

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
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Rejoice, Christ is Risen, Alleluia!!!

Easter Sunday - April 4th, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday

Jesus is risen from the dead; he appeared to his disciples. His rising to new life foreshadows what God intends for us: eternal life. The darkness of sin and death has been defeated by the Light of Christ, who died for us. Together, let us sing our praise to God. Alleluia!!!

Alleluia---He is Risen

The words of a song that is often sung at this time of the year, telling the story of the unbelievable rising from the dead of Jesus Christ. He truly is our savior and has established this Church for us to gain salvation for ourselves. He not only rose from the dead, but he sent His Holy Spirit to be active in our lives if we choose. That is why **Alleluia is the word of the week, the month and even the year**. After so much isolation and sad news it is about time for something uplifting and joyous. May you continue to enjoy Easter and what it stands for. God bless all of you.

Catholic Charities Thank You

We recently received a letter from Amy Jones, director of Marketing and Development for Catholic Charities, extending a heartfelt gratitude for our parish partnership in helping Catholic Charities in their work of caring for Christ's people. The 2020 Diocesan Christmas Collection raised over \$174,000, an increase of \$37,000 over 2019. Our parish's response was **\$2,309, \$2,149 coming from St. Patrick's and \$160 from St. Mary's**. Again, they thank us helping the individuals, couples, children and families who turn to Catholic Charities for crisis assistance and mental health services. You have given hope and healing in a most difficult time.

The Fish Fry Season Has Ended

The fish fry season has come to an end for both parishes. In some sense it could be seen as disappointing because of running out of fish at St. Pat's and running into the school play and other activities at St. Mary's. I always said the importance of these projects is the **fun-raisers**. In all 5 nights it appeared people of all ages were having fun and pitching in to make the night run well. At both parishes one after another said the meal was great and well worth coming. I thank again everyone who helped, who brought bars and cookies and who donated for the fish. We will have a complete report in a few weeks when all of the bills are paid. May God bless you all and especially those who were in charge.

Thanks for Making the Triduum Possible

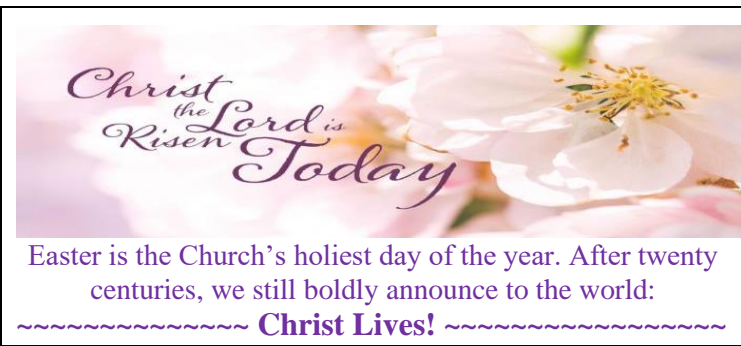
When we started 2021 the question was in the minds of many people, will we be able to have a Holy Week like in the past? After last year when Easter was celebrated without Mass or was watched on TV, I am so glad that we could come together as parish families to celebrate this year. That was possible 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. May your Easter be filled with peace and joy and hopefully celebrated with the people you love and care for.

Special Almsgiving Opportunities

The collection for the Retired and Infirm Priests of our diocese was/is taken on Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. The second collection basket will be used for this collection and then return to the dollar collection basket **again** next Sunday. The money collected will remain in our diocese. Although some priests are viewed as retired, many remain active providing sacramental ministry to our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and throughout our communities. The goal of this collection is \$160,000. Because some insurance policies are limited in the services they cover, the funds generated by this collection are used for those services needed outside the scope of the policy. The envelopes are in your packet. At least 3 retired priests, and after July 6, 4 priests have served St. Patrick's and 3 served St. Mary's. Please consider a gift, and I on behalf of all of the retired priests thank you.

