groups will meet with 5 to 8 individuals. The times are 10:00 am or 7:00 pm The session will last 2 hours each-1 hour of video information and 1 hour to discuss the information seen and give suggestions.

WHY SHOULD I PARTICIPATE? Help Archbishop Hebda move the Archdiocese forward. Ideas generated in small groups will assist Archbishop Hebda in determining the Archdiocesan Synod Assembly topics. Those topics will guide Archbishop Hebda as he creates the Pastoral Plan for the future of the Archdiocese. Small groups will discuss the three focus areas that arose from feedback given in the Prayer and Listening events:

- ✝ Focus area #1: Forming parishes that are in the service of evangelization.
- ✝ Focus area #2: Forming missionary disciples who know Jesus' love and respond to his call.
- ✝ Focus area #3: Forming youth and young adults in and for a Church that is always young.

We will have sign up tables in the gathering space. Stop by and receive important information about these sessions. Questions? Contact Teresa Neuman.

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected \$874.70. Our contributions, combined with those from our brothers and sisters around the world, provide essential support for the Holy See's activities and help Pope Francis relieve the victims of wars, oppression, and natural disaster around the world. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections.

Upcoming at St. Pat's

Monday July 5th
The parish office will be closed to observe the holiday

Sunday July 18
10:30AM Hosanna Singers at Mass



Online Mass Update:

For those still needing to view Mass at home there are several local TV stations offering Mass.

- ✠ Diocese of St. Cloud: KSTC – Channel 45 – Mass on Sundays at 11:00 AM
- ✠ Our Lady of Grace, Edina, MN: FOX 9+ - Channel 9.2 – Mass on Sundays at 12:00 PM
- ✠ EWTN – Channel 14.3 – Catholic Mass various times on Sundays, visit EWTN.com/tv for more information.

Confession and Children

Question: Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer: Ask any mom about her children, and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they're doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what's wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God's unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an "Our Father" or two! ©LPi

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Mass Intentions

Saturday (7/3) St. Thomas, Apostle
5:00PM † Roger Sauerer

Sunday (7/4) 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00AM † Ken Gruhlke
10:30AM † John & Catherine Guild

Tuesday (7/6) St. Maria Goretti
6:30PM † Christian Seidl

Wednesday (7/7)
8:00AM † Mary Jo Richardson

Thursday (7/8)
8:00AM † Kim Jalinski

Friday (7/9)
8:00AM † Elmer & Patricia Born

Saturday (7/10)
5:00PM † Jerry Speldrick

Sunday (7/11) 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
8:00AM † Ed Gorski
10:30AM † Rita Schwalk

0 - Living † - Deceased
Rosary is prayed Monday-Friday at 7:30AM

OTHER MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Woodlyn Heights: July 8 at 10:30AM - 0 Pope Francis
Timber Hills: July 9 at 10AM - 0 Archbishop Hebda

READINGS

for the week of July 4

©Liturgical Publications

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2 Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a

Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab [cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7

Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15

Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23

Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7 [cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Next Sunday: Am 7:12-15/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/Eph 1:3-14 or 1:3-10/Mk 6:7-13

Please Remember in Prayer

Frank Dambowy
Carol Koop

Psalm 31:2 "In you, LORD, I take refuge."

The Mary's Garden Project



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