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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

April 21, 2019 Easter Sunday—The Resurrection of The Lord

The resurrection of the Lord is the highest of all feasts—the day in which we celebrate the truth that Jesus conquers and redeems every darkness of life, even death itself. Truly this is a day of rejoicing! For even when events are unclear to us---when we do not understand what we see before us, like those who saw the empty tomb---we can be confident in the words and promises of God.

A New Paschal Candle

The new paschal (Easter Candle) for St. Patrick's is a gift given to St. Patrick's by the children of **Mary Lown**. For a Christmas gift they wanted to do something special for Mary and she asked what the church could use, and we together came up with this beautiful candle, called the "Crucifixion Candle." We thank Mary for remembering her parish with this Christmas gift from her children. As was mentioned in the past the candle will be lit at all Masses until Pentecost and also at all Baptisms and Resurrection Masses. May that light of Christ burn in your heart in a very special way this church year.

Holy Saturday Celebrations

Congratulations to **Aaralynn Shirley Heebner**, daughter of Eric and Ashley (Weston) Heebner and to **Eric DeWayne Heebner**, both who were baptized on Holy Saturday evening. Congratulation also to MacKenzie Siefken who made her profession of faith into the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday night and then was confirmed along with Eric Heebner. MacKenzie and Eric concluded the RCIA classes and are ready to share their talents with the St. Patrick's parish family. I thank them for their dedication and example and their willingness to know more about the Catholic Church.

A Note of Thanks

Recently we received the following note: Dear Members of St. Patrick's. Thank you so very much for your faithful support of the Neighbor to Neighbor Fund. By responding to those in need you are the neighbor Jesus spoke of in Luke 10:36-37. Glenn Bohmer, Chairman. The amount given to our city Neighbor to Neighbor Fund was **\$1,100**. I also thank all of you who supported this second collection.

St. Mary's Fish Dinner Results

The results of the recent Fish Dinner at St. Mary's are as follows: 265 meals were served which is 18 less than last year. Gross income was \$3,370 and Expenses were \$1,550.53 leaving a **profit of \$1,819.47**. The money will go towards the new blinds for the office/classroom/sacristy. Another BIG thank you to all who helped in anyway. It was another successful parish community project.

Asbestos/Pipe Replacement Update

The asbestos removal began this past week and will be completed this coming week. During the first few weeks of May the pipes in the tunnel will begin to be replaced. They will start on the second floor to work on some specific pipes that need to be removed and then will move down stairs. We don't have a lot scheduled, so there will be few interruptions before the project is completed.

Call out to all Ministers of Holy Communion

A reminder to all Ministers of Holy Communion, if you have not been contacted by Jenny or Dawn about continuing or taking a break please contact them. We plan to send the names to the diocese in the near future. **Also, a call out to new members who may be interested in sharing their time with the parish or the homebound by distributing Holy Communion to let me know soon.** Thanks

The Heating and Spiritual Growth Campaign

I continue to thank all those who have contributed to our campaign. We pray for you and I continue to pray for all those who are praying about their future gift. We have hit the halfway point--keep up the good work.

Food for Thought

A small town's only barber was known for his arrogant and negative attitude. When one of his customers mentioned he'd be going to Rome on vacation and hoped to meet the Pope, the reaction was typical. "You?" he said. "Meet the pope? Don't make me laugh! The Pope sees kings and presidents." What would he want with you?"

A month later, the man returned for another haircut. "How was Rome?" asked the barber. "Great! I saw the Pope!" "On his balcony from St. Peter's Square? With the rest of the crowd?" "Yes, but then two of his Swiss Guards came up and said the Pope wanted to see me and took me right into his private apartment in the Vatican." "Really?" the barber asked. "What did he say" "He said, "Who gave you that lousy haircut?"