Food for Thought

After a long, dry sermon, the minister announced that he wished to meet with the church board after the service. The first man to arrive was a stranger. "You misunderstood my announcement. This is a meeting of the board," said the minister. "I know," said the man. "If there is anyone here more bored than I am, I'd like to meet him."



April- Month Holy Eucharist

The month of April is traditionally dedicated to devotion to Jesus in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. The Catholic Church teaches that the Blessed Sacrament is the real and living presence of Christ—His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—received into our souls with every reception of Holy Communion. Our Eucharistic Lord is the source and summit of our Christian life, the ultimate proof of His infinite love for us.

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, St. Peter speaks to the crowd, telling them of all that he witnessed in the ministry and execution of Jesus Christ. He proclaims the Good News that *everyone who believes in Jesus Christ will receive forgiveness of sins through his name.*

Saint Paul tells the Corinthians that Christ is *our paschal lamb who ... has been sacrificed.*

In the Gospel, the disciples encounter the empty tomb of Jesus.

Easter Prayer

May the glory and the promise
of this joyous time of year
bring peace and happiness
to you and those you hold most dear.

And may Christ, Our Risen Savior,
always be there by your side
to bless you most abundantly
and be your loving guide. Amen

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.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's 2021 Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus will offer a scholarship to graduating seniors from St. Patrick's and St. Mary's parishes. The scholarship application and information sheet can be downloaded from the KC section (under the more tab) of the church website at www.stpatstmary.com or picked up at the parish office. The application deadline is April 9th.

Pray Always

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



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**Parish Financial Blessings
Year-to-Date Giving Information
July 1st, 2020 – March 29th, 2021**

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 215,256.86
Total Expenses \$ 206,716.71

Difference + 8,540.15

Sunday Collection: Mar. 20th – 21st \$ 4,115.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 200.00
Loose Collection \$ 152.00
Spanish Mass \$ 144.00
2nd Collection \$ 173.00
Easter Flowers \$ 595.00
Food Pantry \$ 85.00
Retired & Infirm Priests \$ 230.00

Bills

Duhigg Ctr Telephone/Internet \$ 116.40
Postage Stamps \$ 550.00
Supplies: Altar/Computer/Education \$ 643.08
Tithing Envelopes \$ 248.35

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 53,223.27
Total Expenses \$ 43,908.42

Difference + 9,314.85

Sunday Collection: Mar. 21st \$ 802.50

Grain Donations \$ 1,352.21
Loose Collection \$ 11.51
Candle Income \$ 8.00
Flower Income \$ 75.00

Bills

Water/Refuse \$ 85.44

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CELEBRATION: St. Joseph Parish in Wesley, IA invites you to a very special Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration on Sunday, April 11, 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 beautiful song of reflection, readings, prayers, and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy in song. CDC guidelines followed. Thank you!

Liturgies and Events This Week

Holy Saturday, April 3rd

8:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Easter Sunday, April 4th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Frank & Helen Rolling

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Judy Kurth + Pat Kurth

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Monday, April 5th

No Activities

Tuesday, April 6th

No Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, April 7th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Marlys Sheridan

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 8th

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

Friday, April 9th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Hofstader family

Saturday, April 10th

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

Sunday, April 11th

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

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

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm April 10 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 11 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 11 th
Clean-up	Sue & Dave Snyder	Nicoson's	Brenda Klingbeil Mary Sicard
Servers	Marsha Hengeveld Marissa Ohl		Brian Finley Cara Schiltz
Ministers of the Word	Cathy Beaver	Mike Rezac	Connie Alvarez
Ministers of the Eucharist	Theresa Dominy Evelyn Prentice	Joyce VonBank Craig Nemmers Volunteer	Sandy Mann Morgan Matthews
Ushers	Brian Bendixen Sandy & Steve Clayton Gary Roth	Nicoson's	Gail Jasper Christopher Schmaus Larry & Marlene Walthart
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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