

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)
Allen Horsley, Chad Demers, Brad Tokach, Larry Omdahl, Michael/Bonnie Lewis, Marilyn Luberti, Madi Letzring, Marilyn Cuccia, Kirk Jaster, Lukas Falk, Sean DuPre, Don Sutton, Michael Blevins, Cori Hartje, Troy Scharmn, Marlene Stremick; Richard Mitchell, Carol Olimb, Christine Berger, Carol Scholler, Gwen Scheer, Judy Hultin, Jim Dunnigan, Lori Hill, Lucy Rieger, Patricia Rodvold, Heidi Gustafson, Adrienne Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Brett Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O'Toole, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard/Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Rick Kilichowski, Gary Olson, Joan Kerian, Robert Winkler

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. ***Adoration with Confessions:*** Sat at 8:00 am. ***More Confessions:*** Sun 8:00 am. ***Aug Cleaners:*** Olason/Wild/Wild. ***Collection:*** Sherry & Kari (Aug 4); Al & Dianne (Aug 11). ***Reader:*** Isaac (Aug). ***Sanctuary Lamp:*** Fred Thoeke (Aug 4); Jim/Dianne Goodoien (Aug 11). ***Sacristan:*** Mary T (Aug 4); Mary W (Aug 11). ***Rosary:*** Mary T (Aug 4); Richard (Aug 11)
ST BRIGID ANNOUNCEMENTS:
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 10:00 am. ***Adoration with Confessions:*** Wed & Fri at 11:00 am; ***More Confessions:*** Sat 4-5:00 pm, Mon 4:45-5:15 pm. ***Aug Cleaners:*** G-K. ***Collection:*** Kevin & Mitch (Aug 4); Mike & Val (Aug 11). ***Readers*** (Aug) Sat-Brian; Sun-Loren. ***Rosary:*** Volunteer (Aug). ***Sanctuary Lamp:*** Larry/Holly Puppe (Aug 4); Indridson Family (Aug 11). ***Food Basket:*** please: food items/donations for food box. ***Prayer Groups-St Brigid:*** after Sunday Mass; Tuesdays 7 am for Rosary! ***Bridal Shower:*** August 3rd @ St Brigid from 1-3 pm Sophie Sondeland & Dylan Fetch. ***Wedding!*** Blessings: Taryn & Hunter Denault!

St Patrick Book Study! Current book: “*Jesus, I Trust In You*” by Sr Faustina Maria Pia, **every 3rd Saturday** of each month.

Mass Intentions: Mass is the best way to help souls on Earth and in Purgatory: “*Put all the good works in the world against one Holy Mass; they will be as a grain of sand beside a mountain.*” – Saint John Vianney

Catholic End-of-Life forms available: Truly Catholic Advanced-Directive Healthcare Forms are available in the church lobby.

Family Faith Formation: Thanks to all who participated in Catholic VBS!

Catholic Men! Pick up your copy of “*Into The Breach.*” Copies of this short book are in the lobby of the church.

Nine Month Novena for the Church: From Mar 12 to Dec 12th, at: novena.cardinalburke.com

Putt 4 A Purpose! Monday, August 5, 2024, at Rose Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from the event benefit seminarian education and youth programs throughout the Diocese of Fargo. Call (701) 356-7926

Apologetics Retreat With **David Anders** of EWTN’s “*Called to Communion*” August 23-25 at Maryvale Retreat Center in Valley City. Call 701-845-2864 for more information. Only \$100 for all three days (Friday evening to noon on Sunday).

Redeemed Eucharistic Congress Sept 6, 2024 - Sept 7, 2024 Jamestown Civic Center, Jamestown, ND. Call 701-356-7903
(Fr Charles will fulfill the Mass Intentions on the weekdays)

Mon	Sts Martha, Mary, Lazarus	Jul 29	10:00 am	St Brigid	Funeral Mass for Harold Pelletier
Tues	St Peter Chrysologus	Jul 30			Carolyn Winkler
Wed	St Ignatius of Loyola	Jul 31			Baby Johnson
Thur	St Alphonsus	Aug 1			Joe Carik
Fri	Sts Eusebius, Peter Julian Eymard	Aug 2			Rick Letzring
Sat		Aug 3	5:00 pm	St Brigid	Dennis Nordstrom
Sun	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Aug 4	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Ben Waverly
Mon	Dedication of Basilica of St Mary Major	Aug 5			Joel Miller
Tues	The Transfiguration	Aug 6			Vernice and Cindy DeMars
Wed	Sts Sixtus and Companions, St Cajetan	Aug 7			Everett DeMars
Thur	St Dominic	Aug 8			Connie Magike
Fri	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross	Aug 9			Elaine Kalis
Sat	St Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr	Aug 10	5:00 pm	St Brigid	Robert Winkler
Sun	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Aug 11	8:30 am	St Patrick	Parishes of St Brigid & St Patrick
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Dennis Nordstrom

