

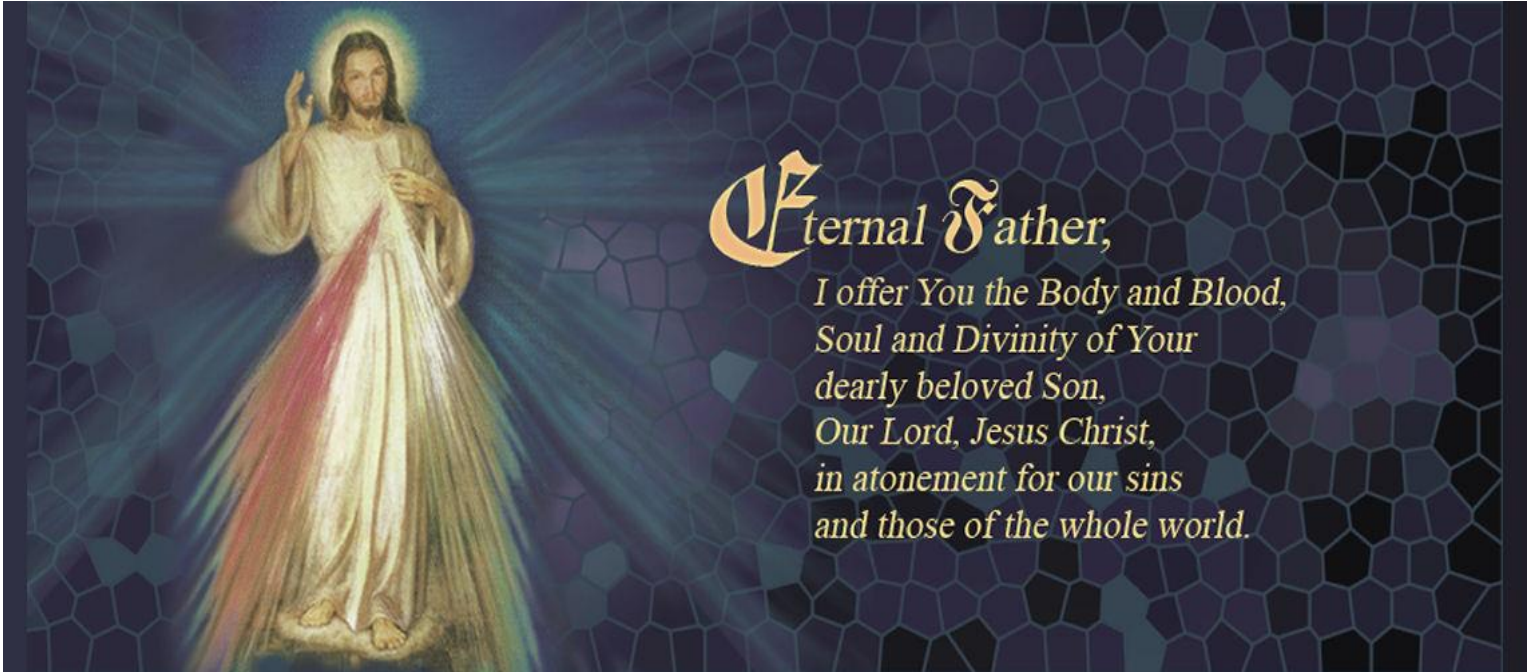
# The Parishes of

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## *Divine Mercy Sunday*

### 2nd Sunday of Easter - April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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## **From the Desk of Fr. Merlin**

### **April 11, 2021 Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy**

All three readings show the transformative power of belief in Jesus' resurrection. St. John tells us that we become children of God through this belief. Thomas acknowledges Jesus as Lord and God in the Gospel, and he and the other Apostles go on to create an ideal community by proclaiming his resurrection in Jerusalem.

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

The Sunday after Easter has been designated as **Divine Mercy Sunday** as we reflect on the Great Mercy of Jesus for each of us. Various parishes throughout the diocese celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday with prayers, reflections and songs honoring the great mercy of Jesus. Found in most celebrations there would be the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The Chaplet is a very powerful way of praying the rosary. If you are interested call it up on Google. We are so fortunate that our God is a merciful God willing to share his mercy with us over and over again.

