

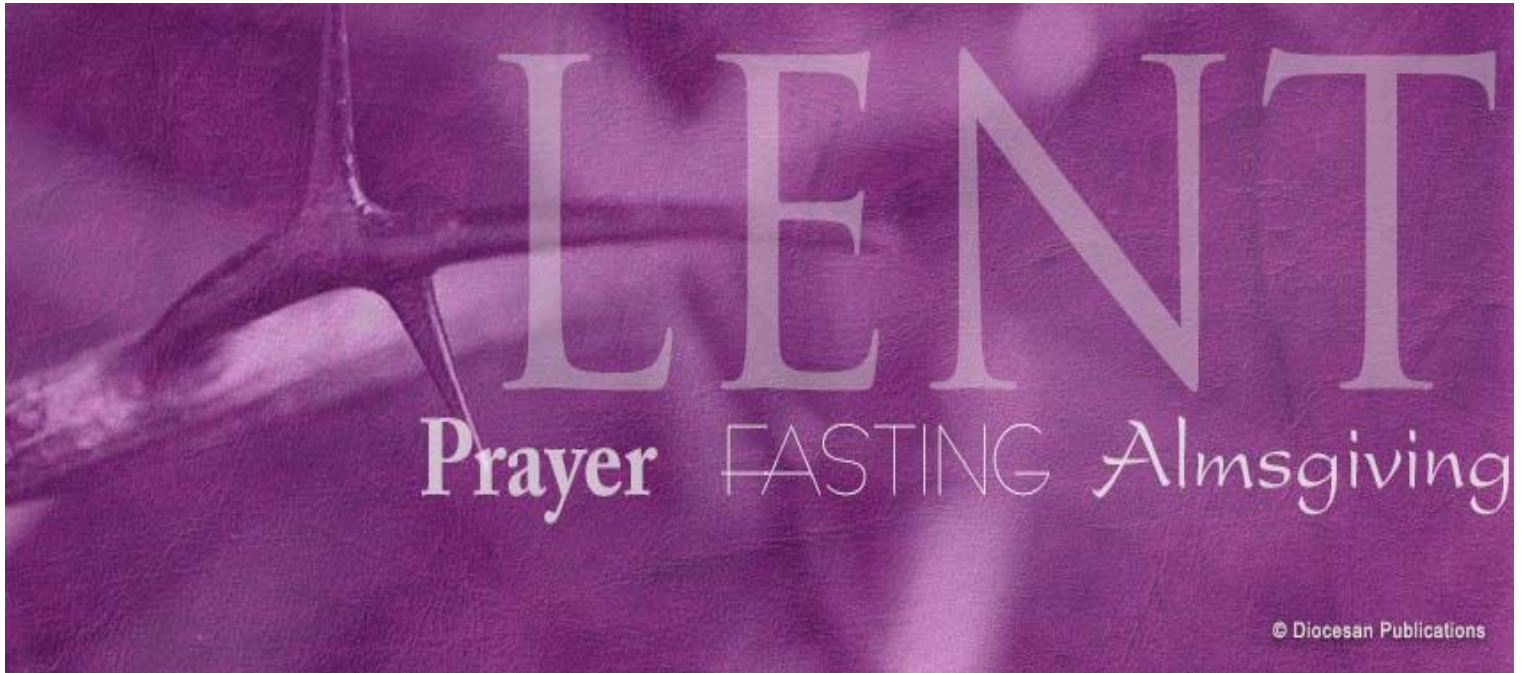
The Parishes of

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First Sunday of Lent - March 10th, 2019

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 10, 2019 The First Sunday of Lent

As we begin Lent, our penance and fasts seem rather small in comparison with how Jesus suffered for our salvation. Our forty days does not quite compare to his forty days in the desert. We need only to call on Jesus, and he will deliver us from our sins. Each Lent presents a new opportunity to repent and grow in our relationship with the One who gave his all so we could be his.

