

The Parishes of

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Ascension of our Lord

As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven.

7th Sunday of Easter, June 2nd, 2019

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

June 2, 2019 The Ascension of the Lord

Occurring between the two other major feasts of Easter and Pentecost, the Ascension can be overlooked or lost. Perhaps today is a good day to reflect on what Jesus' return to the Father means to us: that he has fully prepared our way to the Father, and that we are never alone. The Holy Spirit is within us and around us as our Advocate.

Needing an Evening Room For Sisters

This year for our Missionary Appeal we will be blessed to have Sister Grace and Sister Carolyn from the Sisters of the Divine Savior be our guest speakers. They come from Madison Wisconsin. Bishop Nickless wishes that we not only have a Missionary Appeal from a foreign country but also to have an appeal every so often from a religious order. The Sisters will be here the weekend of July 27th and 28th. The sister will be in need of a room on Saturday night. Before I reserve a room at a hotel I was checking to see if someone in one of our parishes would like to host them that evening. Because of the shortage of hotel rooms during that time of the year I need to know within a week or so before all the rooms are taken. If you are interested, please call me and I can give you additional information or answer any questions. Thank you in advance.

Pentecost Sunday

Next week our Church will be celebrating the Feast of Pentecost, the day that the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles to give them the courage to go out and preach the Good News of Jesus. The color for next week is Red, if you remember wear your red and celebrate with us in a special way.

Collection for the Domestic Churches

Next weekend, June 8th & 9th is our annual collection for the **Domestic Churches**. On the great feast of Pentecost, let us be mindful of those in need, even in our own country. This year to reduce the number of collections this combined collection supports the needs of the poor here at home, through both the **Black and Indian and Catholic Home Missions**, which builds parish and school buildings and trains priests, sisters and catechists for those communities. A part of this collection is also for the **Catholic Communication Campaign** which supports evangelization efforts through radio programming in several languages and finally **OUR ARCHDIOCESE OF MILITARY SERVICES COLLECTION**. The money from this collection will meet the needs of Catholic men and women in the military serving throughout the world. The money collected from this Domestic Church collection will be divided between these three causes. The envelopes are in your packet. Please be generous if you can.

Attention-----Ministers of Holy Communion

A reminder, if you are not being recommissioned for distributing Holy Communion after the Masses this weekend, next Saturday & Sunday is the last weekend for recommissioning. We will have a short meeting after the Masses at the front of the church to go over some procedures. A reminder that throughout the summer **we will not be offering the Precious Blood** because so many people are on vacations and it is hard to assign enough people to make that possible.

Final Fish Dinner Results for St. Patrick's

All the bills for the recent fish dinners at St. Patrick's have finally been paid and the net income was: **\$12,892.94**. Once again, a big thank you to all who helped in anyway and those who attended. The dates are marked down in the calendar and we are excited about doing even better next year.

Campaign Support

I continue to thank all those who have contributed to our campaign. We pray for you and I continue to pray for all those who are praying about their future gift. We have hit another high point---keep up the good work. Any amount will help us reach our goal.

Food for Thought

Funny how hard it is to serve God for one hour, but how quickly a team plays sixty minutes of basketball.

Pastor: "How did the assistant pastor's sermon go Sunday?"

Parishioner: "It was a poor sermon. Nothing in it at all"

(Upon seeing the assistant pastor)

Pastor: "How did it go Sunday morning?"

Assistant: "Excellently. I didn't have time to prepare anything myself, so I preached one of yours."

St. Patrick's Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

Stop in the gathering space after Mass **this weekend**. Members of the Catholic Daughters will have a wonderful variety of baked goods on display. Pick up some fun and yummy treats for the whole family and support the CDA charity fund at the same time.

St. Mary's/Armstrong Machine Auction is scheduled for **Tuesday June 4th**. Please volunteer your time to help cook/set up on Monday, June 3rd and also for working at the food stand on June 4th. Donations of pop, water, rolls, and bars are also needed. Please sign up on the work/donation sheets in the gathering space. Thank you!

Catholic Daughters

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday evening, **June 11th** at 6:30 pm in the Duhigg Center with a potluck followed by the Rosary and meeting. Chairman- Madonna Johnson, Committee- Beth Ricke, Lisa Nitchals, and Helen Moffitt.

Cemetery Reminder: Those who have put decorations on graves at the cemetery are asked to **remove all flowers and decorations that are on the grass/ground by June 10th**. Permanent urn stands, hooks and vases can remain but must have a pre-drilled hole into the monument foundation, they are not to be placed directly into the ground. This is necessary to make mowing possible. Thank you!!