### **Confirmation Next Sunday—April 18<sup>th</sup>**

Next Sunday will be a very important day for our parishes as our Freshman and Sophomores will be confirmed. Bishop Nickless is not confirming students this whole year and has delegated the pastors to do all confirmations. I am so privileged to perform this sacrament on our young people. At **St. Mary's, 3 students will be confirmed at the regular 8:30 Mass and at St. Patrick's 31 students will be confirmed at a special Mass at 1:00 pm** so that those who wish to attend may do so. Neither of the Masses will be live streamed. These students have been working the past two years for this day. They have attended a retreat, been doing many service hours for their parish and their school and have been attending classes with their teacher and visiting with their mentor (sponsor) in preparation for this day. They have also received the sacrament of Reconciliation and are ready for this next sacrament. A big shout out of Thanks to their teachers and their parents, along with the religious Education Coordinator for assisting them. Deacon John will be assisting me at both Masses and Fr. Kelly will assist both of us at the 1:00 Mass. Fr. Kelly will be confirming the Spanish students.

### **First Communion Sunday---April 25<sup>th</sup>**

As soon as we finish celebrating Confirmation, we celebrate another big day for our parish and that is First Communion Sunday. St. Mary's will not have any First Communions this year because we had our one student join the three students last year so she would not have to be by herself. At St. Patrick's 10 students will make their first communion at a special **1:00 Mass on Sunday April 25<sup>th</sup>**. This year the parents were the teachers of their children. We thank them for their guidance and special interests. The religious Education Office provided the material to use and they went through learning centers for Reconciliation and Holy Communion using 6 foot distancing and other protocols. It has been a different kind of year but they will be ready. Let us keep our Confirmation students and First Communion students in our prayers in the weeks ahead.

### **Thanks for Making the Triduum Possible**

When we started 2021 the question was in the minds of many people, will we be able to have a Holy Week like in the past? After last year when Easter was celebrated without Mass or was watched on TV, I am so glad that we could come together as parish families to celebrate this year. That was made possible by many people stepping forward to volunteer with the various ministries. Although we had no congregational singing we could hum along and although some private devotions turned to more general devotions, we had a chance to reflect on the passion and death of Jesus and then His Resurrection. I am sure that next year we will all be able to do more things and it will feel so great. I hope your Easter was filled with peace and joy and hopefully celebrated with the people you love and care about.

### **Cherish House Collection**

A special thank you to both parishes for their support of the Cherish House Collection this year. Without the baby bottles it was a little harder to be reminded of this need at home each day, but **St. Mary's collected \$220.00 and St. Patrick's collected \$850.00**. The young girls and their babies really appreciated the special help at this difficult time in their life. May God bless all of you that supported this almsgiving opportunity.

### **Food for Thought**

Thou shalt not lie....in bed on Sunday morning! Come to Church!

Time flies. Make sure God is your pilot!

When we have nothing left but God, we discover God is enough.

### Divine Mercy

*Let the weak, sinful soul have no fear to approach Me, for even if it had more sins than there are grains of sand in the world, all would be drowned in the unmeasurable depths of My mercy.* ~ Jesus to St. Faustina

### Liturgy of the Word

St. Luke (the author of Acts) describes the life of the early community of believers as being of *one heart and mind*, whose witness to the resurrection of Jesus brought favor upon them.

In the second reading, John assures his community that faith in Jesus and obedience enable believers to conquer the world.

In the Gospel, the risen Jesus appears at two different times to his disciples, offering them peace and giving them the authority to forgive sins. Thomas, after seeing Jesus, acknowledges Christ's divinity, saying, *My Lord and my God!*

### Divine Mercy 3 O'clock Prayer

You expired, O Jesus,  
but the source of life gushed forth for souls  
and an ocean of mercy opened up for the whole world.  
O Fount of Life,  
unfathomable Divine Mercy,  
envelop the whole world  
and empty Yourself out upon us.  
O Blood and Water,  
which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus  
as a fount of mercy for us,  
I trust in You.  
Amen.

