

The Parishes of

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St. Mary's
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Armstrong, Iowa

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“I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 16th, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

February 16, 2020 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus' teachings are not primarily about the joys and easiness of the Christian life, but rather about the commandments that our loving Father gives to us for our freedom and good. He, who is perfect love, made us in love and sent his Son out of love to teach us what it means to partake in His life---both here and forever.

Welcome Father John Phelps

A BIG welcome to **Fr. John Phelps** who will speak at all the Masses on behalf of **Cross Catholic Outreach** which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas including the Caribbean, Africa, Central America and South America. Please be generous in your response to the appeal. Brochures will be provided if you wish to support this worthy Catholic ministry.

To Help Pay For Our Fish

As we prepare for our fish dinners at both parishes, it has been a tradition to seek donations to pay for the fish. If you are interested in giving a donation for the fish, place your donation in a plain envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Last year we were able to **pay for the fish through donations at both parishes**. Please consider a donation of any amount. Thank you in advance.

Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins

In eleven days we will celebrate **Ash Wednesday**. Masses will be at **7:00 am at St. Patrick's**, at **5:30 pm at St. Mary's** and **7:00 pm at St. Patrick's**. Our theme this year will be **Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins**. As the ashes are placed on your forehead you will hear the words: "Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return." Those words remind us that our life here on earth is only temporary and that we need to remind ourselves that after our time here on earth has come to an end, the cross of Jesus, with his death and resurrection, has opened the gates to heaven for us, but it is not a free pass. We are called each day to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel but so often we are too busy to think of our next life. The Lenten season of 40 days gives us that time. Many opportunities are given to grow closer to Jesus and remain faithful to him----but we need to take the time. Time to read spiritual material like the **Globe**, the **Word Among Us**, the **Magnificat** to name a few. Mass is offered 6 days a week at different places. Adoration is offered at both parishes; Wednesday after Mass at St. Patrick's and Tuesday after Mass at St. Mary's. Deacon John will be resuming his bible study on Mary Feb. 24th. Parish reconciliation services will be offered at various parishes at various times, which will be listed in future bulletins. The students will also have their own reconciliation services in the near future. Plus, the churches are open during the day for private prayer. Various opportunities for Alms giving will also be made available, with the first being the First Sunday of Lent---March 30. Other collections will be in future bulletins.

The Journey to the Cross was very painful and hard for our Lord Jesus. Lent is also a time to reflect on what he did for us and the pain he suffered. Each Friday during Lent, the stations of the cross will be said in one of the parishes. This 30-minute walk with Jesus will give us time to recall what he did for each of us.

Lent is also a time to share your time with your parish in various projects. Both parishes will have fish fries and help is always needed and appreciated. Sharing your time in a project like this or as a special minister at Mass is what Lent is all about.

Food for Thought

An elderly priest, who had spent 50 years preaching in parish missions, dreamed one night that he died and knocked on the pearly gates. "Who is there?" St. Peter asked. "I am Clyde, preacher in missions for over 50 years." "Ah, yes, Fr. Clyde," said St. Peter. "I'm sorry, but you can't come in yet. First you will have to spend three months in Purgatory." "Three months in Purgatory!" the priest exclaimed. "I spent my life preaching in missions all over Australia!"

"Please be calm, father," St. Peter said. "You won't have to work. We have a comfortable chair for you in a comfortable room. You won't have to do anything except listen to your own sermons day and night. We taped all the sermons you preached at those missions..." The priest woke up in a sweat.

Blessed are they whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they who observe his decrees,
Who seek him with all their heart.

- Psalm 119:1-2

KC/ CDA Valentine Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host the Catholic Daughters at the February meeting this Tuesday evening, **February 18th** with Mass at 6:00 pm in the church, the Annual **Valentine Dinner** to follow at Duhigg Center.

Dinner Chairmen: Keith Moffitt & Cliff Roth

Mark Your Calendars- Fish Fry Dates & Sign-up

St. Patrick's Fish Fry dates are **March 6th, 13nd & 27th** and **April 3rd**. We encourage everyone to help in some way, Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space of the church. All ages are welcome to help!

At this time, we will plan on Basket Auctions unless we get better/new ideas. If anyone has any new ideas feel free to submit them.

We encourage everyone to join the fun & fellowship and also to invite their friends to come to the fish frys!!!

St. Mary's Fish Fry will be **March 20th**.

