

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
903 Central Avenue
Estherville, Iowa

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St. Mary's
404 5th Avenue
Armstrong, Iowa

Third Sunday of Easter - April 18th, 2021



Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2021

St. Mary's

Olivia Merrill
Faith Steinberger
Brynn Tirevold

Be sealed

With the Gift

of the

Holy Spirit

St. Patrick's

Jasmine Barajas
Julio Barajas
Emerson Blair
Yahir Camberos
Mary Carlin
Hayden Cornwall
Parker Duitsman
Tatum Dunlavy
Ariel Egeland
Yuliana Flores
Brandon Flores
Jacqueline Garcia
Luke Heinrichs
Ella Helmich
Saige Hengeveld
Marsha Hengeveld

Tate Hoyer
Jordan Jensen
Jake Knudson
Ava Matheson
Kyle Quastad
Piper Quastad
Carter Rasmussen
Audree Reinhardt
Delanie Rezac
Belen Rodriguez
Molly Ross
Alexander Sheridan
Lily Snyder
Matthew Valen
Kaleb Young

From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

April 18, 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

In breaking open the Scriptures for the disciples, Jesus dispels their greatest fears and doubts and gently brings them into the fullness of true peace. Because of this they now have the courage to proclaim him before the world---to become his witnesses. Courage and peace are the hallmarks of the believers, and the gifts necessary to face the challenges of this world.

Confirmation This Sunday—April 18th

This Sunday will be a very important day for our parishes as our Freshman and Sophomores will be confirmed. This spring, Bishop Nickless 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 for this day. 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 Next Sunday----April 25th

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** next Sunday, April 25th. 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.

Becoming Children of God

Congratulations to **Kylah Grace Klingbeil**, the daughter of Kevin and Christa (Clayton) Klingbeil who was baptized on Saturday April 10th at St. Patrick's and to **Adeline Jo Gremms** daughter of Kyle and Kelly (Zebedee) Gremms who was baptized on Sunday, April 11th at St. Patrick's. We are so blessed to have two additional children baptized into the Catholic faith. We continue to thank God for the gift of life, and we ask God to bless all of our young families as they provide the faith and example of being followers of Jesus.

Blessing their Marriage

We congratulate **Molly and Brian Westergard** on getting their marriage blessed on Saturday, April 10th at St. Patrick's. As we prepare for the wedding season it is a reminder that we pray for God's blessings on all our married couples, whether it be one year or 75 year of marriage. May the Lord bless and keep you and always be with you.

Confessional is Open

I will be in the confessional every Saturday from 3:30 to 4:00 for anyone wishing to receive that special sacrament. You will have the opportunity to go face to face or behind the screen. There is always the option to set up an appointment for confession at your convenience.

Food for Thought

A man asked a priest what a miracle was. A full explanation did not satisfy the man, "Can you give me an example of a miracle?"

"Well," said the priest, "turn around, and I'll see what I can do." As the man did so, he gave him a terrific kick in the seat of his pants. "Did you feel that?" "I sure did!" "Well," said the priest, "it would have been a miracle if you hadn't!"

A clergyman had been invited to attend a party of the Sunday school nursery department. He decided to surprise them. Getting on his hands and knees, flipping his coat over his head like wings, he hopped in on all fours, cackling like a bird. Imagine his surprise when he learned that due to a switch in locations he had intruded on the ladies' missionary meeting!



Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, and fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Your Divine Love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.

Oh God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, instructed the hearts of the faithful, Grant, that by the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

Peter tells the people that they have put to death God's servant, Jesus and exhorts them, *Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.*

John writes to his community in the hope that they do not sin, but if they should, he tells them they have an Advocate in Christ.

In the Gospel, while the two disciples recount to the others their experience with Jesus *on the way*, the risen Christ appears to all of them, with a *greeting of peace*. He shows them his body, and eats in front of them, in order to help them *understand the Scriptures* and what they had witnessed.

Esterville/Armstrong KC Meeting- 6:30 pm Tuesday, **April 20th** at Duhigg Center.

Pennies for Heaven: The Iowa KC's are strong supporters of religious vocations through their Pennies for Heaven campaign. We invite you to help support vocations to the priesthood by dropping your donation in the container in the gathering space. Please deposit your donations before the KC's State Convention Sunday April 25th. Thank you!!!

St. Patrick's Annual Garage Sale will be here soon. **START PLANNING TODAY. Accepted items:** Books, antiques and collectables, **good quality** clothing all ages (**no winter**), bed/bath items, toys and games, small working appliances, tools, kitchen items, crafts & supplies, bikes, furniture, etc. **Not Accepted:** treadmills, TV's, large appliances, computers, portable phones, microwaves, mattresses/box springs. All items must be clean and in good condition. Proceeds go to the needs of our parish.

We will begin taking donated items on the following dates starting Monday, **May 10, 11, & 12** at Duhigg Ctr. (**stage door**). We will not take items before scheduled drop off dates. We will need men to help with heavy/large items.

The sale **begins Thursday, May 13th from 8-6** and runs through **10:00 am Saturday, May 15th**. We will need a lot of volunteers to help with this sale. CDC guidelines must be followed.

April- Month of the Holy Eucharist

"The Eucharist is the heart of the Christian religion. It is an ineffable mystery that embraces the untold depths of divine love, and in which God, giving himself to us, bestows upon us all blessings and graces."

- St. Francis De Sales

Pray Always

Sponsor of the week: **Bank Plus**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 –April 12th, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income	\$ 225,792.60
Total Expenses	\$ 225,072.93

Difference	+ 719.67
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Sunday Collection: Apr. 3rd – 4th	\$ 3,956.00
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Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 214.54
Loose Collection	\$ 215.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 245.00
Parish Rental	\$ 300.00
Holy Land	\$ 587.00
Food Pantry	\$ 488.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 2,295.00

Bills

Organist - March	\$ 400.00
Telephone/Internet/(Church/Rectory)	\$ 248.66
Supplies: Altar/Office/Educational	\$ 368.41
Snow Removal	\$ 240.00
Cathedraticum – S. City	\$ 1,159.00

St. Mary's

Total Income	\$ 55,319.27
Total Expenses	\$ 48,620.54

Difference	+ 6,698.73
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Sunday Collection: Apr. 4th	\$ 1,152.50
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Loose Income /3.00 Candle Income	\$ 178.00
Holy Land	\$ 40.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 140.00

Bills

Organist - March	\$ 200.00
Supplies: Palms	\$ 36.24
Utilities: Gas/Electric	\$ 1,049.52
Cathedraticum – S. City	\$ 243.00



"Peace be with You!"

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, April 17th

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

Sunday, April 18th

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 19th

No Activities

Tuesday, April 20th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Leonard family

6:30 pm KC Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, April 21st

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Germaine Lepird

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

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

Thursday, April 22nd

No Mass at St. Mary's
(Priest Clergy Day)

Friday, April 23rd

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bud Neppel

Saturday, April 24th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Michael Barrett

Sunday, April 25th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Frank Lown

1:00 pm 1st Communion St. Patrick's

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm April 24 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 25 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 25 th
Clean-up	Dave & Sue Snyder	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Michael Hill Cody Newgard
Servers	Saige Hengeveld Shasta Ohl		Volunteer Volunteer
Ministers of the Word	Cathy Beaver	Brenda Jones	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Evelyn Prentice Chuck Tostenson	Joyce VonBank Craig Nemmers Volunteer	Paul Anderson Theresa Bose
Ushers	Dave & Sue Snyder Jenell White Aidenl White	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Cody Newgard Dave & Lisa Nitchals Christopher Schmaus
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman

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