

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

(ANY CHANGES, PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE.)

Jim Dunnigan, Patty Durand, Lori Hill, Millie Laxdal, John Christianson, Pauline Dusek, Patricia Rodvold, 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.

ST PATRICK ANNOUNCEMENTS:

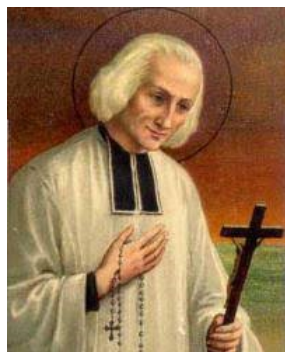
Pray the Rosary: Sun at 8:00 am. **Adoration with Confessions:** Sat at 8:00 am. **More Confessions:** Sun 8:00 am. **Aug Church Cleaners:** Mary Wild, Nick & Molly Wild, Marilyn Olafson. **Collection:** Al & Scott (Aug 1); Don & Duane (Aug 8). **Reader:** Tom (Aug). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Jim & Dianne Goodoien (Aug 1); Gladys Currie (Aug 8). **Sacristan:** Melissa (Aug 1); Mary T (Aug 8). **Rosary:** Jim (Aug 1); Melissa (Aug 8)

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. **Aug Church cleaners:** G-K. **Collection:** Larry & Kay (Aug 1); Scott & ME Kirking (Aug 8). **Readers (Aug):** Sat-Brian; Sun-Matt. **Rosary:** Larry C (Aug 1 & 8). **Sanctuary Lamp:** Olivia Kirking (Aug 1); Larry & Holly Puppe (Aug 8)

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/>

Year of St. Joseph Prayer: "Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen"



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St Brigid & St Patrick

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August 1, 2021

The Real Presence: Profession of Faith
(Part One of a Three-Part Series)



We can't emphasize this enough: like never before, we who believe in the Real Presence need to profess our faith in this cardinal mystery of Catholic Christianity, worshipping Our Lord on earth in the Blessed Sacrament as often as we can, for as long as we can and as fervently as we can. Somebody, somewhere better still profess their faith in Christ's Real Presence on earth in the Holy Eucharist because the Catholic Church will survive only where and as long as there are still believers who profess this faith in the Blessed Sacrament.

And the benefits are manifold. Such profession will deepen our own understanding of what the Real Presence means. There is no more effective way known in the history of the Church for growing and deepening one's faith in the Real Presence than by professing it and "living" it.

Such profession also will clarify in our minds how Christ's presence in the Eucharist is absolutely unique. Sure we may speak of Christ's presence "everywhere", but His real, bodily, Eucharistic presence is as unique as was His visible presence on earth in first century Palestine.

Professing our faith in the Real Presence will strengthen our faith to profess it to others. As I have been telling people over the years and keep telling myself, only convinced people are courageous people. Those who are not sure and have doubts are not courageous. It takes courage to profess our faith in all the mysteries. Such profession of faith in the Real Presence will enable us to defend the Real Presence, even against hostile forces in our lives. This profession will help convert those who have lost their faith in the Real Presence and help them return to believing that Jesus Christ is on earth in the Holy Eucharist.

Professing our faith in the Eucharist also will bring graces to those who never knew Jesus Christ and help them discover that He is here. Over the years, there are some Eucharistic experiences I like to recall. Here's one: a Jewish girl in Manhattan once came to visit me because she was curious about the Catholic faith. I asked her, "what aroused your curiosity?" She said, "I didn't quite know what I was doing, but I sneaked into the back of the Chapel and in just a few minutes realized what I never realized before. Jesus Christ, the one in whom Christians believe, is here." Her life was changed by the experience, and so was mine in instructing her in the faith.

We should first remind ourselves that professing our Catholic faith is not an option. It is our obligation and is necessary for salvation. So we ask, when must we profess our faith? Whenever our non-profession would reasonably be interpreted as non-belief. Remember that not professing the faith can be equivalent to denying the faith. Silence can mean consent. Silence can also mean denial.

Not that profession means someone else is somehow either presently or in the future a witness to our profession. Our profession of faith can be verbal with spoken words, or written in a letter or note, or printed. This profession can also be an artifact, painting or sculpture. Profession of faith can be bodily; we profess our faith with our lips, faces and gestures without saying a word. We profess our faith in song and music and melody. Even music without words professes our faith — either the sound is a profession of the true faith or its opposite.

We must profess our faith in order to preserve the faith. Unless someone had professed their faith to us, none of us would be here. All faith is communicated from one believer to another by the believer somehow professing the faith.

Once you believe in the Real Presence, you don't have to say a thing. God will use you to channel His grace of faith to others. Such profession makes our lives here on earth a prelude for that eternal life where we will no longer have to believe, but we will see face-to-face Jesus Christ, the Son of God who became the son of Mary to give us the Real Presence as our greatest possession here on earth and our destiny in the life to come.

Amen.

Mon		July 12	5:15 pm	St Brigid	Winston Miller
Tues	St Henry	July 13	8:00 am	St Patrick	Jim Young Family
Wed	St Kateri	July 14	Noon	St Brigid	Skylar Alex
Thur	St Bonaventure	July 15	8:00 am	St Patrick	Makensie Miller
Fri	Our Lady of Mt Carmel	July 16	Noon	St Brigid	Landon Alex
Sat		July 17	9:00 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			5:00 pm	St Brigid	+Dolores, Arni, Dirk Johnson
Sun	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	July 18	8:30 am	St Patrick	St Brigid & St Patrick Parishes
			10:30 am	St Brigid	Jim Young

Stewardship (as of 7-4-21)	St Brigid	St Patrick		St Brigid	St Patrick
Adult Envelope	1835.00	1190.00	St Patrick's Care Collection July		70.00
Plate	96.00	20.00	Cemetery	4,010.00	4,681.69
Weekly Total	1931.00	1210.00	St Anthony Cemetery \$1390.00		
Yearly Actual Total	57,378.26	25,535.99	St Brigid Gods Gift Goal: \$23,485.48	11,698.00	
Monthly Envelope Building Fund	2,152.00	2,605.00	St Patrick Gods Gift Goal: \$9,103.15		5,752.00
Ascension	495.00	105.00	St Helen Cemetery \$475.00		
			St Bernard Cemetery \$262.00		