

# The Parishes of

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# SALT & MATTHEW 5:13-16 LIGHT

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned?”

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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# From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

## February 9, 2020 The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

Light is an important image in our readings today. True disciples of Jesus witness to others and help illuminate their way to God. As salt of the earth, our deeds must always lead others to Christ, or else we are like flavorless salt.

### Taking a Short Break

Vacation plans did not seem to work out for Fr. Collison and I this year as it had in the past for a number of reasons. Instead of taking a 10-day vacation we decided to leave this **Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> and return on Thursday February 13<sup>th</sup>**. I have a Doctor's meeting on Friday. Fr. Collison has two diocesan meetings on Friday. It is our hope to just check into 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 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

Fr. John Phelps, C.S.R. will be visiting our parishes next weekend. 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.

### World Marriage Day

This weekend, **Feb 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>** 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.

### Lent Is Fast Approaching

When people begin to talk about fish dinners and marking your calendar, you know that Lent is fast approaching. In two and a half weeks we will begin Lent, so now is the time to think about improving our spiritual connection with God. We will again have the **Word Among Us** at the entrances of the churches, there will be stations of the cross and there will be Eucharistic Adoration at St. Patrick's. If we can get a few people to commit to an hour before the Lord at St. Mary's, I would like to offer adoration after Mass on Tuesdays till noon. We will also have parish reconciliation services and The Light is On program encouraged by the diocese for confession. Deacon John will continue his Bible study about Mary and of course we will have daily Mass every day except on Mondays. Every Thursday, outside the clergy day of reflection, there will also be Mass at one of the Nursing Homes. If there are other things you would like to have offered, please let me or Deacon John know. Both churches are open during the day, so you are always welcome to stop in for a few minutes to pray.

### Valentine's Day

This coming Friday will be Valentine's Day, a day set aside for special cards, gifts, balloons, dinners and many other activities. It is a day we remember the special people in our lives or that one special person. As we celebrate the special "Love Day", let us not forget those who can easily be forgotten because they don't live with us or near us. There are also many lonely people in the neighborhood, walking the school halls or living in care facilities. A simple smile or hello may be all they need to make their day special too. Let us bring a little light to someone who made need a little uplifting that day.

### Food for Thought

A man took a fancy to a church notorious for its exclusiveness. He told the minister he wished to join. The minister sought to evade the issue by suggesting that the man reflect more carefully on the matter and pray for guidance. The following day, the man told the minister: "I prayed, sir, and the Lord asked me what church I wanted to join. When I told Him it was yours, He laughed and said, 'You can't get in there, I've been trying to get in that church for 10 years myself, and I can't get in.'"

## 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

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

### KC/ CDA Valentine Dinner

The Knights of Columbus will host the Catholic Daughters at the February meeting Tuesday evening, **February 18<sup>th</sup>** 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>nd</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>** and **April 3<sup>rd</sup>**. 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 fries!!!

**St. Mary's** Fish Fry to be determined.

**Lenten retreat:** Join Our Lady's Mission for a one-day retreat on Saturday **February 15<sup>th</sup>** in Le Mars, with Fr. Lou Guardiola of the Fathers of Mercy. For more information email [ourladymission@gmail.com](mailto:ourladymission@gmail.com) or go to our webpage [ourladymission.com](http://ourladymission.com). You may also call 712-786-2612 or 712-546-7572.

**Save the Dates!** Diocese of Sioux City Catholic Women's Conference March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Men's Conference April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Watch bulletins for more information.

### Estherville/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](http://www.stpatstmary.com). The application deadline is April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Take away, O Lord, from our hearts all suspiciousness, indignation, anger, contention and whatever is calculated to wound charity and lessen neighborly love. Have mercy, O Lord, on those who seek your mercy. Give grace to the needy. Make us live so that we may be found worthy to enjoy the fruition of your grace and attain eternal life. Amen

- Thomas A. Kempis

## St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast

**This Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 am to 12:00 pm Duhigg Center**  
Freewill Offering  
Proceeds to help fund KC Scholarship Program

### Please Pray For

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

Sponsor of the week: **Motor Inn, Inc.**

### Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1<sup>st</sup> -February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

#### St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 195,410.88  
Total Expenses \$ 174,790.15

**Difference + 20,620.73**

**Sunday Collection: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>- 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 4,349.20**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 1,955.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 302.01  
Loose Collection \$ 153.21  
Spanish Mass \$ 175.50  
Briar Cliff \$ 50.00

#### **Bills**

Payroll/Taxes \$ 11,976.96  
Insurance/Retirement \$ 3,163.36  
Property & Liability Ins \$ 963.00  
Telephone/Internet/Cable- shared Exp \$ - 105.09  
Altar/Computer/Office/ Utilities- shared Exp \$ - 283.50

#### St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 45,802.72  
Total Expenses \$ 34,477.41

**Difference + 11,325.31**

**Sunday Collection: Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> \$ 1,119.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposit \$ 115.00  
Loose Offering \$ 63.00  
Candle Income \$ 5.00

#### **Bills**

Payroll/Taxes \$ 398.70  
Payroll/Taxes- Shared Exp \$ 1,802.71  
Telephone/Internet/Cable- shared Exp \$ 105.09  
Altar/Computer/Office/ Utilities- shared Exp \$ 283.50  
Property & Liability Ins \$ 340.00



## Liturgies and Events This Week

### Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>

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

### Monthly Food Drive Weekend

### Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>

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)

### Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)

### Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass at St. Mary's

### Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass at St. Patrick's

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 13<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass at St. Mary's

NO Mass at Good Samaritan

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

6:30 pm RCIA

### Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Bud Neppel*

### Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>

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)

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	<b>St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm February 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am February 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am February 16<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ministers of the Altar</b>	Hayden Cornwall Addison Cornwall Brianna Silva	Koen Zotz Collin Kruse	Amara Heinrichs Luke Heinrichs Volunteer
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Tom Evans	Barb Nemmers	Connie Humble
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Keith Moffitt Pat Metzger Dr. Richard Bose Helen Moffitt	Craig Nemmers Joyce VonBank Mike Rezac	Randy Heinrichs Lisa Heinrichs Marlene Walthart Larry Walthart
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Gary Roth Dorothy Wagner	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Dan & Carri Duitsman Parker Duitsman Bennet Duitsman Warren Duitsman
<b>Door Keepers</b>		Welbig's	
<b>Music Ministers Cantors</b>	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Carol Anderson	Joyce Schultz Saige Hengeveld

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