

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
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Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 25th, 2021



***CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION***

St. Patrick's

**Macy DeVore
Collin Duitsman
Jan A. Escobedo Pimentel
Matthew Randall Fehlman
Michael Roman Fehlman**

**Adysen Helget
Hayden Asher Hoffman
Jorge L. Silva Jr.
Wyatt Struve
Katniss Dawn Watt**

From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

April 25, 2021 Fourth Sunday of Easter

God loves us so much that we are not simply **called** God's children, but in fact are God's children now. This love is that of a good shepherd, who knows and cherishes his sheep, and who, unlike others, will sacrifice his own life for the safety of his flock.

April 25th, World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Congratulations to our Confirmation Students

Last week at both parishes we were blessed to have our Sophomore and Freshmen students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We thank the teachers for their guidance the last two years: **Kathy Morkin, Kathy Beaver, Connie Alvarez, and Michelle Hoyer** and a special thanks to our Religious Education Directors **Jenny Welbig and Kathy Cornwall**. We look forward to these students sharing their talents with our parishes in the future. We also thank **Deacon John, Father Kelly** and the various ministers who helped make this day so special. May the Holy Spirit be with them always.

First Communion Sunday This Sunday----April 25th

At St. Patrick's 10 students will make their first communion at a special **1:00 Mass** 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.

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.

Ministerial Breakfast

Every first Wednesday of the month the Estherville Ministerial Association meets at one of the parishes. The April month was hosted by St. Patrick's and we were treated to an awesome breakfast of egg bake, homemade caramel rolls, and a fruit cup. A BIG thank you goes out to **Evelyn Prentice** and **Helen Moffitt** for making the meal and cleaning up. The ministers were happy and I was proud. God bless you ladies.

Religious Education Classes Coming to an End

After a touch and go year our religious education classes are coming to an end this week at St. Patrick's and next week at St. Mary's. I really appreciate the guidance that Jenny and Kathy gave this year with all of the unknowns as the directors, also to all the teachers that taught person to person classes and all of the parents who taught their children at home. Plans are being made for next year. It is our hope that we can have person-to-person classes for everyone, but as is always the case, it depends on if we can find teachers. We have a number of teachers not coming back because they are moving, their child has completed the religious education program, or they want to take a break. I plan to recognize all the teaches in the near future in the bulletin and especially remembering those who will not be back but in the meantime if you may be interested let Jenny or Kathy know. Let us pray in thanksgiving for the great year we had and the safety of everyone over the summer months.

Garage Sale is Coming

After a year when the St. Patrick's annual garage sale could not be held, we are on schedule to have it again. The dates are Thursday, May 13th, Friday the 14th from 8:00 to 6:00 both days and Saturday the 15th until 10:00 am. The list of items that can be brought to the gym and the dates are listed on the next page of this bulletin. We want everyone to be aware that all protocols will be followed. Sanitizers will be located at the entrances and various places throughout the gym area. The gym will be arranged a little different so that a 6 ft. distance can try to be maintained. This year the first \$600 will go to the community meal offered the last Monday of each month at the VFW. Since we have not had a chance to volunteer as of yet, we will provide the finances for the meal. In the future we will be able to volunteer for the meal. The next \$1,000 goes into our Neighbor-to-Neighbor Fund to help individuals or families in need, especially members of our own parish and the remaining will go into the general budget. If you are able to help in any way the ladies will be looking for help in the near future.

First Holy Communion



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“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.”
John 6:55-56

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, Peter proclaims to the elders that the cripple who has been healed and saved was done so in the name of Jesus. This is the Jesus that they had crucified and *whom God raised from the dead.*

The first letter of John says that through the love of God we are now the children of God; what we shall become is not yet revealed.

In the Gospel, Jesus says, *I am the good shepherd who lays down his life for the sheep.*



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

“As to the truth of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, there is no room left for doubt. For both from the declaration of the Lord himself and from our own faith, it is truly flesh and truly blood. And when these are eaten and drunk, **it is brought to pass that we are both in Christ and Christ is in us.**”
~St. Hilary of Poitiers

Sponsor of the week: **PRO Cooperative**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 –April 19th, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income	\$ 229,886.60
Total Expenses	\$ 229,862.25

Difference + **24.35**

Sunday Collection: Apr. 10th – 11th \$ **3,510.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 200.00
Loose Collection	\$ 194.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 140.00
Building Fund	\$ 50.00
Food Pantry	\$ 85.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 165.00

Bills

Supplies: Copier/Office	\$ 299.80
Utilities: Gas/Electric/Water/Refuse	\$ 2,937.69
Maintenance /New Vacuum	\$ 759.38
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 792.45

St. Mary's

Total Income	\$ 56,263.77
Total Expenses	\$ 50,575.15

Difference + **5,688.62**

Sunday Collection: Apr. 11th \$ **777.50**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 115.00
Loose Income/4.00 Candle Income	\$ 52.00
Retired & Infirm Priests	\$ 230.00

Bills

Telephone/Internet	\$ 100.07
Easter Flowers	\$ 130.75
Maintenance /New Vacuum	\$ 759.38
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 639.41
Catechist Appreciation	\$ 325.00

**Congratulations
1st Communicants !!!**



**May you always know the Peace of Jesus,
the Light of His Love
and the Joy of His Life within you. Amen**

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, April 24th

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

Tuesday, April 27th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Ron Heinrichs

Friday, April 30th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Margaret Roberts

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

Wednesday, April 28th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Jerry & Bernadette Neppel
8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)
6:00 pm Rel Ed (5-8) SP Duhigg Center
(K-4) SP Home Class
6:30 pm Rel Ed (3-8) SM Parish Center
(K-2) SM Home Class

Saturday, May 1st

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Monday, April 26th

No Activities

Thursday, April 29th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Eddy Kollasch

Sunday, May 2nd

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Clarence Weinzetel
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Ed & Colleen Boucher
+ Ken & Betty and + Doug Farmer
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 1st	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 2nd	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 2nd
Clean-up	Raul Diaz Laura Lapka	Nicoson's	Alyson Gruhlke Volunteer
Servers	Brianna Silva Aiden White		Daryl Jensen Michael Valen
Ministers of the Word	Jenell White	Mike Rezac	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jessica Ruse Tyler Ruse	Brenda Jones Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Marlene Walthart Larry Walthart
Ushers	Brian Bendixen Sandy & Steve Clayton Volunteer	Nicoson's	Yolanda & Matt Sheridan Matthew Valen Todd West
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