Marriage Bans Announced

St. Mary's parish is proud to announce the upcoming marriage of **Brandon Kollasch** and **Olivia Evans**, on June 15th. Let us keep them in our prayers.

Bulletin Sponsors

We wish to thank all those businesses that support our parishes with advertisement in our parish bulletin. Please thank these businesses with your business and a word of appreciation. Their support means your gifts can be used for direct ministry within the church.

Renewal letters will be sent in July. To become a new bulletin sponsor please contact the parish office, 362-5851.

Thank you!

St. Patrick's parishioners if you are going to use the Building Fund envelopes in your packet for your Heating and Spiritual Growth pledge payments, PLEASE mark on the envelope Heating & Spiritual Growth otherwise it may go in the Building Fund account rather than be subtracted from your pledge. THANK YOU!!!

Please Pray For: Kevin Klingbeil, Connie Humble, Ken Molacek, Helena Irmiter, Rebecca Bermer, Marita Kenyon, Kim Frank, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Jim Golden Jr.**, husband of Theresa (Boever) Golden, former member of St. Patrick's. He died on May 24th. Please keep Jim and his family in your prayers.

Heating & Spiritual Growth

Total Pledges/Cash (96) \$158,879.13

June – Month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

“The sacred heart of Christ is an inexhaustible fountain, and its sole desire is to pour itself out into the hearts of the humble so as to free them and prepare them to lead lives according to his good pleasure.”
~ St. Margaret Mary

Sponsor of the week: **Bud's Café**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - May 27th, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 263,206.21

Total Expenses \$ 285,631.11

Difference - 22,424.90

Sunday Collection: May 25th– 26th \$ 2,638.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00

Children's Collection \$ 18.72

Loose Collection \$ 284.50

2nd Collection \$ 219.03

Building Fund \$ 60.00

Cemetery Care \$ 160.00

Bills

Telephone/Internet \$ 402.95

Easter Flowers \$ 1,193.05

Tithing Envelopes \$ 229.22

Food/Provisions \$ 185.32

Hospitality \$ 242.38

Catechist Pay (Jan-May) \$ 2,860.00

Organist \$ 150.00

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 741.70

Globe payment \$ 589.50

Neighbor Fund \$ 341.32

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 59,069.09

Total Expenses \$ 53,367.92

Difference + 5,701.17

Sunday Collection: May 26th \$ 713.50

Loose Collection \$ 56.00

Bills

Utilities: Gas/Elec/Water/Refuse \$ 785.16

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 670.49

Other Events

Next Mobile Food Pantry Distribution: Thursday **June 6th** from 4 to 6 pm at the Crossroads Community Church in Estherville. Food is free of charge, bring your own bags or boxes.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Confidential, caring Rachel's Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing; women, men, and couples June 21-23, 2019, near Carroll, Iowa. Email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com or call 712-943-5550 for more information.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, June 1st

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

5:30 pm Eucharist Commissioning
CDA Bake Sale (after Masses)

Sunday, June 2nd

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Darrel Walsh

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Ed & Colleen Boucher

11:30 am Eucharist Commissioning

11:30 pm Coffee & Rolls

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

Monday, June 3rd

No Activities

Tuesday, June 4th

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

9:00 am Machine Auction- Armstrong

Wednesday, June 5th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bob Weis

8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)

Thursday, June 6th

7:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Madeline Gerlach

No Mass at Good Samaritan

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

Friday, June 7th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Deceased members of the
Augustine/Tostenson families

Saturday, June 8th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bueltel family

5:30 pm Eucharist Commissioning

Sunday, June 9th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Fran Nicol

11:30 am Eucharist Commissioning

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm June 8th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am June 9th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am June 9th
Ministers of the Altar	Matt Christensen Volunteer	Aidan Giddings Alyssa Welbig	Parker Duitsman Bennet Duitsman
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Mike Rezac	Cathy Beaver
Ministers of the Eucharist	Theresa Dominy Evelyn Prentice Pauline Schwiesow Chuck Tostenson	Lupe Kollasch Suzanne Bonnicksen Craig Nemmers Joyce VonBank	Coletta Jaeger Cody Newgard Courtney Newgard Bruce Zebedee
Ministers of Hospitality	Dawn Eveleth Emily Eveleth Sue & Dave Snyder	Welbig's	Linda & Craig Nepl Lisa & Dave Nitchals
Door Keepers		Gene & Charlene Tigges	
Music Ministers Cantors	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman	Deb Rudd Jessica Zotz	Margot Rezac Laura Humble

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