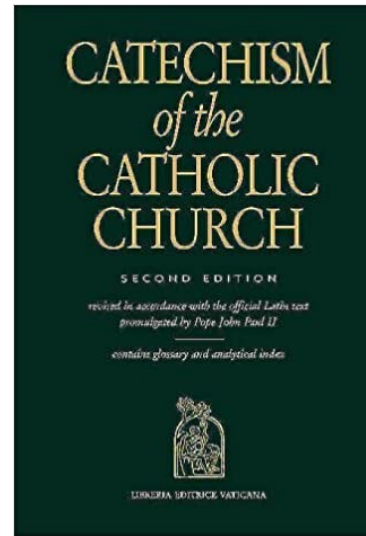


St Brigid & St Patrick

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A Gift of God to the Church (The Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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Pope St. John Paul II said, “The publication of this text should be considered **surely** among the most outstanding events in the recent history of the Church.” The supreme Shepherd of the whole Church referred to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* as a “singular **gift of Providence**.” Guarding the *deposit of Faith* is the mission which the Lord entrusted to His Church and which it fulfills in every age.

Pope John Paul II, taking a hard look on the situation of morality in the world today realistically calls the world’s attention, but most especially the Bishops of the Church, it is no longer a matter of limited and occasional disregard for the real principles of morality but a **systematic** and overall rejection of traditional moral norms. “A new situation has come about within the Christian community itself, the spread of numerous doubts and objections of a human and psychological, social and cultural, religious and even properly theological nature, with regard to the Church’s moral teachings.”

“It is no longer a matter of limited and occasional dissent, but of an overall and systematic calling into question of traditional moral doctrine on the basis of certain anthropological and ethical presuppositions. At the root of these erroneous presuppositions is: 1. the detaching of human freedom from its essential relationship to truth; 2. the natural law, and the validity of its precepts, is rejected; 3. Church teachings are found unacceptable; and, 4. the Church’s teaching authority, its Magisterium, is ignored so that each individual will independently make his or her decisions and life choices.”

Pope John Paul II took the needed steps that led to the preparation, completion, approval and publication of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* with a special Commission of Cardinals and Bishops.

There existed a tendency to test the truth by popular surveys, which are not entirely free from manipulation. This seems to have entered the arena of the Church, an **attempt** to split the unity of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Ambiguity, where there was complete unity before, leads to doubt, and then doubt leads to confusion and ultimately to indifference, which leads to giving up the faith that gives the truth.

Christ gave the apostles a final command – to make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that He had commanded. “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be My witnesses, yes, even to the ends of the earth”. Christ’s command is ours today.

The *Catechism* is given to us that it may be a sure and **authentic** reference test for teaching Catholic doctrine. This gift which the heavenly Father grants to His children, offers us, through this *Catechism*, the possibility of knowing Him better. The *Catechism* is given to pastors and the Christian faithful; it is addressed to the whole Church. It is to be received in a spirit of communion and is to be used assiduously (constantly) in fulfilling our mission of proclaiming the faith and calling people to the Gospel life.

The *Catechism* is given to us, that it may be a sure and authentic reference text for teaching Catholic doctrine. Every Catholic should have a copy of the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, **may** has the duty to own a copy. It is intended for all the faithful, to read, understand and live it in their Christian life.

The *Catechism* serves to educate us in the faith that the Catholic Church professes and proclaims. It is therefore a **gift** for everybody. It is a service of the Holy See to the whole Church. It is not a question of adapting to the circumstances of the times, but of fidelity to Christ’s will for His Church.

Pastors are reminded by St. Peter: “So I exhort the elders among you, as a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ as well as a partaker in the glory that is to be revealed: Tend the flock of God, give it a shepherd’s care. Watch over it willingly as God would have you do, not under constraint; and not for shameful profit either, but generously. Be examples to the flock.” (1 Peter 5: 1-3)

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* is offered to **every** individual in search of the saving Truth, who wants to know what the Catholic Church believes.

Conclusion: The certainty and unity in Catholic doctrine shall replace the state of ambiguity and doubt through the use of this *Catechism of the Catholic Church*.

