

**MINISTRIES FOR MAY 20/21, 2023**

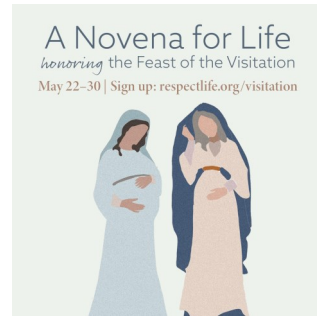
**MINISTRIES FOR THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023**  
**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

	<u>Saturday, 5:00 pm</u>	<u>Sunday, 10:00 am</u>
<b>Greeter:</b>	Don Douglas Volunteer Lynelle Hughs	Julie Kalinowski Kandi Schrader Kenneth Schrader
<b>Leader:</b>	Julie Gehrig	Carrie Nesbitt
<b>Lector:</b>	Charlotte Dorwart	Cindi Egging
<b>Min. of Bread:</b>	Scott Rolls	Jeremy Nesbitt
<b>Min. of Cup:</b>	Diane Cabela Jim Cabela Jean Holly Janet Peetz	Don Egging Christy Ningen Phyllis Tuzicka Dennis Tuzicka
<b>Altar Server:</b>	William Dana Zach Schumacher	Kole Knobbe Abigail Martens
<b>Ushers:</b>	Chris Curtis Volunteer	Jim Brown Andrew Parrot
<b>Music:</b>	Jack/Dennis/Kathy	Guitars/Heather

	<u>7:00 a.m</u>	<u>6:00 p.m.</u>
<b>Greeter:</b>	Cindy VonSeggern Tom VonSeggern	Bob Volkmer Teri Wolff
<b>Leader:</b>	Kathy Nienhueser	Karson Roach
<b>Lector:</b>	Volunteer	Dan Murphy
<b>Min. of Bread:</b>	Christy Ningen	Rick Spearow
<b>Min. of Cup:</b>	Carrie Nesbitt Jeremy Nesbitt	Walter Egging Joe Hruska Volunteer Volunteer
<b>Altar Server:</b>	Dabreya Egging Chloe Sparks	Matusz Murphy James Pease
<b>Ushers:</b>	Mike Leininger Keith Nienhueser	Stan Belieu Charles Gartner
<b>Music:</b>	No music	Guitars/Jamie

<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b>	May 14	Carrie Nesbitt
	June 4	Geena Reimers

**Communion to Extended Care/Home Bound, May 21**  
**Nyla Hobson & Deanna Gaston**



“O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust. Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, “A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers”

**Tuesday, May 16th – Respect Life Adoration –**  
We will have adoration followed by 5:15 Mass for respect for all life on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. We pray that the Culture of Life will overcome the shadow of death that threatens human life through abortion, suicide, euthanasia, and human trafficking and that our elected officials will work to protect life at all stages. Contact Henrietta Pelster to sign-up for a time or just come to the Chapel anytime that day to pray.

Join a Novena for Life honoring the Feast of the Visitation. Sign up at [respectlife.org/visitation](http://respectlife.org/visitation)

**RUMMAGE HOUSE NEWS**

**OPEN FRIDAY & SATURDAY 9:00 AM-1:00 PM**  
MAY 19/20 TEAM 5 BETTY MIKA  
MAY 26/27 TEAM 1 PHYLLIS TUZICKA

***The Lord's Portion***

**April 30..... \$ 3,759**



**Saint Patrick's Catholic Parish Community**

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Facebook: Sidney St. Patrick's Church

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023**



**Mass Schedule for the Wee**

Monday, May 15	5:30 p.m.	Shorty Stieb
Tuesday, May 16	5:30 p.m.	Gilbert & Ruby Myers
Wednesday, May 17	7:15 a.m.	Don Gehrig
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	<b>7:00 am. Ascension of the Lord</b>	Grace Meysenberg
<b>Thursday, May 18</b>	<b>6:00 p.m. Ascension of the Lord</b>	Int. Betty Peetz
Friday, May 19	7:15 a.m.	Int. Stella Virgil
Saturday, May 20	9:30 a.m. Sloan Estates	Lisa Anthony
Saturday, May 20	5:00 p.m.	Int People of St. Patricks
Sunday, May 21	10:00 a.m.	Int. Phyllis Tuzicka

**Daily Masses are celebrated in the Eucharistic Chapel—Please use the southwest entrance.**

When a funeral Mass is held—there will be no daily Mass. The Mass intention will be rescheduled—Thank You.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact Fr. C.P. Varghese six months before scheduling (a four-month period of preparation is required).