The Bible Study "A Biblical Walk with Mary" will resume Monday, February 24th in the Duhigg Center Library at 6:30 pm.

Preparing for Lent- A Lenten Retreat hosted by the Catholic Daughters of Spirit Lake & Milford and presided by Fr. Timothy Schott will be held at St. Joseph Church Milford, Saturday, **February 22nd**. Retreat begins at 8:30 am with breakfast & lunch served, Confessions follow at 3:00 pm with Mass at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$10.00, please register by Feb. 20th by emailing Mary Emgarten at mjemgarten@gmail.com Darlene Moritz at cda4dar@outlook.com or call 712-330-6725.

Esterville/Armstrong KC's 2020 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 picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the KC section of the church website at www.stpatstmary.com. The application deadline is April 6th.

"Like an hourglass with a certain number of grains of sand within it, God has appointed your life to last only a certain number of days, and you have absolutely no idea how many there are. ... In God's presence, consider I have no idea when my life will end. All I know is that death will come for me eventually. Am I doing anything to prepare for the real possibility that God may call me, sooner rather than later? If he called me into eternity today, would I be ready?"

"A Year with the Bible"

— Patrick Madrid

February- Month of the Passion of our Lord

"You cannot better appreciate your worth than by looking into the mirror of the cross of Christ; there you will learn how you are to deflate your pride, how you are to pray to your Father for those who persecute you and to commend your spirit into God's hands. ~ St. Anthony of Padua

Please Pray For

Jack Fredericksen, Brice McArdle, Carol Reis, Janeen Boggess, Jan Boggess, Aurora Mulgrew, Rick Steinberger, Diane Elling, Tom Umscheid, Kevin Klingbeil

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st -February 10th, 2020

St. Patrick's

Total Income	\$ 198,354.79
Total Expenses	\$ 176,753.96

Difference + 21,600.83

Sunday Collection: Feb. 8th- 9th \$ 1,910.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 70.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 249.00
Loose Collection	\$ 163.90
Spanish Mass	\$ 131.01
Parish Rental	\$ 300.00
Rel. Ed fees	\$ 120.00

Bills

Tithing Envelopes	\$ 219.42
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 570.39
Cathedraticum: S. City	\$ 1,174.00

St. Mary's

Total Income	\$ 46,697.72
Total Expenses	\$ 36,288.08

Difference + 10,409.64

Sunday Collection: Feb. 9th \$ 620.00

Loose Offering	\$ 50.00
Candle Income	\$ 8.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 217.00

Bills

Organist (January)	\$ 150.00
Utilities: Gas/Electric	\$ 1,368.05
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 78.62
Cathedraticum: S. City	\$ 214.00

Other Events

Annual Women's Conference Saturday, **March 28th** at St. Mary's in Storm Lake, from 8:45 am – 3:30 pm. The cost is 40.00 if you register by March 17th. After March 17, the cost is 50.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for mother/daughter registrations. To learn more or to register visit www.scdiocese.org/womens-ministry

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, February 15th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Cole Hamre

Sunday, February 16th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Health of Rick Steinberger

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

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

Monday, February 17th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)
1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter (DC)
4:00 pm Deanery Meeting (Whittemore)

Tuesday, February 18th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Margaret Wobbe
6:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
KC/CDA Valentine Dinner to follow

Wednesday, February 19th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Joleen Petersen
8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP Duhigg Center
6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-9) SM Parish Center

Thursday, February 20th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
Vocations
10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+Clayton & Marilyn King
5:15 pm SP Finance Meeting
5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's
6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, February 21st

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Rollie Jasper

Saturday, February 22nd

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Francis Boggess

Sunday, February 23rd

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Ken Fisher
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+Bill Graettinger
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm February 22nd	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am February 23rd	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am February 23rd
Ministers of the Altar	Tatum Dunlavy Saige Hengeveld Shasta Ohl	Aidan Giddings Nick Hanson	Brady Ingvall Allison Young Kaleb Young
Ministers of the Word	Tom Evans	Mike Rezac	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Cory Hoyer Michelle Hoyer Jessica Ruse Tyler Ruse	Dave Rezac Dick Sturm Suzanne Bonnicksen	Cathy Beaver Sandy Mann Cody Newgard Bruce Zebedee
Ministers of Hospitality	Brian Bendixen Joan & Gordon Cornwall Lucy Renze	Nicoson's	Gail Jasper Lisa & Dave Nitchals Christopher Schmaus
Door Keepers		Joyce VonBank	
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