

The Parishes of

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Fifth Sunday of Lent - April 7th, 2019

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

April 7, 2019 The 5th Sunday of Lent

Today's psalm speaks of the great things that God has done. Among them is his giving us the promise to forgive all who come before him with true contrition and who seek his mercy. Through and in Jesus we have the ability to do this, and when we do, we allow God to "re-create" in us -- to do something new in us.

A Big Thank You

I want to thank everyone who helped in any way to make Confirmation so **AWESOME**. First I thank the students for being so prepared and looking so adult-like. I thank the parents and teachers for preparing them for this sacrament. I thank the sponsors who will continue to be a big part of their faith life. I thank the choir for the extra efforts and time to add to the beauty of the Mass. Thanks to the servers, greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Deacon John and the Religious Education Directors, from both of our parishes Kathy and Jenny, and finally the volunteers from both parishes that helped with the reception. A Big Thank You to Linda and Dawn in the office for getting the programs made and names recorded in the permanent records. A great day for our parishes!!!!

Lenten Communal Penance Service

The parish Communal Penances are as follows: **THIS WEEKEND: April 7th 1:00 Emmetsburg, 2:30 Graettinger and 4:00 at St. Patrick's.** Tuesday April 16th, 6:00 pm at Spirit Lake. I will be at all of these places so feel free to attend any that fits into your schedule.

Holy Week Sign-Ups—HELP!!!!!!

It is time again to sign-up for the various ministries for Holy Week at both of our parishes. We will again need lectors, servers, greeters/ushers and ministers of Holy Communion. The schedule will be the same as last year: Holy Thursday at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm, Good Friday: 2:00 pm at St. Mary's and 6:00 pm at St. Pats. Holy Saturday will be at St. Pat's with the welcoming of our RCIA candidates into the church. Mass time for Holy Saturday has not yet been set by the diocese. Easter Sunday Masses will be at the usual Sunday times. I appreciate all who sign-up so early so we can set up practice times if need be.

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.

Globe Payments

As we all know the Globe is the official paper of the diocese and the official paper for our Bishop to keep in touch with his people throughout the diocese. It is the policy of the diocese that every person in the diocese receive the paper. If a subscription is not paid by the individual the parish gets billed for it. As of this month **St. Patrick's** parish is paying for the subscription of **195 households for a total of \$2,358** and **St. Mary's** is paying for **49 households for a total of \$637**. If you remember that you did not pay your subscription, you can still send the \$26 to the diocese or drop it in the collection basket marked Globe. Thank you to all those who did pay their subscription this year.

DAA REBATES

As you may have noticed in the bulletin last week both parishes received a pay back from this year's DAA campaign. **St. Mary's received \$1,285 and St. Pat's received \$330**. As pledges are paid in the future, all of those dollars will be given back to their parish. Thank you to everyone who supported this appeal to support the needs of the diocese and from now on the general needs of our parish.

Becoming A Child of God

Congratulations to **Hudson Lee Grems**, son of Kyle and Kelly (Zebedee) Grems, who was baptized on Saturday March 30, at St. Patrick's. May the Risen Lord protect them and all of our children and may all our parents be guided by the Holy Spirit.

Food for Thought

Next week we begin Holy Week---The holiest week of the Church year. ARE YOU READY!!!!!!!!!!

April- Month of the Holy Eucharist

Fish Fry- St. Patrick's

Friday, **April 12th** – Duhigg Center

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults \$9 - Kids five & under \$5

Take Out Dinners Available

Silent Auction – ends April 12th

St. Patrick's Catholic Daughters will hand out Lifesavers at the church entrances this weekend after Mass.

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday evening, **April 9th** at 6:30 pm in the Duhigg Center with a potluck followed by the Rosary and meeting. Chairman- Marlene Walthart, Committee- Dawn Eveleth, Linda Neppel, and Carol Pluth.

1st Communion News

St. Patrick's First Eucharist Learning Centers will be held Wednesday, **April 10th** at 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Duhigg Center. At least one parent is required to attend with their child.

St. Mary's Grounds Committee will meet Sunday **April 14th** immediately after 8:30 am Mass.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet Tuesday evening, **April 16th** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 followed by our meeting.

KC/CDA Monthly Food Drive will be **April 13th & 14th** (next weekend). Totes for nonperishable food will be at the entrances of the church. Thank You!!!

Summer Liturgical Ministries Schedule

ALL St. Patrick's Ministers (Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic, Hospitality) please note that I will work on the summer schedules (May, June, July, August) the week of April 15th. If you need to be removed, have dates you cannot serve or have other questions, please contact Dawn, at 362-5851 or spatssec@qwestoffice.net by Wednesday, **April 24th**.

Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the Churches for Easter and honor the memory of your loved ones. Please use the envelope in your packet or a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!!!

Please save your Pennies for Heaven for this worthy cause along with saying a prayer for vocations. Pennies (change) may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus container (Donations for Vocations) located in the gathering space. Another great alms giving opportunity! Thank you!!!

Lenten Activities: We will pray the **Stations of the Cross Friday** at **St. Patrick's on April 12th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent include Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your Mar. & Apr. packets.

Please Pray For Rebecca Bermer, Kathy Clymer-Hanson, Kim Frank, Aurora Mulgrew, Tom Umscheid, Dennis Smith, Kristy Funston, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Edward Meyer**, husband of Marilyn, members of St. Mary's Parish. His funeral will be Monday, April 8th at 10:30 am at St. Mary's. Please keep Ed and his family in your prayers.

Sponsor of the week: **PRO Cooperative**

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

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 225,813.14
Total Expenses \$ 242,837.68

Difference - 17,024.54

Sunday Collection: Mar. 30th– 31st \$ 2,935.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00
Children's Collection \$ 44.50
Spanish Mass \$ 102.00
2nd Collection \$ 138.15
Loose Collection \$ 434.00
Easter Flowers \$ 85.00
Building Fund \$ 40.00
Cemetery \$ 20.00
Bishop's Collection \$ 225.00

Bills

Payroll/Taxes \$ 11,374.24
Insurance/Retirement \$ 2,695.59
Supplies: Computer/Altar/Education \$ 720.78
Telephone/Internet \$ 349.45
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 394.47
Property & Liability Ins pmt \$ 1,023.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 50,333.08
Total Expenses \$ 43,716.13

Difference + 6,616.95

Sunday Collection: Mar. 31st \$ 1,172.50

Flower Income \$ 15.00
Loose Collection \$ 97.00
Aid to Global Churches \$ 220.00

Bills

Payroll & Taxes \$ 458.67
Payroll & Taxes- Shared Exp \$ 1,690.60
Telephone/Internet/Cable- Shared Exp \$ 104.66
Supplies: (Altar/Office/ Computer) Shared Exp \$ 133.34
Utilities: Electric/Gas- Shared Exp \$ 147.20
Educational/Ministry \$ 59.88
Property & Liability Ins. \$ 363.00

Other Events

The Bloodmobile will be at the American Legion in Ringsted on Tuesday, **April 9th** from 1:00-6:00 pm.

United Methodist all you can eat pancakes & Sausage, Thursday **April 11th** from 5 – 7 pm, 102 S 8th Street, Estherville. Free will offering.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, April 6th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Pat Kurth

(CDA Lifesaver Weekend)

Sunday, April 7th

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

9:15 am SP Choir Practice

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Jim Bueltel

11:30 am Coffee & Rolls

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+ William Truesdell

Penance Emmetsburg (HF) 1:00 pm

Services: Graettinger (IC) 2:30 pm
St. Patrick's 4:00 pm

Monday, April 8th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)

Tuesday, April 9th

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

6:30 pm CDA Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, April 10th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Walt & Lola Mathine

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

5:30 pm 1st Eucharist Learning Centers

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

6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-10) SM Parish Center

Thursday, April 11th

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

No Mass at Good Samaritan

2:00 pm Chrism Mass Sioux City

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

6:30 pm RCIA (DC)

Friday, April 12th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's

+ John Hanson + Tim Hanson

5-7:00 pm SP Fish Fry (DC)

7:00 pm Stations at St. Patrick's

Saturday, April 13th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's

+ Robert & Lorraine Fay

Monthly Food Drive Weekend

Sunday, April 14th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Darrel Walsh

9:15 am SP Choir Practice

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+ Angie Finley

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
(Fr. Kelly's Intention)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm April 13 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 14 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 14 th
Ministers of the Altar	Matt Christensen Tatum Dunlavy Rylee Yager	Caden Zotz Hope Steinberger	Students
Ministers of the Word	Jessica Ruse David Dominy	Jean Merrill	Students Passion Angie McMahon & Stacie Inman
Ministers of the Eucharist	Laura Lapka Gerald Pluth Carol Pluth Elaine Prust	Craig Nemmers Joyce VonBank Mike Rezac Dave Rezac	Theresa Bose Sandy Man Cliff Roth Larry Walthart
Ministers of Hospitality	Mark Reardon Dorothy Wagner Aiden White Jenell White	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Ushers Donna Mart Matt & Yolanda Sheridan Mary Sicard
Door Keepers		Fisher's	Gift Bearers Students
Music Ministers Cantors	Arnie Schilling Mary Moorman	Deb Rudd Lupe Kollasch	Arnie Schilling Michelle McCoy

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