Estherville/Armstrong KC Meeting- 6:30 pm Tuesday,  
**April 20<sup>th</sup>** at the Duhigg Center.

### Easter Flowers

**Thank you!** To all who donated flowers in memory of your loved ones to help decorate St. Mary's & St. Patrick's Churches this Easter. We will continue to pray for your loved ones, may God bless you for your generosity!!!

### Thank You

Many **THANKS** to all who made St. Patrick's Fish Fry's such a Success! Whether you helped in the kitchen, attended the dinners or provided bars or brownies, your willingness to give your time to this parish event is greatly appreciated.

### Pray Always

Please pray for all people suffering with illness – physical, mental, or spiritual, especially for those in our parish, families, and communities.

**"Jesus is risen, there is hope for you, you are no longer in the power of sin, of evil! The mercy of God always triumphs!"** - Pope Francis

### April- Month of the Holy Eucharist

In John chapter 6, Jesus not only says it once, twice, but three times, he tells the people that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood, that his blood is given for the life of the world. **Christ would not give us a command without a means of fulfilling it.**

**"Because Christ our Redeemer said that it was truly his body that he was offering under the species of bread...by the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood."**

**"This change the holy Catholic Church has fittingly and properly called transubstantiation."** (CCC, 1376)

**"This is a central teaching of Catholicism—that Jesus is really, truly, and substantially present under the forms of bread and wine."** **Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity!**

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### Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 –April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

#### St. Patrick's

Total Income	\$ 220,862.06
Total Expenses	\$ 222,604.76
<b>Difference</b>	<b>- 1,742.70</b>
<b>Sunday Collection: Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 3,230.00</b>
Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 1,795.00
Loose Collection	\$ 160.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 265.20
Easter Flowers	\$ 155.00

#### Bills

Payroll/Taxes	\$ 11,550.71
Insurance/Retirement/Work Comp	\$ 3,673.48
Bank-Other Fees	\$ 37.55
Altar/Office/Computer/Utilities-Shared	\$ - 291.49
Property & Liability Ins pmt	\$ 972.00

#### St. Mary's

Total Income	\$ 53,988.77
Total Expenses	\$ 47,091.78
<b>Difference</b>	<b>+ 6,896.99</b>
<b>Sunday Collection: Mar. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>\$ 565.50</b>
Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 115.00
Loose Collection	\$ 27.00
Candle Income	\$ 13.00
Flower Income	\$ 45.00

#### Bills

Payroll/Taxes	\$ 468.13
Payroll/Taxes – Shared Exp	\$ 1,898.61
Telephone/Internet Cable/- Shared Exp.	\$ 116.61
Altar/Office/Computer/Utilities-Shared	\$ 291.49
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 64.52
Property & Liability Ins pmt	\$ 344.00

**JESUS, I TRUST IN YOU!**

# Liturgies and Events This Week

## Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
+Jack Fredericksen

## Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
+Hofstader family

## Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+Don & Lorraine Koons

## Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+Jonah Kletsch

## Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+Desean Hoffman

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

### **6:00 pm Confirmation Practice**

6:00 pm Rel Ed (5-10) SP Duhigg Center  
(K-4) SP Home Class

6:30 pm Rel Ed (3-10) SM Parish Center  
(K-2) SM Home Class

## Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
+Roy & Lorraine Kirchner

## Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's/Confirmation  
+Ken Fisher

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

1:00 pm Confirmation - St. Patrick's

## Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

No Activities

## Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
+Elvin & Mary Godfredsen

5:15 pm SP Finance Meeting (DC)

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm April 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 18 <sup>th</sup>	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Clean-up</b>	Chris Snyder Laura Lapka	Welbig's	Alyson Gruhlke Sally Miller
<b>Servers</b>	Volunteer Aiden White		Layton Yager Rylee Yager
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Braylen Milstead Jessica Ruse	Volunteer	Beth Rosenboom
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Gary Roth Cliff Roth	Brenda Jones Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Stacie Inman Courtney Newgard
<b>Ushers</b>	Tyler Ruse Chris & Dale Snyder Jenell White	Welbig's	Gail Jasper Larry & Marlene Walthart Todd West
<b>Music Ministers Cantor</b>	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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