**PASTORAL HOME/HOSPITAL VISITATIONS:** If a family member or friend is homebound or in the hospital, and would like a pastoral visit, please contact the Parish Office.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** Tuesday at 4:30 pm & Saturday at 4:00 pm. Other time by Appointment.

**NEW PARISHIONERS:** Welcome! Please register at the Parish Office, 1039 14th Ave.

**SAINT PATRICK'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

Saint Patrick's Parish is a community empowered by the Spirit of God to love, serve, and welcome all to Christ. As a family of common faith, we encourage stewardship by living our baptismal call.

<b>Pastor:</b> Rev. C.P. Varghese	Office: 254-2828; Residence: 254-6334, Cell: 308-530-6733
<b>Pastoral Minister:</b> Pat Mertz	254-2828
<b>Director of Grades K—6 Faith Formation / Hispanic Ministry:</b> Joan Falcon	254-2828
<b>Admin/Director of Grades 7—12 Faith Formation:</b> Amy Colerick	254-2828
<b>Community Outreach Director:</b> Jack Thorpe	254-2828
<b>Building &amp; Grounds Supt.:</b> Ben Schumacher	254-2828
<b>Housekeeping:</b> Kristin Nelson	254-2828

**OFFICE HOURS: MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 8:00 AM—5:00 PM; FRIDAY 8:00 AM—12:00 PM**

## FROM FR. C.P. VARGHESE...

*Dear Sisters, Brothers and Children in Jesus Christ,*

In today's gospel we hear Jesus promising to send the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. Jesus does not leave us to struggle with the Christian life alone. He would send us another Helper. The Greek word 'parakletos' cannot really be translated. But it is only when we examine this word *parakletos* in detail that we catch something of the riches of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. The Greeks used the word in a wide variety of ways. Sometimes it meant a comforter, and other times, it meant a helper. It really means someone who is called in; but it is the reason why the person is called in which gives the word its distinctive associations. A *parakletos* might be a person called in to give witness in a law court in someone's favor; he might be an advocate called in to plead the cause of someone under a charge which would issue in serious penalty; he might be an expert called in to give advice in some difficult situation; he might be a person called in when, for example, a company of soldiers were depressed and dispirited to put new courage into their minds and hearts. Always a *parakletos* is someone called in to help in time of trouble or need. We often talk of being able to cope with things. That is precisely the work of the Holy Spirit. He takes away our inadequacies and enables us to cope with life. The Holy Spirit substitutes victorious for defeated living. So what Jesus is saying is: 'I am setting you a hard task, and I am sending you out on a very difficult engagement. But I am going to send you someone, the *parakletos*, who will guide you as to what to do and enable you to do it.' Jesus went on to say that the world cannot recognize the paraclete, the Spirit. By the world is meant that section of people who live as if there was no God. The point of Jesus' saying is: we can see only what we are fitted to see. An astronomer will see far more in the sky than an ordinary person. A botanist will see far more in a hedgerow than someone who knows no botany. Someone who knows about art will see far more in a picture than someone who is quite ignorant of art. Someone who understands a little about music will get far more out of a symphony than someone who understands nothing. Always what we see and experience depends on what we bring to the sight and the experience. A person who has eliminated God never listens for God; and we cannot receive the Holy Spirit unless we wait in expectation and in prayer for him to come to us. May we all be well disposed to receive God, the Holy Spirit into our being always.

*Fr. C.P. Varghese  
Pastor*

## SAINT PATRICK'S COMMUNITY NEWS

- May 14** High School Senior Mass 10 am
- May 18** Ascension of the Lord, Mass 7 am, 6 pm, Office closed
- May 20/21** Pro-life Rosary before Mass
- May 20/21** Creation Care Gift Give-away after Mass
- May 21** Collection for Esk-omi Missions received
- May 25** Parish Council Meeting 7 pm
- May 28** Collection for Seminary received
- May 27/28** Pro-life Rosary before Mass
- May 28** Pot-luck Brunch after 10 am Mass

### The Shepherd Project

As our world faces a shortage of peace and an increase in division and attacks within our families and the Church, our Bishops are facing extreme challenges. This is why they need our prayers, now more than ever, for the grace necessary to historically lead people of faith in these uncertain times. From May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 2023, you are invited to pray for the Bishops of the United States and its territories with the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Champion (previously The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help). Check out this link <https://championshrine.org/shepherd-project/> to sign up and see when your Bishop's day is. Please pray for **Bishop Hanefeldt** on July 8. Click on the link for a prayer for bishops on the Shepherd Project site.