Stewardship: as of 7-21-24	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
<i>Weekly Total</i>	1,607.00	621.00	<i>St Patrick's Care Collection</i>		825.00
<i>YTD Total</i>	48,036.00	20,589.00	Gods Gift Appeal:	8,730.00	3,988.00
<i>Building Fund YTD</i>	1,635.00	2,325.00	Cemetery: St Anthony 1,855	5,735.00	5,381.69
<i>Holy Day</i>	710.00	290.00	Cemetery: St Helen 2,925; St Bernard 362		

Pastor: Fr. Charles LaCroix
charles.lacroix@fargodiocese.org

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St Brigid & St Patrick

July 28, 2024

Christ the Miracle Worker in the Eucharist
(Miracles Through His Humanity: Then and Now)



During His visible stay on earth Christ performed countless miracles. He restored sight to the blind, hearing to the deaf and the use of their limbs to the paralyzed. The winds and sea obeyed Him. He told the dead Lazarus to come forth, and Lazarus came out of the grave. The crowning miracle of Christ's visible stay on earth was to raise Himself by His own divine power on Easter Sunday.

But Christ continues performing miracles **in our day**. No single statement is more practically important than to be convinced that Christ works and wants to perform miracles in our favor today. And that we can add, for the best of reasons, because Jesus Christ is still on earth. And He promised, "Behold, I am with you all days even to the end of the world."

As we examine the Gospel narratives we find two remarkable facts. **First**, Jesus regularly associated His teaching with working with what John calls "signs and wonders." These signs and wonders made His humanly incomprehensible teaching believable. Miracles are necessary to make God's revelation credible. Please do not forget that. That statement is an article of the Catholic Faith.

Secondly - Christ during His visible stay on earth worked these miracles of course as God, but always through His humanity. In other words, the miracles performed by Jesus in Palestine were always the result of human words spoken, or the result of the touch of Christ's human hands. On one dramatic occasion a women was suddenly healed of years of hemorrhaging the moment she tugged on Christ's garments.

Jesus therefore performed (past tense) astounding wonders related in the Gospels. Always by His divine omnipotence but, (watch the preposition) but through His human nature as man. We are also told that on occasion that Jesus could not (this is the Almighty) perform miracles in certain places. Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. The two words humanity and faith are crucial to an understanding to the working of miracles.

At this point we turn to the Real Presence and we ask ourselves. "What is this Real Presence?" In one declarative sentence - It is Jesus Christ - true God, but, with emphasis, also - true man. It is the **same** identical Jesus who changed water into wine at Cana in Galilee. The same who invited Peter to come to Him walking on the water.

The Real Presence is the real Jesus with real flesh and real blood, with the same hands and feet and open side that He told the doubting Thomas to touch and believe. Once this fact dawns on a person - (It is not dawned on everyone who calls himself a Catholic; how well we know). - But once this fact dawns on our minds that Christ performed His miracles as God but through His human nature as man, then the inevitable happens. That person's faith is rewarded by the experience of miracles.

Immediately we must explain that there are three levels of natural laws that God can surpass and thus perform a miracle. There are the physical laws of visible nature. Thus the sudden healing of a fatal disease surpasses, needless to say, the powers of human physical nature. Indeed it surpasses the powers of all physical nature. Walking on water is naturally impossible. The raising of a dead human being back to life exceeds all created power, and no one but God with His omnipotence can raise a dead person back to life. And just for the record, physical miracles are the lowest level of miraculous phenomena.

On a higher level than physical miracles is the performance of what the Church calls **moral miracles**. A moral miracle exceeds the powers of the human will in the practice of superhuman moral virtue. For which the Church has coined the term "heroic moral virtue". This in fact is one of the norms used by the Church in her assessment of authentic sanctity. The lives of saints like Francis of Assisi and Thomas More. The deaths of martyrs like St. Agnes and Maria Goretti. These are witnesses to the miraculous power that Christ has given to His most beloved followers over the centuries. In other words, every canonized saint is a moral miracle. And today's world needs (what a safe statement) men and women and even children who are practicing what the Church calls heroic virtue.

Finally, still on the different levels of miraculous phenomena there are intellectual miracles in which God enlightens the human mind beyond all natural capacity for acquiring knowledge. The most obvious witnesses to this highest level in the time of Christ were (Shall we say it?) the dense thick-headed Apostles. God had to enlighten them, and this is part of our faith - miraculously. However, over the centuries Christ has continued performing these miracles of the intellect. In a St. Augustine of Hippo, and in a St. Therese of Avila, or in a Catherine of Siena. These testify to the power of Christ, the Incarnate Truth, can produce among human beings who believe that He is indeed the Living God in human form.

Receiving Jesus worthily in the Holy Eucharist and spending time before Him in the Holy Eucharist will produce these **miracles** in our lives.
(From: The Real Presence Association)

PO Box 280
Cavalier ND 58220
Phone: 701-265-8877