Easter is the Church's holiest day of the year. After twenty centuries, we still boldly announce to the world:
 ~~~~~ **Christ Lives!** ~~~~~

**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.

**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 spare change in the container marked donations for vocations in the gathering space. Please deposit your donations before the KC's State Convention the first weekend in May. Thank you!!!

**St. Mary's Religious Education News**

Our last Religious Education Class for **grades 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** will be Wednesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>** with Mass and May Crowning.

**Summer Liturgical Ministries Schedule**

ALL St. Patrick's Ministers (Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic, Hospitality) please note that I began working on the summer schedules (May, June, July, August) last week. If you need to be removed, have dates you cannot serve or have other questions, please contact Dawn, at 362-5851 or [stpatsec@qwestoffice.net](mailto:stpatsec@qwestoffice.net) by Wednesday, **April 24<sup>th</sup>**.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION:** St. Joseph Parish in Wesley invites you to a very special Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on Sunday, **April 28**, with Fr. Steven McCloud as presider and homilist. The day will begin with Exposition/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 2 pm. The special "Hour of Mercy" will be at 3 pm, which will include a song of reflection, readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. Refreshments will follow in St. Joseph's Parish Hall.

**Married Couples:** Would you like to re-live the excitement, romance and passion from your honeymoon? Rekindle that spark on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. Upcoming date: **May 3-5** Dubuque, IA. For more information call 563-608-3305 or visit our website at [iowa-wwme.org](http://iowa-wwme.org)

**Do you know a couple married 60 to 80 plus years?** Please nominate them in the Longest Married Couple search sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The longest married couple in each state will be recognized and a special recognition is given to the longest married couple in the nation. Go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call this special phone number 405-850-4274. Nominations must be received by midnight **May 14**.

**April- Month of the Holy Eucharist**  
 "The devotion to the Eucharist is the most noble, because it has God as its object; it is the most profitable for salvation, because it gives us the Author of Grace; it is the sweetest, because the Lord is Sweetness Itself." — Pope St. Pius X

**Please Pray For:** Brysen Looft, Helena Irmiter, Rebecca Bermer, Kathy Clymer-Hanson, Kim Frank, Tom Umscheid, Kristy Funston, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

Sponsor of the week: **The Huntsman Gun Shop**

**Heating & Spiritual Growth**  
 Pledges/ Cash this week (16) 19,829.13  
 Total Pledges/cash (62) **\$113,389.13**

| <b>Parish Financial Blessings</b>                               |                    |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Year-to-Date Giving Information</b>                          |                    |
| <b>July 1<sup>st</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019</b>        |                    |
| <b>St. Patrick's</b>                                            |                    |
| Total Income                                                    | \$ 238,608.42      |
| Total Expenses                                                  | \$ 252,633.56      |
| <b>Difference</b>                                               | <b>- 14,025.14</b> |
| <b>Sunday Collection: Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>– 14<sup>th</sup></b> |                    |
| Automatic (ACH) Deposits                                        | \$ 120.00          |
| Children's Collection                                           | \$ 21.62           |
| Spanish Mass                                                    | \$ 214.00          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection                                      | \$ 271.62          |
| Loose Collection                                                | \$ 152.00          |
| Easter Flowers                                                  | \$ 635.00          |
| Parish Rental                                                   | \$ 500.00          |
| Neighbor Fund                                                   | \$ 100.00          |
| <b>Bills</b>                                                    |                    |
| Supplies: computer                                              | \$ 60.40           |
| Utilities: Electric/Water/Refuse                                | \$ 1,394.28        |
| Repairs & Maintenance                                           | \$ 1,697.49        |
| Snow Removal                                                    | \$ 585.00          |
| Globe Expense – 2 <sup>nd</sup> pmt                             | \$ 589.50          |
| Shared Exp (SM) Work Comp                                       | \$ - 311.47        |
| <b>St. Mary's</b>                                               |                    |
| Total Income                                                    | \$ 52,843.09       |
| Total Expenses                                                  | \$ 46,290.77       |
| <b>Difference</b>                                               | <b>+ 6,552.32</b>  |
| <b>Sunday Collection: Apr. 14<sup>th</sup></b>                  |                    |
| Flower Income                                                   | \$ 25.00           |
| Loose Collection                                                | \$ 71.00           |
| <b>Bills</b>                                                    |                    |
| Work Comp                                                       | \$ 311.47          |
| Telephone- 93.19/Office- 75.31                                  | \$ 168.50          |
| Utilities: Gas/Elect/Water/Refuse                               | \$ 1,383.52        |
| Globe Expense – 2 <sup>nd</sup> pmt                             | \$ 152.75          |

**Respect for Life Newsletter** will be assembled Monday, **April 22<sup>nd</sup>**, 1:30 pm at the Duhigg Center meeting room.

# Liturgies and Events This Week

## Holy Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

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

## Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Doris Wycoff*

## Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Mike Lown*

## Easter Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Bob Thompson*  
9:15 am SP Choir Practice  
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Juana Ortiz, Jose Leon*  
*+Gregorio Leon*  
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)  
*+Myrtle Truesdell*

## Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*+Fran Nicol & Bob Nicol*  
8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)  
  
6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP  
6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-8) Last Class SM  
6:30 pm Mass & May Crowning SM

## Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

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

## Monday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)  
1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter (DC)

## Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Maxine Leonard*  
10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan  
*+Frank Lown*  
5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's  
6:30 pm RCIA (potluck)

## Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*+Madeline Gerlach*  
  
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*  
*+Christy Boggess Hoganson*  
  
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)  
*(Fr. Kelly's Intention)*

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

|                                    | <b>St. Patrick's<br/>Saturday, 4:30 pm<br/>April 27<sup>th</sup></b>                                                                     | <b>St. Mary's<br/>Sunday, 8:30 am<br/>April 28<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>St. Patrick's<br/>Sunday, 10:30 am<br/>April 28<sup>th</sup></b>                                                         |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Ministers of the Altar</b>      | Lily Snyder<br>Carter Snyder<br>Aiden White                                                                                              | Aidan Giddings<br>Ava Steinberger                               | Parker Duitsman<br>Warren Duitsman<br>Bennet Duitsman                                                                       |
| <b>Ministers of the Word</b>       | Cheryl Houseman                                                                                                                          | Mike Rezac                                                      | Angie McMahon                                                                                                               |
| <b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>  | Theresa Dominy<br>Rick Houseman<br>Evelyn Prentice<br>Pauline Schwiesow<br>Pat Metzger<br>Gerald Pluth<br>Carol Pluth<br>Chuck Tostenson | Dave Rezac<br>Joyce VonBank<br>Craig Nemmers<br>Jen Hanson      | Elaine Prust<br>Sandy Mann<br>Cliff Roth<br>Donna Roth<br>Theresa Bose<br>Cody Newgard<br>Courtney Newgard<br>Bruce Zebedee |
| <b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>    | Brian Bendixen<br>Ed & Joan Nims<br>Volunteer                                                                                            | Welbig's                                                        | Mary Duitsman<br>Gail Jasper<br>Brenda Klingbeil<br>Todd West                                                               |
| <b>Door Keepers</b>                |                                                                                                                                          | Gene & Charlene Tigges                                          |                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Music Ministers<br/>Cantors</b> | Arnie Schiling<br>Mary Moorman                                                                                                           | Deb Rudd<br>Carol Anderson                                      | Margot Rezac<br>Laura Humble                                                                                                |

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