

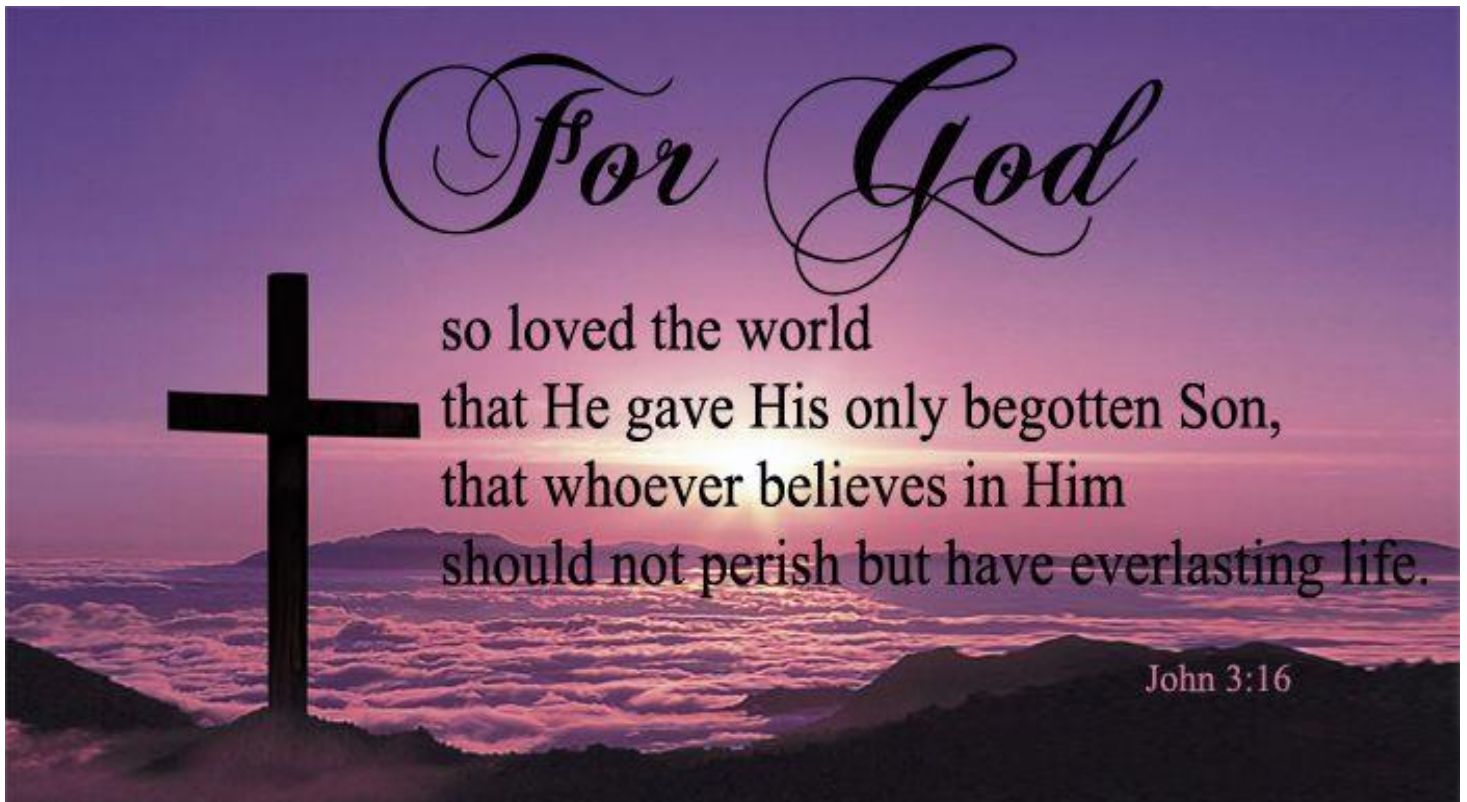
The Parishes of

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Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 14th, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 14, 2001 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Throughout history, humans have had a tendency to choose what is the easier---but not necessarily the better---path. The easier path often leads away from God and into the darkness of sin. Christ's way is the way of light. We are called to be his disciples, to let go of preferences and actions which keep us in the dark, and to take the path which leads to truth and goodness.

Private Confession

I will be hearing confessions at St. Pat's, in the regular confessional, every Saturday from 3:30-4:00 as in the past. As you enter the confessional there will be a chair for you to use if you want to go face to face so that we can remain 6 feet apart or you can go behind the screen. At St. Mary's I will hear your confession any time before mass, just ask up to 15 minutes before Mass, and we will go into one of the classrooms.

Holy Week Information

Palm Sunday: Mass will be the usual time at both parishes. Palms will be available but only after Mass with the bulletin and the Passion Narrative will be read as usual but without books the parishioners will listen to it being read. They can either stand or sit. Mass servers will be helping.

Monday of Holy Week: Chrism Mass at Sioux City at 2:00 at the Cathedral. The holy oils will be blessed and brought home to the individual parishes. The priests will renew their priestly vows and commitment to the priesthood. It will be the first time the priest have gathered as a group for more than 20 months for sure.

Holy Thursday: Mass will be at **6:00 pm at St. Mary's**. There will be no washing of the feet. The transfer of the Blessed Sacrament will be simple and short. Mass servers will be helping.

Good Friday Services: Services will be at **2:00 at St. Mary's** and **6:00 at St. Patrick's**. There will not be individual reverence of the cross but only a general veneration. The passion will again be read but with no books the parishioners will listen standing or sitting. Mass servers will be helping.

