

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
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Estherville, Iowa

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St. Mary's
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Armstrong, Iowa

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“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again,
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst...”

Third Sunday of Lent - March 15th, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 15, 2020 The Third Sunday of Lent

Lent, with its discipline of prayer, fasting and charity, is all about repentance, renewal and healing of sin. The Gospel tells of Jesus' encounter with a woman who had a long history of brokenness and isolation. As she meets Jesus and experiences his life-changing mercy, so, too, can we receive new life and water from the Word and sacrament in which we encounter Christ.

Reconciliation Services

Reconciliation Services this week will be at **St. Joseph's of Milford at 1:30 today** (Sunday March 15th) and **next Sunday at St. Mary's Armstrong at 1:00**, (March 22nd). A reminder that I celebrate private confessions at 3:30 on Saturdays and am also available anytime by appointment.

St. Mary's only Fish Dinner

We take a break from the fish dinners at St. Patrick's for only one week to attend the fish dinner at **St. Mary's this Friday, serving from 4:30 to 7:00**. Then we return the next two weeks to the fish dinners at St. Patrick's. Both parishes appreciate all those who support the dinners, either by donations, attending or providing desserts. **Also a big THANK You for all the workers**. None of the dinners would be a success without your help. God Bless you all.

Dates for the Calendar

Palm Sunday---April 4th & 5th --- usual Mass Schedule
Holy Triduum---April 9th - Holy Thursday---6:00 pm at St. Mary's
Good Friday---April 10th - 2:00 pm at St. Mary's --- 6:00 pm at St. Patrick's
Holy Saturday---April 11th - Easter Vigil---time to be set by diocese at St. Pat's
Easter Sunday---April 12th - 8:30 St. Mary's --- 10:30 St. Patrick's --- 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

April 19th - First Communion at 10:30 Mass at St. Patrick's

April 22nd - Last Religious Ed Class at St. Mary's

April 26th - First Communion at 8:30 Mass at St. Mary's

April 29th - Last Religious Ed Class at St. Patrick's

May 17th Senior Mass at 10:30 at St. Patrick's

May??? Senior Mass at 8:30 at St. Mary's to yet be determined

Stations of the Cross

A reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be said each Friday night at 7:00 pm. They will be alternated each week; **this week, March 20th at St. Pat's and next week March 27th at St. Mary's**. Come and join us as we reflect on the suffering of Jesus his last days and hours on earth and remember His unconditional love for each one of us.

Food for Thought

A funeral was said for a woman who had hen-pecked her husband, driven her kid's half nuts, scrapped with the neighbors at the slightest opportunity and even made the cat and dog neurotic with her explosive temper. As the casket was lowered into the grave, a violent thunderstorm broke out, and the pastor's benediction was drowned out by a blinding flash of lightning, followed by terrific thunder. "Well, she got there all right," commented one of the mourners.

Annual Women's & Men's Conferences

Annual Women's Conference Saturday, **March 28th** at St. Mary's in Storm Lake, from 8:45 am – 3:30 pm. The cost is 40.00 if you register by March 17th. After March 17, the cost is 50.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for mother/daughter registrations. To learn more or to register visit www.scdiocese.org/womens-ministry

Annual Men's Conference Saturday, **April 4th** at St. Joseph's Church in Le Mars, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The cost is 40.00 if you register by March 24th. After March 24, the cost is 50.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for father/son registrations. To learn more or to register visit <https://www.scdiocese.org/mens-ministry>

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

Due to St. Joseph's leadership of the Holy Family, he has been declared the protector and patron of the universal Catholic Church. St. Joseph pray for us. "St. Joseph is a man of great spirit. He is great in faith, not because he speaks his own words, but above all because **he listens to the words of the Living God.**" St. John Paul II

St. Mary's is in need of volunteers to help with their Lenten Fish Supper on Friday, **March 20th**. If you are available to help call Wanda Dailey at 864-3439 or Helen Blomstrom at 864-3709. Leave a message if no answer.

St. Mary's will also have a Bake Sale at the Fish Supper this year. All parishioners are asked to bring items for this bake sale. The proceeds will go to Rick Steinberger and family.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet this Tuesday **March 17th** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 followed by our meeting.