Lent Began Last Week with Ash Wednesday

“Remember that you are dust and unto dust you shall return.” These are the words that you heard when the ashes were put on your forehead on Ash Wednesday. Our theme this year at St. Mary’s and St. Patrick’s will be **Turn Away from Sin and Turn Toward God.** The words when the ashes were put on our foreheads and the words of our theme are obvious, but will we do anything to grow closer to God this Lent? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the usual things that people do during the Lenten season. At the entrances of the church at both parishes you will find **The Word Among**, a book that contains the readings of the day and also daily reflection. They are there for the taking and will provide good spiritual materials. As we did last year will have the **Stations of the Cross** on Friday’s starting at 7:00 pm. This week they will be at St. Patrick’s and next week St. Mary’s at 7:00 pm and will alternate throughout the season of Lent. Finally and most important there will be morning Mass at one of the parishes each day or at the nursing homes. Check the bulletin each week for times and place. Let us together grow in our faith and turn away from sin.

Lenten Communal Penance Service

The season of Lent provides us with a special opportunity to turn away from sin and become more faithful to the Lord. There will be a number of opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I am in the Reconciliation Room at St. Patrick’s from 3:30-4:00 every Saturday. As I mentioned in the bulletin a few weeks ago, I usually sit in the church before Mass each weekday and would be open to hearing confession until about 10 minutes before Mass as I need that 10 min. to get ready for Mass. On Tuesday, March 19th we will again be participating in the Diocesan **Leave the Light On Program** and I will be in the confessional at St. Patrick’s from **5:00 pm to 6:45 pm.** The parish Communal Penance are as follows: **Sunday March 17th, St. Mary’s starting at 1:00 and will go till 1:30.** March 24th 4:00 pm at Primghar. March 31st after Confirmation 1:30 at Milford. **April 7th 1:00 Emmetsburg, 2:30 Graettinger and 4:00 at St. Patrick’s.** Tuesday April 16th 6:00 pm at Spirit Lake. I will be at all of these places so feel free to attend any that fits into your schedule. Starting this coming week I will be at various parishes hearing the confessions of the students. Confession for the students at St. Patrick’s will be March 20th. The students at St. Mary’s will be done after Easter since our confession date got snowed out (Feb 20).

New Schedule for Almsgiving

For many years there have been a variety of collections throughout the year that often gave the feeling that all we were doing is taking up second collections. The Presbyterate Council has been working in this concern and starting this year a number of the collections will be grouped together. The first of these group collections comes **this weekend---The First Sunday of Lent---**It will be called **Aid to Global Churches.** This collection includes the following collections of the past: Central and Eastern Europe Collection, Latin America Collection, Africa Collection and Catholic Relief Services collection . This one-time collection will be divided at the Diocesan Level to support all these causes.

Handshake of Peace

In some areas the flu has taken a hold on many people. We have been fortunate the we have not had a widespread outbreak in this area. If you would rather not share a sign of peace feel free to just wave to your neighbor. At this time, we will continue to offer the precious blood under both forms. If we do have an outbreak we will discontinue the cup for a period of time.

Food for Thought

Timmy had been misbehaving in children’s church and was isolated from the other children for time-out. After a while he emerged and informed his teacher that he had thought it over and then prayed about it. “Fine,” said the pleased teacher, “If you ask God to help you not to misbehave, He will help you.” “Oh, I didn’t ask Him that.” Said Timmy, “I asked Him to help you put up with me.”

March - Month of St. Joseph/Feast Day 19th

“St. Joseph was chosen among all men, to be the protector and guardian of the Virgin Mother of God; the defender and foster father of the Infant- God, and the only co-operator upon earth, the one confident of the secret of God in the work of redemption.” ~ St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday evening, **March 12th** beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 pm followed by meeting and desserts. Committee: Kathy Jasper, Teresa Allen & Mary Sicard.

St. Mary's Fish Supper

Friday, **March 15th**

From 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

Adults: \$9, Kids 5 to 10- \$5, 4 and under- Free

Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet Tuesday evening, **March 19th** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 followed by our meeting.

St. Patrick's Choir Practice will be on all Sunday's throughout Lent before Mass at 9:15 am. All are welcome!

Estherville/Armstrong KC's 2019 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.stpatmary.com. The application deadline is April 8th.