Holy Saturday: Mass will be celebrated at **8:00 pm at St. Patrick's**. The only people going outside to light the Easter Candle will be the ministers at the altar, the Mass servers, Deacon John and myself. The service will continue as usual with the signing of the Exultet, the 3 reading and Epistle followed by the Gospel and homily. Since we have no one joining the church this year we will bless the water and renew our baptismal promises followed by the sprinkling of the people. No holy water will be placed in the fonts. Mass will continue as usual.

Easter Sunday: Mass as usual at 8:30 at St. Mary's and 10:30 at St. Patrick's. Renewal of our baptismal promises and sprinkling of the people. Alleluia Alleluia

Churches Will Be Open

During lent the church will be open for public prayer during the following hours. At **St. Mary's the doors will be open Tuesday and Thursday after Mass till 4:00 pm. At St. Patrick's the doors will be open Tuesday-Friday from 8-12** with Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 8-12. Time before the Lord is a very special private time. Feel free to come and feel his love.

Looking for Your Help

As you all know we have been live streaming the Mass for the past 4 months and we have perfected it with a new camera and have upgraded our internet service. What we need now is for someone who would be willing to video the Mass. We have four people who have volunteered at this time but we would like two more as it would make it easier having more people available. You will be trained so there is nothing to worry about. Please consider this very special ministry that benefits so many homebound people. Call Kathy or me if you are interested.

Cherish House Project

Thank you to all who supported the Cherish House project the last two weeks. If you happened to forget or you have decided to send a check or cash you can drop it in the collection basket of either parish in an envelope marked "Cherish House". Make Checks payable to Cherish House.

Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Mary's

St. Mary's at Armstrong will have their private confessions at **1:00 on March 14th today**, and the students will have their confessions on **March 17th during class at 6:30**. To follow the diocesan protocols there may be a few things different. This sacrament in a great way to journey through Lent preparing for Easter.

Food for Thought---Messages on Church signs

Come as you are. You can change inside.
Sorrow looks **back**, worry looks **around**, faith looks **up**.

Liturgy of the Word

The first reading recounts the failure of God's people to listen to his prophets and repent. Their wickedness results in their ruin and exile to Babylon.

In the second reading, Paul tells the Ephesians they are saved by grace through faith, which is a gift from God.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells Nicodemus that God sent his Son into the world, not to condemn it but to save it.

St. Patrick's Ministry Schedules the new Ministry Schedules for **April, May & June** will be emailed or mailed by April 1st. If you have dates you cannot serve, please call Dawn, 362-5851 or email stpatsec@outlook.com by Wednesday, March 24th.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet this Tuesday evening **March 16th** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm followed by the meeting.

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.**

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 will have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Wednesday** at Patrick's from the end of Mass until noon. Then at noon we pray the Angelus and have Benediction.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Patrick's on **March 26th**, at **St. Mary's** on **March 19th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent

Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your packets. KC's Pennies for Heaven (vocations to the priesthood) deposit in the container located in the gathering space or give to any KC member. Cherish Center mail to: Cherish Center, 1004 22nd St. Milford, IA 51351 or online at cherishcenter.org.

St. Patrick's Silent Auction Baskets for this year's Lenten Season can be viewed, and bids may be placed online at... <https://www.32auctions.com/stpatricksfishfry>

A link to the auction website can also be found on the home page at www.stpatstmary.com.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's 2021 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 downloaded from the KC section (under the more tab) of the church website at www.stpatstmary.com or picked up at the parish office. The application deadline is April 9th.

Wednesday, March 17th



St. Patrick's - Fish Fry- This Friday

Drive-up and Carry-Out Only

Date: **March 19th**

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm

\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids under 5



Sponsor of the week: **Hoyer Chiropractic**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 – March 8th, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 198,815.31
Total Expenses \$ 197,579.17

Difference + 1,236.14

Sunday Collection: Feb. 27th – 28th \$ 2,460.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 410.00

Loose Collection \$ 56.00

Spanish Mass \$ 141.00

Parish Rental \$ 300.00

2nd Collection \$ none

Building Fund \$ 160.00

Aid to Global Churches \$ 50.00

Bills

Extra Clergy \$ 103.42

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 219.11

Cathedraticum – S. City \$ 1,159.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 46,804.05

Total Expenses \$ 42,106.03

Difference + 4,698.02

Sunday Collection: Feb. 28th \$ 153.50

Flower Income \$ 60.00

Bills

Organist - February \$ 250.00

Snow Removal – February \$ 66.00

Cathedraticum – S. City \$ 243.00

Memorare to St. Joseph (2021 year of St. Joseph)

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Dale Marriott

Sunday, March 14th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Dee Brainerd

1:00 pm Confessions (SM)

Monday, March 15th

1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter
(assembly at Duhigg Ctr.)

Tuesday, March 16th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Elvin & Mary Godfredsen

6:30 pm KC Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, March 17th

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

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (5-10) SP Duhigg Center
(K-4) SP Home Class

6:30 pm Rel Ed (3-10) SM Parish Center (Reconciliation)
(K-2) SM Home Class

Thursday, March 18th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Margaret Wobbe

Friday, March 19th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Roy & Lorraine Kirchner

5:00 pm Fish Fry (SP/Duhigg Ctr.)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SM)

Saturday, March 20th

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

Sunday, March 21st

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ Frank & Helen Rolling

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Delray Petersen

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 20 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 21 st	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 21 st
Clean-up	Raul Diaz Laura Lapka	Nicoson's	Alyson Gruhlke Brenda Klingbeil
Ministers of the Word	Tom Evans	Mike Rezac	Beth Rosenboom
Ministers of the Eucharist	Evelyn Prentice Volunteer	Brenda Jones Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Theresa Bose Cliff Roth
Ushers	Steve & Sandy Clayton Jenell White Aiden White	Nicoson's	Dan & Carri Duitsman Parker Duitsman Bennet Duitsman Warren Duitsman
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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