Easter Flowers

Help us decorate the Churches for Easter and honor the memory of your loved ones. Please use the envelope in your packet or a plain envelope marked "Easter Flowers" and place it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you!!!

Fish Fry- St. Patrick's

Friday, **March 27th** – Duhigg Center
From 5:00 – 7:00 pm
Adults \$9 - Kids five & under \$5
Take Out Dinners Available
Silent Auction – ends April 3rd

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. On **Thursdays** at 10:15 am at alternating Nursing Homes in Estherville.

We will have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Tuesday** at St. Mary's from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, and **Wednesday** at St. Patrick's from the end of Mass until noon. Then at noon we will end with the praying of the Angelus and Benediction.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Patrick's on **March 20th** and **April 3rd** and at St. Mary's on **March 27th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent

Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your packets. CRS Rice bowls

Monthly food drive 2nd Sunday of each month. (Apr. 12th)

Pennies for Heaven- Money donations may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus container located in the gathering space or given to any KC member by **April 12th**.

Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by CDA & Cherish Center in Milford. Please put your extra coins, \$bills or a check in the baby bottle and drop it off by the **15th of March**.

St. Mary's Fish Supper

Friday, **March 20th** - Parish Center

From 4:30 to 7:00 pm.

Adults: \$10, Kids 5 to 10- \$5, 4 and under- Free
*** Bake Sale ***

Please Pray For

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

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Helen Rolling**, member of St. Mary's Parish. She died last Sunday, and her Resurrection Liturgy was Friday. Please keep Helen and her family in your prayers.

Sponsor of the week: **Bank Plus**

**Parish Financial Blessings
Year-to-Date Giving Information
July 1st -March 9th, 2020**

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 216,183.66
Total Expenses \$ 211,234.30
Difference + 4,949.36

Sunday Collection: Mar. 7th – 8th \$ 2,238.05
Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 70.00
Loose Collection \$ 162.50
Spanish Mass \$ 154.53
Religious Ed Fees \$ 160.00
Building Fund \$ 10.00
Neighbor Fund \$ 20.00

Bills

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 201.23
Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 1,174.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 50,872.77
Total Expenses \$ 41,579.43
Difference + 9,293.34

Sunday Collection: Mar. 8th \$ 620.00
Loose Collection \$ 41.00
Candle 5.00; Coffee/Rolls 15.00 \$ 20.00
Easter Flowers \$ 45.00

Bills

Organist (Feb.) \$ 250.00
Utilities: Gas/ Electric/ Water/ Refuse \$ 1,375.33
Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 214.00

Tuesday March 17th



Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 14th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Bill Schacherer*

Sunday, March 15th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Bob Thomsen*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+ *Roy & Lorraine Kirchner*

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Monday, March 16th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)

1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter (DC)

4:00 pm Deanery Meeting (Whittemore)

NO Bible Study (DC Library)

Tuesday, March 17th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Ron Heinrichs*

6:30 pm KC Rosary/Dinner/Meeting

Wednesday, March 18th

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

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, March 19th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Alice Cox*

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
Vocations

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

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, March 20th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Maxine Leonard*

4:30 pm Fish Supper SM (P.Ctr) until 7:00

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SP)

Saturday, March 21st

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Louis Schacherer*

Sunday, March 22nd

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

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

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

1:00 pm Confessions at St. Mary's
Armstrong

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 21st	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 22nd	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 22nd
Ministers of the Altar	Amara Heinrichs Luke Heinrichs Volunteer	Faith Steinberger Caden Zotz	Brynn Finley Brendan Finley Daryl Jensen
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Barb Nemmers	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Lisa Heinrichs Randy Heinrichs Theresa Dominy Mike Maloney	Brenda Jones Suzanne Bonnicksen Lupe Kollasch	Cliff Roth Paul Anderson Morgan Matthews Donna Roth
Ministers of Hospitality	Joan & Gordon Cornwall Delbert Petersen Mark Reardon	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Cathy Beaver Brenda Klingbeil Lisa & Dave Nitchals
Door Keepers		Joyce VonBank	
Music Ministers Cantors	Margot Rezac Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Carol Anderson	Joyce Schultz Michelle McCoy

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