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“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many ...”

The Presentation of the Lord - February 2nd, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

February 2, 2020 The Presentation of the Lord

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord invites us to celebrate the truth that Christ is the light of all nations, and the long-awaited glory of Israel. As we celebrate God's presence among us, we are invited to reflect on our calling to bring his redemptive light into our world.

Taking a Short Break

Vacation plans did not seem to work out for Fr. Collison and I this year as it has in the past for a number of reasons. Instead of taking a 10-day vacation we decided to leave next **Sunday, February 9th and return on Thursday February 13th**. I have a Doctor's meeting on Friday Fr. Collison has two diocesan meetings on Friday. It is our hope to just check in a hotel in Omaha and spend the days resting, watching movies and finding a few good places to eat. Deacon John will be around if you are in need of a visit or someone to pray with you. He will also be able to call a priest if it is needed. Since we are not going very far, those plans can change very easily. You will be in my prayers, please keep us in your prayers too.

Fr. John Phelps here February 15th & 16th

Fr. John Phelps, C.Ss.R. will be visiting our parishes in two weeks. He will speak at all of our 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. Fr. John is a native of St. Louis, MO. He was ordained a Redemptorist Priest in 1968 and has worked with the poor in many cities throughout the US and also overseas. There will be no second collections, only brochures to take home.

Memorial Gifts to St. Patrick's

We want to thank the families of **Agnes Elsenbast and Alice Cox** for selecting St. Patrick's Parish as a memorial opportunity. Their gifts will be placed with the memorials at St. Patrick's under their names and will be used as needs arrive. Their names will also be added to the memorial section of book in the gathering area and they will be remembered at our weekend Masses when all benefactors are prayed for. May their souls and the souls of all of our benefactors, rest in peace.

First Confessions Completed

Over the last few weeks students from both parishes celebrated their First Confessions. As a parish we congratulate them and their parents along with their religious education teachers. The four students from St. Mary's are: **Peyton Lown, Hannah Whaley, Carlynn Zotz and Olivia Kruse**. From St. Patrick's the following students received their First Confession: **Bryan Barajas, Kael Burton, Jackson Carlson, Breckin Carney, Jase Heinrichs, Carter Klingbeil, Greenly Ohl, Kimberly Perez Martinez, Christina Schacherer, Kinley Schacherer, Ella Schiltz, and Parker Schneider**. The students and their parents are working with their teachers as they prepare for their First Holy Communion; St. Mary's on **April 26th** and St. Patrick's on **April 19th**. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

Baptized as One

Congratulations to **Josseline Paula Lanza and Luis Tellado Jr.** daughter and son of Luis Tellado Sr. and Nery Yamileth Vargas who were baptized on Sunday January 26th at St. Patrick's. We welcome them into the Catholic Church, and we continue to pray for all of our young children each day. God bless and protect this family.

World Marriage Day

Next weekend, **Feb 8th & 9th** we will be joining married couples around the world on the Day of Prayer for marriage and all married couples. There will be special prayer cards found at the entrances of the church for those who wish to take one and pray for your own marriage and all married couples.

Food for Thought

Gigi and her husband taught first grade Sunday school at their affluent suburban church. For several weeks they had studied the Old Testament prophets. Before moving on to Jeremiah, Gigi asked the children if they remembered what a prophet is. Daughter Natalie was the only child to raise her hand. Gigi beamed *My angel has listened and remembered*, she thought. "Now, Natalie, tell us what a prophet is." Little Natalie stood proudly and announced, "A prophet is when you make more money than you can spend."

Presentation of the Lord...

“Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel,”

“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted- and you yourself a sword will pierce- so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” Luke 2:29-35

KC/CDA Monthly Food Drive: is **February 8th & 9th**. Totes for nonperishable food will be at the side entrances of the church. Thank You!!!

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 will be in the back of the church starting **This Saturday February 1st**. 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 fries!!!

St. Mary's Fish Fry to be decided at the finance meeting. **Finance Meeting** Tuesday, **Feb. 4th** at 6:30 pm, Parish Ctr.

World Marriage Day

Sunday, **February 9th** – 2:00 pm Mass at Basilica of St. Francis Xavier, 104 3rd St. SW, Dyersville, Iowa. All are welcome to come Celebrate their marriage. Reception with refreshments to follow in the church hall.

