

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
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Estherville, Iowa

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St. Mary's
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And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white...

Second Sunday of Lent - February 28th, 2021

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From the From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

February 28, 2021 Second Sunday of Lent

In our Scriptures today, Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, and Paul writes that the risen Jesus *will indeed intercede for us*. What gifts we are given! Let us, then, act in the world as God's children and be his instruments for building the Kingdom on earth.

Leave the Light On

As we have done the past few years, the diocese will again be promoting the "Leave the Light On" program. This is a night when every parish cluster will have one night in which confessions will be heard. The date this year is **this coming Tuesday, March 2nd from 5:00 to 6:30 pm** at St. Patrick's church. The only door open will be near the St. Joseph altar, at the front of the church. You will need to wear a mask and a 6-foot distance will try to be maintained.

Churches Will Be Open

During lent the church will be open for public prayer during the following hours. At **St. Mary's the doors will be open Tuesday and Thursday after Mass till 4:00 pm**. At **St. Patrick's the doors will be open Tuesday-Friday from 8-12** with Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 8-12. Time before the Lord is a very special private time. Feel free to come and feel his love.

Rope Pew Markers

A special thanks to **Coletta Jaeger** for making the ropes for the pews that are not to be used. Coletta donated the time and materials in memory of her mother, **Ethel Georgean Jaeger**, who passed away this past year. Her mother was always making things and cleaning things for her parish. May God bless her, her name will be added to the memorial book and remembered when we pray for our benefactors. May she rest in peace.

New Rose Vestments

Nancy Marriott has donated to St. Patrick's a rose priest vestment and a deacon dogmatic along with a white dogmatic that matches our special event vestments. Nancy donated these vestments in honor of her late husband Dale. **Dale Marriott's** name will be added to the memorial book and will be remembered in our prayers for all of our benefactors. May he rest in peace.

Pastoral Planning Update

It is the wishes of the Diocesan Pastoral Planning Committee to make our two parishes into one. The names will not be changed but all of the administrative work will be done at St. Patrick's and will be called the primary Church and St. Mary's will be called the secondary church. The Mass schedules will remain the same, if the new pastor prefers that, a new leadership team will be created with representative from both parishes, and two directors of this combined parish will be named among other changes that may happen in the future. Our parishes began that process last Tuesday February 23rd at St. Mary's and we will continue to update you on our progress.

Cherish House Project

In the past our parishes participated in the Baby Bottle Drive. People took the bottles home and filled them up with change. Because of the Pandemic things will change a little. St. Patrick's will use the \$ collection the two weeks of **Feb. 28th and March 7th** to go toward the Cherish House. At St. Mary's, a plain envelope marked Cherish House can be placed in the collection basket. You are also invited to go to their website cherishcenter.org and push the "donate" button at the top of the page and donate that way. This is a very easy Lenten project that can involve the whole family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It has been over a year and a half since we have had a regular scheduled Reconciliation Service because of the virus protocols so, with proper precautions the following dates have been set: The **parish reconciliation service** will be held on **March 7th at 1:00 at St. Patrick's, 2:30 at Spirit Lake and 4:00 at Milford**. **St. Mary's** will have their private confessions at **1:00 on March 14th** and the students will have their confessions on **March 17th during class at 6:30**. To follow the diocesan protocols there may be a few things different. This sacrament is a great way to journey through Lent preparing for Easter.

Fish Fry Updates

Two of the fish fries are now completed and it is time for a break. This coming Friday there will be no fish fries at our parishes and then next week, **March 12th**, we will resume with a drive through dinner at St. Mary's serving from 5:00 to 7:00. We want to thank all of those who helped in any way with the St. Pat's fish fries. At the first dinner a total of 230 lbs. of fish was fried and 226 people were served.

Food for Thought

If you hear the voice of Lord, harden not your heart!!!!

Liturgy of the Word

Abraham was about to *offer his son up as a holocaust* to the Lord. But a messenger of the Lord stopped him, and told him, *the Lord will bless you abundantly*, and that he would have innumerable descendants.

Saint Paul asks, *If God is for us, who can be against us?* For Christ Jesus *intercedes for us*.