### Administrative Assistant

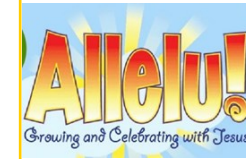
St Patrick's Parish is looking for an Administrative Assistant who would be able to begin working July 1 (and be available for training before that date) Book keeping skills are essential. If interested please call Fr. C.P., 254-2828, for more details.



Divine Mercy Chaplet/Benediction  
Fridays 5:45 pm  
In Eucharistic Chapel

## TOTUS TUUS REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

We will be hosting Totus Tuus June 11-17, for students going in to grades 1-12. College-age students will travel to various parishes over the summer to offer our children/youth the chance to see that learning about and celebrating our faith can be fun. They engage students in a variety of ways to deepen their understanding of our faith and show them how to live it day-to-day. Register at [www.gdiocese.org/totus-tuus](http://www.gdiocese.org/totus-tuus) or scan the QR code.



It's that time again, to start planning for some summer fun! St. Patrick's Catholic Church invites you to attend Allelu, a pre-school program for 4-and 5-year-old children. This program will run from Monday-Friday, June 12-16, 2023, from 9:00-11:30 a.m. To register you may pick up forms at the parish office, or church entrances. Only 10 slots are available so sign up today! Contact Joan at the parish office, 254-2828 for more information.



## Congratulations and God's Blessings to our Senior High Graduates!

Ben Colerick  
Logan Dickey  
Ben Lenzen  
Anna Lenzen  
Jorge Parra  
James Pease  
Reese Riddle  
Spencer Robinson  
Zach Rotert  
Isabella Sawyer  
Audrey Splichal

For I know the  
*Plans*  
I have for you,  
declares the *Lord*  
Plans to *Prosper* you  
and not to harm you  
Plans to give you  
*Hope and a Future*  
-Jeremiah 29:11

## Living Catholic

**Coming May 20/21**— another celebration of God's good creation! Just in time for spring planting —after Masses on May 20/21 in the east sacristy you will find free copies of a little booklet called "Praised Bee", a beautifully illustrated work brought to us by the company that made our Easter Candle. It has fascinating information on the gift of bees, as well as excerpts from St. Francis's Canticle of Creation, and more. You will also find a small book with your name on it called "Laudato Si" (Praised Be). It's an abbreviated version of Pope Francis' encyclical by the same name.

Two final pieces to this little celebration, 1)many people do not use all of the seeds in a packet. If you have extra seeds you're invited to bring them and swap with someone else.

2)While you're there, enter your name in the drawing for an outdoor plant.

"Praised be you, My Lord, with all your creatures..." St. Francis



May is  
Mental Health  
Awareness Month

One in four people will be affected by a mental health problem at some point in their lives, yet the stigma surrounding mental health silences many and prevents faith

communities from responding compassionately and effectively (The Sanctuary Course for Catholics). May is Mental Health Awareness Month and May 15 is the Feast Day of St. Dymphna, patron saint of nervous and mental disorders.

**On the feast day of St. Dymphna, May 15**, join the Catholic Psychotherapy Association and parishes across the country in offering a **Mass intention** for those afflicted with mental health issues and for the mental health practitioners who support them.

Go to [sidneystpats.com](http://sidneystpats.com), scroll down to the Mental Health logo and click for more resources.



Hands for Growing  
Growing Gardens/Growing  
Healthy Relationships

Hands for Growing begins Tues. May 25. To learn more about this summer program for kids going into 6th-8th grade, or to register on-line go

to [sidneystpats.com](http://sidneystpats.com), scroll down to the Hands for Growing icon and click on it. You can also pick up at registration form at the church entrances, or call Pat in the parish office for more information.

This project is a collaboration of St. Patrick's and the DOVES program