Vocation Prayer for Couples

Heavenly Father, source of all love, you created man and woman in your own image and willed that their union be crowned with your blessing. We ask for your abundant grace on married couples and on all couples preparing for the sacrament of marriage. May the Holy Spirit set their hearts on fire, that they may enrich the community of believers, bear witness to you in the world, and allow their pure love to reflect your love for your Church. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Date Night

The symbolism and meaning in the Rite of Marriage and what it means for you. Friday, **February 14**, Stoney Creek Hotel 6:00 – 9:00 pm, Cost: \$80 a couple, includes a buffet dinner. Keynote speaker Fr. Brad Pezel. Register online at scdiocese.org by February 4th. Questions contact Darby Young, darby@scdiocese.org or call 712-233-7561.

February- Month of the Passion of our Lord

The month of February is traditionally dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord in anticipation of the liturgical season of Lent. In this month, we begin to meditate on the mystery of Jesus' sufferings which culminated in his death on the Cross for the redemption of mankind.

By His Holy Cross He Has Redeemed the World

St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus

Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 am to 12:00 pm Duhigg Center

Freewill Offering

Proceeds to help fund KC Scholarship Program

Please Pray For

Brice McArdle, Carol Reis, Shari Anderson, Janeen Boggess, Jan Boggess, Aurora Mulgrew, Gloria Hansen, Elsie Swanson, Rick Steinberger, Diane Elling, Tom Umscheid, Kevin Klingbeil

Sponsor of the week: **NorthStar Bank & Agency**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st -January 27th, 2020

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 188,475.96

Total Expenses \$ 159,075.66

Difference + 29,400.30

Sunday Collection: Jan. 25th- 26th \$ 2,383.85

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 70.00

2nd Collection \$ 257.65

Loose Collection \$ 135.00

Spanish Mass \$ 173.50

Briar Cliff \$ 164.00

Bills

Telephone/Internet \$ 436.49

Christmas Flowers \$ 1,134.20

Computer/Copier \$ 476.61

F&P: 236.10/ Hospitality: 180.75 \$ 416.85

Adult Education \$ 367.43

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 454.21

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 44,500.72

Total Expenses \$ 31,547.41

Difference + 12,953.31

Sunday Collection: Jan. 26th \$ 1,865.00

Loose Offering \$ 47.00

Parish Rental \$ 220.00

Candle Income \$ 10.00

Briar Cliff \$ 160.00

Bills

Christmas Flowers \$ 104.39

Utilities: Electric \$ 85.44

Snow Removal (11/27 & 12/31) \$ 62.00

Other Events

Next Mobile Food Pantry Distribution...

Thursday **February 6th** from 4 to 6 pm at the Crossroads Community Church in Estherville. The food is free of charge as a service to the residents of our area. Bring bags, laundry baskets, or boxes to carry your food.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, February 1st

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Tostenson/Augustine families*

SP Sign-up for Fish Frys (gathering space)

Sunday, February 2nd

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Hannah Leonard*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+ *Ed & Colleen Boucher*

11:30 am Coffee & Rolls

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Monday, February 3rd

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)

Tuesday, February 4th

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

6:30 pm SM Finance Meeting

Wednesday, February 5th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Fahlander/Moffitt families*

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 6th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
Vocations

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+ *Ellen Steenson*

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

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, February 7th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Bill Schacherer*

Saturday, February 8th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Kathy Tichy*

Monthly Food Drive Weekend

Sunday, February 9th

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

9:00 am KC Pancake Breakfast (DC)

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Marlys Sheridan*

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

SP Sign-up for Fish Frys (gathering space)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm February 8 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am February 9 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am February 9 th
Ministers of the Altar	Marsha Hengeveld Braylen Milstead Marissa Ohl	Nick Hanson Aidan Giddings	Students
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Children's Mass	Students
Ministers of the Eucharist	Elaine Prust Coletta Jaeger Theresa Dominy Chris Snyder	Dick Sturm Lupe Kollasch Suzanne Bonnickson	Maggie McDermott Mary Herum Theresa Bose Courtney Newgard
Ministers of Hospitality	Brian Bendixen Joan & Gordon Cornwall Pauline Schwiesow	Children's Mass	Ushers: Cathy Beaver Donna Mart Yolanda & Matt Sheridan
Door Keepers		Bob Rooney	Greeters & Gifts: Students
Music Ministers Cantors	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman	Deb Rudd Children's Mass	Joyce Schultz Laura Humble

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