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**. The celebration of Mass, sacramental reconciliation, generous assistance to the poor and religious/charitable causes should be a part of everyone's 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 have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Wednesday morning** from the end of Mass until noon at St. Patrick's. We pray the Angelus and have Benediction at 12:00 noon each Wednesday.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Mary's on **March 8th, March 22nd** and **April 5th** and at St. Patrick's on **March 15th, March 29th** and **April 12th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent include Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your Mar. & Apr. packets.

“Replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing,”
~Pope Francis

Please Pray For

Christy (Bogges) Hoganson, Kathy Clymer-Hanson, Kim Frank, Aurora Mulgrew, Tom Umscheid, Dennis Smith, Kristy Funston, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

Sponsor of the Week: **Sieverts Furniture & Floors**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - March 5th, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 208,431.11
Total Expenses \$ 206,635.61

Difference + 1,795.50

Sunday Collection: Mar. 2nd- 3rd \$ 3,990.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 2,205.00
Children's Collection \$ 15.00
Spanish Mass \$ 238.00
Loose Collection \$ 175.00
Bulletin Sponsor \$ 100.00
Rel. Ed fees \$ 60.00
Neighbor to Neighbor \$ 20.00
Building Fund \$ 125.00
Fish Fry Donations \$ 1,101.00

Bills

Payroll & Taxes \$ 10,863.14
Insurance & Retirement \$ 2,497.64
Property & Liability \$ 1,023.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 44,739.08
Total Expenses \$ 38,070.75

Difference + 6,668.33

Sunday Collection: Mar. 3rd \$ 1,657.50

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 115.00
Loose Collection \$ 30.00
Candle Income \$ 7.00

Bills

Payroll & Taxes \$ 407.97
Payroll & taxes- Shared Exp \$ 1,690.60
Telephone/Internet/Cable- Shared Exp \$ 104.66
Supplies: (Altar/Office/Computer) Shared Exp \$ 133.34
Utilities: Electric/Gas- Shared Exp \$ 147.20
Organist - February \$ 150.00
Property & Liability Ins \$ 363.00
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 55.00

Other Events

Trinity Lutheran Church Soup and Pie Luncheon
Tuesday, **March 12th** from 11 am – 1 pm at 721 18th Ave.
N. Estherville. Cost \$8.00, all are welcome.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 9th

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

Sunday, March 10th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Floyd & Mert Yackle

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
(Fr. Kelly's Intention)

Monday, March 11th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)

Tuesday, March 12th

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

7:00 pm CDA Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, March 13th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Special Intention

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

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP

6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-10) SM Parish Center

Thursday, March 14th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Doris Wycoff

10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan
+Dennis Kirchner

5:15 pm Finance Meeting SP (DC)

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

6:30 pm RCIA (DC)

Friday, March 15th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Francis Schealler

4:30-7 pm SM Fish Supper- Parish Hall

7:00 pm Stations at St. Patrick's

Saturday, March 16th

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

Sunday, March 17th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Madeline Gerlach

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+Maxine Leonard

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+Isidore Neppl

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 16th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 17th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 17th
Ministers of the Altar	Lynzie Burton Madison Burton Hayden Cornwall	Faith Steinberger Will Brickner	Brendan Finley Brynn Finley Volunteer
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Mike Rezac	Angie McMahon
Ministers of the Eucharist	Cliff Roth Mike Maloney Donna Roth Jessica Ruse Steve Clayton Sandy Clayton Theresa Dominy Tyler Ruse	Dave Rezac Dick Sturm Suzanne Bonnicksen Jean Thackery	Maggie McDermott Sandy Mann Randy Heinrichs Larry Walthart Lisa Heinrichs Morgan Matthews Elaine Prust Marlene Walthart
Ministers of Hospitality	Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Gary Roth Dorothy Wagner	Welbig's	David Hansen Mary Herum Lisa & Dave Nitchals
Door Keepers		Welbig's	
Music Ministers Cantors	Arnie Schilling Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Jessica Zotz	Joyce Schultz Michelle McCoy

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