

# The Parishes of

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**St. Mary's**  
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“Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

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## **From the Desk of Fr. Merlin**

### **January 26, 2020 The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Jesus fulfills all prophecy and brings light to our darkness. He calls his disciples out of their way of life—from fishermen to fishers of men. He calls us to follow him, too, so as to bring light, truth and goodness into a world that needs repentance.

#### **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 26<sup>th</sup>** and St. Patrick's on **April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers.

#### **RCIA Update**

The RCIA classes have passed the halfway point for **Brian Rosburg**. Brian has been attending classes this fall and winter to learn more about the Catholic Church. On Sunday March 1<sup>st</sup> he and his sponsor will be welcomed by Bishop Nickolas in the Rite of Sending in Storm Lake. As Brian continues to discern joining the Catholic Church, let us all continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will touch him and his family. On Holy Saturday, if it is his desire, he will make his profession of faith into the Catholic Church. If you personally know Brian tell him of your support and encourage him on his journey.

#### **FISH FRY INFORMATION!!!!**

The Ordinary Time of the Year has begun. In less than two months we will begin the season of Lent and with that comes our famous Fish Fry Dinners at St. Patrick's. The dates are **March 6, 13, 27 and April 3**. This parish project has become one of the biggest projects for St. Patrick's and it involves a large number of volunteers, of all ages.

Please put these dates on your calendar, think about days you could help, desserts you could make and ideas to provide something new.

#### **Collection for Briar Cliff University**

The Briar Cliff University collection will be held **this weekend, January 25-26<sup>th</sup>**. Briar Cliff is the only Catholic college in our diocese and has provided many graduates with the education and skills to become leaders in our parishes. The envelopes are in your packets or you may use a white envelope marked "Briar Cliff University" and drop it in the collection basket if you are so motivated. Please keep Briar Cliff in your prayers this week. If you forgot your envelope you can bring it next weekend.

#### **Food for Thought**

A teenager named Buck was walking to his father's apartment from a subway stop one day when he suddenly realized that two men were flanking him. "Give me your wallet," one of the men insisted. "I have a gun. Give me your wallet or I'll shoot." "No," Buck said. "Hey, man, you don't understand. We're robbing you. Give me your wallet." "No." "Give me your wallet, or I'll knife you." "No." "Give me your wallet, or we'll beat you up." By now the robbers were pleading more than demanding. "No." Buck said again. He kept walking and a few steps later, he realized that the two men had disappeared. As he related this story to his friend, the friend asked, "Weren't you scared?" Buck replied, "Of course I was scared!" "Then why didn't you give them your wallet?" "Because," Buck answered matter-of-factly, "My learner's permit is in it."

While it may be wise to give in to the demands of a thief, the first and best answer to fear is always, **"NO."**

**January – Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

“At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:10-11

**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 will be in the back of the church starting Saturday **February 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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.

**Pro-Life Amendment Speaker**

Tom Chapman, Executive Director of the Iowa Catholic Conference, will be at Corpus Christ Parish Center in Fort Dodge on **January 30<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 pm to speak about the proposed Pro-Life Amendment for the Iowa Constitution.

**Attention High School Seniors**

The Bishop’s Scholarship to Briar Cliff University is awarded to a Catholic student, of the Diocese of Sioux City, who has a GPA of 3.0 or higher and exemplifies initiative, the ability to help organize community activities, demonstrate leadership in their home parish, an active faith life, a strong work ethic and strong academic performance. The demonstration of these qualities gives a strong indication of an individual’s ability to become a future leader in both their community and the Catholic Church. Encouraging leadership in these areas is a fundamental goal of the Diocese of Sioux City and thus the impetus for this award. **The application for 2020/2021 is due on or before Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

The scholarship increases annually, beginning with a freshman award of \$5,000, sophomore award of \$6,500; junior award of \$8,000 and a senior award of \$10,000. The Scholar is eligible for all four years if they maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA while attending Briar Cliff University.

**World Marriage Day**

Sunday, **February 9<sup>th</sup>** – 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.

**Date Night**

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

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**KC Respect Life Breakfast**

**This Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 am – 12:30 pm

At Duhigg Center

Pancakes – Eggs – Sausages - Ham

Free Will Offering

Proceeds going to support Respect Life Newsletter.

Everyone is Welcome!!!

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**Please Pray For**

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

Sponsor of the week: **Estherville Foods, Inc.**

**Parish Financial Blessings  
Year-to-Date Giving Information  
July 1<sup>st</sup> -January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**St. Patrick’s**

Total Income \$ 185,555.96

Total Expenses \$ 155,935.45

**Difference + 29,620.51**

**Sunday Collection: Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>- 19<sup>th</sup> \$ 2,343.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 70.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 233.00

Loose Collection \$ 160.53

Spanish Mass \$ 112.25

Building Fund \$ 55.00

**Bills**

Altar Bread \$ 289.61

Candles \$ 91.64

Utilities: Gas/Electric/Water/Refuse \$ 3,658.34

Neighbor Fund \$ 625.00

Snow Removal \$ 1,600.00

**St. Mary’s**

Total Income \$ 42,358.72

Total Expenses \$ 31,295.58

**Difference + 11,063.14**

**Sunday Collection: Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> \$ (No Mass)**

Loose Offering \$

Automatic (ACH) Deposit \$ 115.00

Grain Donations \$ 2,128.97

**Bills**

Telephone/Internet \$ 96.65

**Other Events**

**Estherville Red Cross** blood drive will be held at the Elks Lodge from 1:00-6:00 pm on Tuesday, **January 28<sup>th</sup>**. To make an appointment go online at - [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)., call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or call Joan Nims at 362-2169

## Liturgies and Events This Week

### Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Mary Snyder*

### Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

No Mass at St. Mary's

### Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Bernard & Virginia Johnson*

### Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>

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

9:00 am KC Respect Life Breakfast

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Hugh Allen*

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

### Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Pat Clayton*

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

### Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>

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, January 27<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)

### Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's  
+ *Nathan Mart*

10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan  
+ *Urban & Irene Pluth*

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

6:30 pm RCIA

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	<b>St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm February 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am February 2<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Ministers of the Altar</b>	Carter Snyder Lily Snyder Aiden White	Ava Steinberger Caden Zotz	Brynn Finley Brendan Finley Michael Valen
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Jenell White	Dan Giddings	Beth Rosenboom
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Gary Roth Michelle Hoyer Cory Hoyer Deacon Rudd	Jean Thackery Jean Merrill Dave Rezac	Morgan Matthews Marlene Walthart Larry Walthart Deacon Rudd
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Brian Bendixen Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Dorothy Wagner	Whaley's	Lisa & Dave Nitchals Matthew Valen Todd West
<b>Door Keepers</b>		Don Gerlach	
<b>Music Ministers Cantors</b>	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Brenda Jones	Margot Rezac Margaret Evans

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