In the Gospel, Peter, James, and John accompany Jesus up a *high mountain*, where he is *transfigured before them*. They see Moses and Elijah conversing with Jesus, and from the cloud a voice says, *This is my beloved Son. Listen to him*.

LENT

Pray + Fast + Give

Lenten Regulations

Fridays of Lent are to be observed as days of abstinence. For those 14 years of age and over, no meat is to be eaten on those days.

Each individual Catholic should resolve to engage in other activities of **prayer, fasting, almsgiving and mortification during the 40 days of Lent**.

Lenten Activities

Weekday Masses will be celebrated on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 8:00 am at St. Mary's and on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** at 7:30 am at St. Patrick's.

We will have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Wednesday** at Patrick's from the end of Mass until noon. Then at noon we pray the Angelus and have Benediction.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Patrick's on **March 12th**, and **March 26th**, at **St. Mary's** on **March 5th**, and **March 19th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent

Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your packets. KC's Pennies for Heaven (vocations to the priesthood) deposit in the container located in the gathering space or give to any KC member. Cherish Center mail to: Cherish Center, 1004 22nd St. Milford, IA 51351 or online at cherishcenter.org.

St. Patrick's Silent Auction Baskets for this year's Lenten Season can be viewed, and bids may be placed online at... <https://www.32auctions.com/stpatricksfishfry>

Prayer to St. Joseph (2021- year of St. Joseph)

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God trusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from all evil. Amen



February- Month of the Passion of our Lord

"If you suffer with Him, you will reign with Him. If you cry with Him, you will have joy with Him. If you die with Him on the cross of tribulation, you will possess the eternal dwelling place in the splendor of the saints. And your name, written in the book of life, will be glorious among men." — St. Clare of Assisi

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 – February 22nd, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 190,518.31
Total Expenses \$ 178,677.52

Difference + 11,840.79

Sunday Collection: Feb. 13th – 14th \$ 2,665.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 209.55
Loose Collection \$ 85.00
Spanish Mass \$ 0.00
2nd Collection \$ 108.00
Building Fund \$ 25.00
Aid to Global Churches \$ 75.00

Bills

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 592.26

St. Mary's

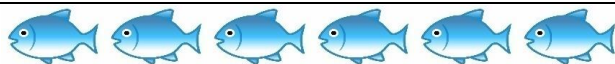
Total Income \$ 45,019.05
Total Expenses \$ 38,043.16

Difference + 6,975.89

Sunday Collection: Feb. 14th \$ 495.00

Loose Collection \$ 25.00
Candle Income \$ 20.00

Bills



St. Mary's - Fish Fry

Drive-up and Carry-Out Only

Date: March 12th

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

\$10 Adults

Next Mobile Food Bank is Thursday, **March 4th** from 4-6 pm at Crossroads Community Church. Do not come before 4 pm, remain in your car, we will come to you.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, February 27th

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

Sunday, February 28st

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Andy Hoffman

Monday, March 1st

No Activities

Tuesday, March 2nd

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Elvin & Mary Godfredsen
5:00 pm Leave the Light On (SP) until 6:30
(confessions)

Wednesday, March 3rd

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Jerry & Ethel Pholen
8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)
6:00 pm Rel Ed (5-10) SP Duhigg Center
(K-4) Home Class
6:30 pm Rel Ed (3-10) SM Parish Center
(K-2) Home Class

Thursday, March 4th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Ron Heinrichs

Friday, March 5th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Marlys Sheridan
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SM)

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, March 7th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Frank & Helen Rolling
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Christian Alvarez
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
1:00 pm Reconciliation St. Patrick
2:30 pm Reconciliation Spirit Lake
4:00 pm Reconciliation Milford

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 6 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 7 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 7 th
Clean-up	Laura Lapka Volunteer	Welbig's	Therese Christensen Sally Miller
Ministers of the Word	Jenell White	Volunteer	Connie Alvarez
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jessica Ruse Tyler Ruse	Brenda Jones Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Larry Walthart Marlene Walthart
Ushers	Brian Bendixen Steve & Sandy Clayton Volunteer	Welbig's	Cathy Beaver Brenda Klingbeil Yolanda & Matt Sheridan
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