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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin
April 28, 2019 The Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday)

In the first reading, the Apostles performed many signs and wonders, and many came to believe. In Revelation, John, imprisoned, had a vision of Jesus in heaven and was commanded to write all that he saw. In the Gospel, the Resurrected Jesus reveals himself to Thomas, who only then came to believe. Jesus said: "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed,"

ALLELUIA---THANK YOU

Now that it has been a week since we celebrated the Triduum, I can reflect back on how touching and spiritual those three days were and also Easter Sunday. As with any special event it only becomes a success because of the many people who work behind the scenes to make it possible. The same is with the special Liturgies. There were so many people from both parishes that volunteered for the many ministries and jobs that needed to be done. Without your help we could not have had the spiritual celebrations that we did. **May God Bless you all.**

Divine Mercy Gifts

One of the Diocese in California made it their goal to make available to every Catholic in the United States a 5 X 7 picture of the Divine Mercy Jesus and also a smaller card size with instructions on how to pray The Divine Chaplet. Both items can be found at the entrances of the church. Please help yourself, we have many to give away and feel free to take one for your family. Let us keep this diocese in our prayers as they help spread the word about the mercy of our Lord Jesus.

St. Patrick's Fish Dinner Results

I am excited to share with you the results of our recent fish dinners: The total number served was **1,365 people**, about **950 lbs.** of fish was served. From the **50/50** drawing a profit of **\$256.26** was realized. The **Silent Auction** brought in **\$2,540.00**. The **Donations** for the purchase of the fish was **\$1,921**. Extra fish batter sold amounted to \$80.00 and income at the door was **\$12,662.11**. Expenses were \$4,399.57 leaving a **profit of \$13,059.80**----compared to net income **last year of \$10,603.60**. A very successful parish project and again thanks to so many. God bless you with a safe spring and summer.

Spanish Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning with the month of May the Spanish Mass times will be on the First and Third Sundays only. The Mass will remain at 12:00 (NOON). This will continue until the fall and we will let you know on the exact day.

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.

Asbestos/Pipe Replacement Update

The asbestos on pipes in the tunnel and on the boiler **has been removed** and we are now prepared for the next phase. The pipe replacement will begin the first of June. You will begin to see action around the building at that time. We don't have a lot scheduled, so there will be few interruptions before the project is completed.

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

An anonymous letter writer sent his/her letter to the local newspaper editor complaining that church attendance made no sense. "I've gone for thirty years," he wrote. "and have heard something like three thousand sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time, as are the preachers for even bothering to deliver a sermon at all." This letter started a real controversy on the opinion page. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher: "I've been married for thirty years. In that time my wife has cooked some thousand meals, but for the life of me, I can't recall the menu of any of those meals. I do know though; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I need to do my work. If my wife had not given me those meals, I'd be dead today. No more comments about sermon contents have appeared on the opinion page.

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. Patrick's Mission Quilt Project

Our "Quilters" have finished for the season. Everyone is encouraged to save fabric, sheets, blankets and mattress pads over the summer, which will be used to make quilts this fall. We greatly appreciate the service of the quilters and all who provide materials. Quilting will resume after Labor Day. We welcome anyone interested in helping with this project. Contact person: Pat Metzger, 712-209-0551.

St. Mary's Finance meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, **April 30th** at 7:00 pm at the Parish Center.

St. Patrick's Religious Ed News

Communion Practice, dress rehearsal and pictures will be next Saturday, **May 4th** at 10:30 am in church.

1st Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday, **May 5th** at the 10:30 Mass. All 1st Communicants and parents need to be in church at 10:00 am. A reception will be held at Duhigg Center after Mass.

St. Patrick's Annual Garage Sale will be here soon. **START PLANNING TODAY.** As you begin Spring Cleaning be sure to keep these guidelines in mind: **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. This is a great way to clean out those closets and recycle things you no longer want or have room for. 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 13, 14, & 15 from 8-6 pm** at Duhigg Ctr. (**stage door**). We will not take items before scheduled drop off dates.

The sale **begins Thursday, May 16th from 8-6** and runs through **12 noon Saturday, May 18th.** Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. We need a lot of help from all parishioners. If you have questions, please call Mary Duitsman, 712-209-4389 or Sue Snyder, 712-392-0231.

Please Pray For: Arnie Schilling, Brysen Looft, Helena Irmiter, Rebecca Berner, Kathy Clymer-Hanson, Kim Frank, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

Divine Mercy Sunday

"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

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Heating & Spiritual Growth

Pledges/ Cash this week (9) \$14,440.00
Total Pledges/cash (71) **\$127,829.13**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - April 22nd, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 241,662.12
Total Expenses \$ 255,562.73

Difference - 13,900.61

Sunday Collection: Apr. 20th- 21st \$ **2,166.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00
Children's Collection \$ 35.45
Spanish Mass \$ 177.25
Loose Collection \$ 475.00
Easter Flowers \$ 80.00
Food Pantry \$ 506.00
Holy Land \$ 652.00
Retired & Infirm \$ 1,839.89

Bills

Supplies: Altar/Computer/Education \$ 517.71
Utilities: Gas \$ 2,186.27
Utilities: Cable \$ 125.19
Neighbor Fund \$ 100.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 53,925.59
Total Expenses \$ 46,352.65

Difference + 7,572.94

Sunday Collection: Apr. 21st \$ **852.50**

Automatic Deposits (ACH 04-01 & 15) \$ 230.00
Holy Land \$ 369.00
Retired & Infirm \$ 866.00

Bills

Supplies: Altar \$ 15.61
Utilities: Water/Refuse \$ 46.27

The Tribunal Office sponsors Nullity workshops each year in each deanery to inform about the process. Please call the Tribunal office (712-233-7533) to register for one of this year's scheduled gatherings (May 7th-Whittemore, May 14th-Carroll, May 21st-Sioux City; May 28th-Alton). Fr. Erpelding describes what a nullity process is, why it is needed, along with how it is initiated and carried out.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, April 27th

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

Sunday, April 28th

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)

Monday, April 29th

Quilters- Finished for the season

Tuesday, April 30th

No Mass at St. Mary's

7:00 pm SM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, May 1st

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Linda Merrill

8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP

Thursday, May 2nd

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

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+Ron Johnson +Bob Johnson

5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's

Friday, May 3rd

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Cletus Weber

Saturday, May 4th

10:30 am 1st Communion Practice/Pictures

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bill Schacherer

Sunday, May 5th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
1st Communion Liturgy
1st Communicants & families

11:30 am Reception (DC)

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+Con Leonard

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 4th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 5th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 5th
Ministers of the Altar	Addison Cornwall Hayden Cornwall Aiden White	Koen Zotz Amanda Brickner	Matt Christensen Delanie Rezac Cara Schiltz
Ministers of the Word	Cathy Beaver	Gene Tiggs	Staci Inman
Ministers of the Eucharist	Helen Moffitt Keith Moffitt Carol Pluth Tyler Ruse Steve Clayton Sandy Clayton Gerald Pluth Deacon Rudd	Craig Nemmers Jean Thackery Suzanne Bonnicksen Deacon Rudd	Dr. Richard Bose Mary Herum Coletta Jaeger Bruce Zebedee Theresa Bose Morgan Matthews Maggie McDermott Deacon Rudd
Ministers of Hospitality	Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Dave & Sue Snyder	Whaley's	Ushers: Gail Jasper & Donna Mart Brenda Klingbeil Christopher Schmaus
Door Keepers		Joyce VonBank	Gift Bearers: 1 st Communicants
Music Ministers		Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz
Cantors	Karen Reardon	Lupe Kollasch	Michelle McCoy

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