

# The Parishes of

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**Second Sunday of Lent - March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

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## From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

### March 17, 2019 The Second Sunday of Lent

At this early point in our Lenten journey, our readings remind us of God's promises to humanity and his faithfulness to those promises. Full of the same hope that once spurred Abraham on to leave his homeland and Paul to preach the Gospel with commitment and fidelity, they now seek to encourage us in our Lenten discipline.

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 6:30 pm**. The parish Communal Penance are as follows: **Today- March 17<sup>th</sup>, St. Mary's starting at 1:00 and will go till 1:30.** March 24<sup>th</sup> 4:00 pm at Primghar. March 31<sup>st</sup> after Confirmation 1:30 at Milford. **April 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00 Emmetsburg, 2:30 Graettinger and 4:00 at St. Patrick's.** Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup>. The students at St. Mary's finished their confession two weeks ago.

### Attention to ALL Ministers of Holy Communion

It is time for all Communion ministers to be recommissioned. All Ministers of Holy Communion have a term of three years before they are to be recommissioned. For our deanery the time has been a few years longer because of the 2025 plan. Over the next few weeks I will need to have all current Ministers contact Jenny at St. Mary's and Dawn at St. Pat's if you wish to be re-commissioned for another three years. This is also an opportunity for those who no longer wish to serve in this area to let us know. I will also be looking for new individuals to contact me to share your time with this special ministry. If you would like to only bring communion to the homebound that is also a possibility. The Commissioning will take place in late spring or early summer.

### The Heating and Spiritual Growth Campaign

In my homily you will hear the kick-off of our new campaign. Over the last few years at our finance committee meetings at St. Patrick's we have been discussing a problem developing at the Duhigg Center. This coming week everyone will receive a letter with the details I talked about at Mass and a pledge sheet. More details will follow in the weeks ahead. Always feel free to contact any of our Finance Committee members if you have any questions. I am excited about this project and preparing our Religious Education Center and Parish Center for the next few generations. I hope and pray that you all feel the same. I ask you to pray about your gift knowing it is for a two-year period. I think almost everyone in our parish has been in the Duhigg Center for happy and sad occasions. Your gift will help make the building possible for you to use in the future and for future generations.

### Leave The Light On

As a diocese we will again be participating in the Leave the Light On Day. Every parish center is asked to offer confessions that evening. I will be at St. Mary's this Sunday for confessions and will be offering confession at **St. Patrick's Tuesday under this program from 5:00 to 6:30.** I will have reflective music on so that you can prepare for confession, but it will also be on for anyone who wants to spend some time in prayer. Our Adorations are always on Wednesday mornings which makes it impossible for many people to attend, but this time may be better for others. Come if you are free and spend some time with the Lord.

### Becoming a Child of God

Congratulations to **Ximena Rodrigues-Alonso**, daughter of Jose and Karina (Alonso) Rodrigues, who was baptized on Sunday March 3, at St. Patrick's. May she be blessed along with her family and the many young children of St. Patrick's and all those preparing for birth.

### Food for Thought

If I sat on my glasses would I have 20/20 hind sight.



**March - Month of St. Joseph/Feast Day 19<sup>th</sup>**

“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

**Fish Fry- St. Patrick's**

Friday, **March 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Duhigg Center  
 From 5:00 – 7:00 pm  
 Adults \$9 - Kids five & under \$5  
 Take Out Dinners Available  
 Silent Auction – ends April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Estherville/Armstrong KC's** will meet Tuesday evening, **March 19<sup>th</sup>** 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.stpatstmary.com](http://www.stpatstmary.com). The application deadline is April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **April 5<sup>th</sup>** and at St. Patrick's on **March 29<sup>th</sup>** and **April 12<sup>th</sup>**.

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

**Please Pray For**

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

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ethel Pohlen**, wife of Jerry members of St. Patrick's Parish. Her Resurrection Liturgy was Wednesday. Please keep Ethel and her family in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Donald Koons**, husband of Lorraine father of Darlene and David members of St. Patrick's Parish. His Resurrection Liturgy was Thursday. Please keep Don and his family in your prayers.

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**Parish Financial Blessings  
 Year-to-Date Giving Information  
 July 1<sup>st</sup> - March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**St. Patrick's**

Total Income \$ 212,466.86  
 Total Expenses \$ 210,165.17

**Difference + 2,301.69**

**Sunday Collection: Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>– 10<sup>th</sup> \$ 2,720.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00  
 Children's Collection \$ 16.00  
 Spanish Mass \$ 127.00  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 189.25  
 Loose Collection \$ 73.50  
 Ash Wednesday \$ 290.00  
 Parish Rental \$ 500.00  
 Aid to Global Churches \$ 635.00  
 Retired & Infirm \$ 50.00  
 Fish Fry Donations \$ 80.00

**Bills**

Supplies: Office/Copier \$ 162.56  
 Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 1,217.00  
 Cemetery Expense \$ 1,800.00  
 Repairs & Maintenance \$ 350.00

**St. Mary's**

Total Income \$ 45,805.58  
 Total Expenses \$ 38,329.75

**Difference + 7,475.33**

**Sunday Collection: Mar. 10<sup>th</sup> \$ 772.50**

Loose Collection \$ 30.00  
 Ash Wednesday \$ 244.00  
 Flower Income \$ 20.00  
 Aid to Global Churches \$ 50.00

**Bills**

Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 259.00

**Other Events**

**Wild Game Feed:** Crossroads Comm. Church, 2014 E. Central Ave. Estherville, Saturday, **March 23<sup>rd</sup>** from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Free will donation.

## Liturgies and Events This Week

### Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

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

### Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>

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 Neppi*

1:00 pm Confessions- St. Mary's

### Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)  
1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter (DC)  
4:00 pm Deanery Meeting- Spirit Lake

### Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

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

5-6:30 pm Leave the Light On (SP)

6:30 pm KC Rosary/Dinner/Meeting

### Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Louis Schacherer*

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

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

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

### Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
+ *Wycoff family*

**No** Mass at Pearl Valley  
Clergy Lenten Day of Prayer

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

6:30 pm RCIA (DC)

### Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's

+ *John & Jean Hofstader family*

5:00 pm SP Fish Fry

7:00 pm Stations at St. Mary's

### Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's

+ *Deceased members of the Augustine- Tostenson family*

### Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's

*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's

+ *Delray Petersen*

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

(*Fr. Kelly's Intention*)

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	<b>St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 24<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ministers of the Altar</b>	Hayden Cornwall Addison Cornwall Marsha Hengeveld	Gabe Whaley Jacey Welbig	Kolin Richardson Allison Young Kaleb Young
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Cathy Beaver	Rick Steinberger	Stacie Inman
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Steve Clayton Sandy Clayton Pat Metzger Evelyn Prentice	Craig Nemmers Joyce VonBank Mike Rezac Karen Fisher	Sandy Mann Theresa Bose Paul Anderson Maggie McDermott
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Brian Bendixen Sue & Dave Snyder Volunteer	Whaley's	Mary Duitsman Gail Jasper Brenda Klingbeil Todd West
<b>Door Keepers</b>		Joyce VonBank	
<b>Music Ministers Cantors</b>	Arnie Schilling Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Brenda Jones	Margot Rezac Laura Humble

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