(From: The Real Presence Association)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Jim Dunnigan, Heidi Schwartz, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, Jane Zidon, Marla Zidon, Rex Grill, Heidi Gustafson, Adriane Wellman, Isabelle Copeland, Tracy Letzring, Kelly Morrison, Jody Deibert, Allison Bleick, Dale Hultin, Bob McCartney, Susie Dimsha, Sherry McDonald, Shelbie Goodoien, Oliver Goodoien, Brent Collins, Merle Larson, Robert O’Toole, Ruth Rieger, Melanie Fischer, Ruth Ivesdahl, Carol Smith, Mary Louise, Bernard & Aletha Schommer, Brianna Fernandez, Brett & Rick Letzring, Jane Grazadzieleski, Rick Kilichowski, Donald Denault, Gary Olson, Fr. Finnestad, Joan Kerian.

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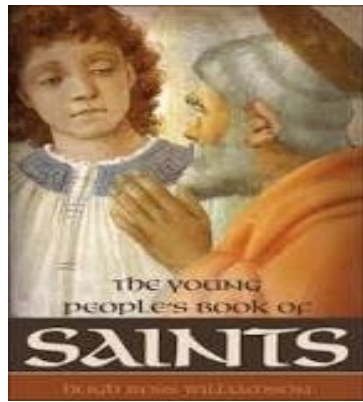
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **July Church Cleaners:** Reg & Leona Wieler, Brian & Sara O’Toole, Frank & Ali O’Toole. **Collection:** Dianne & Melissa (Jul 18); Sherri & Kari (Jul 25). **Reader:** Al (July). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Young & Waskom (Jul 18); Fred & Mary Thielke (Jul 25). **Sacristan:** Duane (Jul 18); Scott (Jul 25). **Rosary:** Mary T (Jul 18); Mary S (Jul 25)

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 5-5:15 pm. **July Church cleaners:** A-F. **Collection:** Michael & Val (Jul 18); Allan & Randy (Jul 25). **Readers (July):** Sat-Dick; Sun-Mike B. **Rosary:** Larry C (Jul 18 & 25). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Brian & Allison Puppe (Jul 18); The Mahars (Jul 25)

Bishop Folda requests that we contact our federal legislators and urge them to keep the Hyde Amendment intact. The Hyde Amendment is a pro-life amendment which prevents the use of federal funds to pay for abortion. It has saved 60,000 lives per year. You can also visit this website: <https://www.notaxpayerabortion.com/>

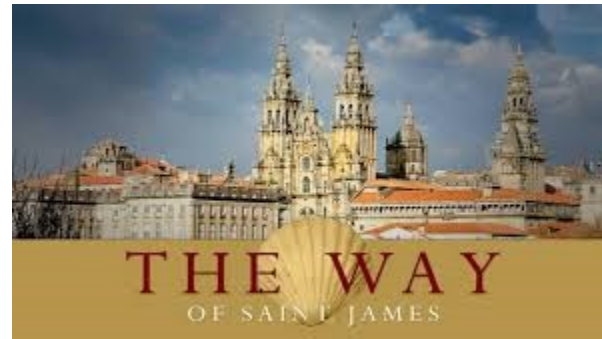
Two-Parish Picnic! This weekend on Sunday, July 18th. Both parishes are invited to attend our annual picnic at the Cavalier City Park at **noon**. Bring a dish to share. Hamburgers, hot dogs and fries will be supplied.



This week on “Formed”

Learn about Mary’s parents: **St. Camillus de Lellis** and **The Way of St. James**

Sign-up at formed.org



Mon		July 19	5:15 pm	St Brigid	+Everett DeMars
Tues	St Apollinaris	July 20	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Lilian Brosius
Wed	St Lawrence of Brindisi	July 21	Noon	St Brigid	+Wade Puppe
Thur	St Mary Magdalene	July 22	8:00 am	St Patrick	+Lawrence Brosius
Fri	St Bridget	July 23	Noon	St Brigid	+Carl Winkler
Sat	St Sharbel	July 24	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Thomas Winkler
Sun	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	July 25	8:30 am	St Patrick	John & Emma Young
			10:30 am	St Brigid	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes

Stewardship (as of 7-11-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	3010.00	806.03	St Patrick’s Care Collection July		260.00
Plate	67.00	21.00	Cemetery	4,190.00	4,681.69
Weekly Total	3077.00	827.03	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	60,455.26	26,363.02	St Helen Cemetery \$475.00		
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	2,152.00	2,605.00	St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		
Ascension	495.00	105.00	St. Patrick Sidewalk Fund \$11,080		Cost \$14,000