

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
903 Central Avenue
Estherville, Iowa

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St. Mary's
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Armstrong, Iowa

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...unless a grain of wheat
falls to the ground and dies
it remains just a grain of wheat.
but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12.24

In this way, Jesus spoke of his impending sacrificial death in Jerusalem and of the fruit of salvation that would come out of it for all mankind.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 21st, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 21, 2001 The Fifth Sunday Lent

To make us his people and show us his love, God established a covenant with us. Christ came to usher in a new covenant---one that would reconcile us to God and draw all people to himself. With hearts remade, we follow and serve him.

Protocol Update

Effective March 27/28th (Palm Sunday) Seating in the churches may go to “**Every Pew**”, every other pew will no longer be blocked off. **Mask mandate remains**, we must wear our masks. **Social distancing** within the pews is still required, with the exception of families sitting together.

Special Almsgiving Opportunities

We end the Lenten season with two special collections. The first collection is for the **Christians in the Holy Land and is scheduled for Good Friday April 2nd**, the envelopes are in your packet. The second collection is a very important collection to support the **Retired and Infirm Priests of our diocese and is taken at the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday**. The money collected will remain in our diocese. Although some priests are viewed as retired, many remain active providing sacramental ministry to our parishes, schools, hospitals, nursing homes and throughout our communities. The goal of this collection is \$160,000. Because some insurance policies are limited in the services they cover, the funds generated by this collection are used for those services needed outside the scope of the policy. The envelopes are in your packet and the second collection basket will also be used for this collection. At least 3 retired priests, and after July 6th, 4 priests have served St. Patrick's and 3 served St. Mary's. Please consider a gift and I, on behalf of all of the retired priests, thank you.

Becoming Children of God

Congratulations to **Jessica Amelia Velasquez Rodriguez** and **Yeslin Martina Velasquez Rodriguez**, daughters of Maria Lopez and Juan Martin, who were baptized at St. Patrick's on Saturday March 6th. May God bless this family as God has given them these special gifts from heaven. May God continue to bless all of the children from our parishes.

Together as One Success

A really **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who supported the “Together as One” collection this year. Both parishes met our parish goal and St. Mary's was only about \$300 from meeting the diocesan goal which makes them 99% in achieving that goal. The rewarding part of this success story is that both parishes are receiving a pay back. **St. Mary's payback is \$2,180 and St. Patrick's is \$1,500**. There are still pledges to be paid and people are still invited to support this cause with every dollar returning to our parishes. Thank you again for your support, not only for our parishes but for the various ministries of the diocese.

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. The Passion Narrative will be read as usual but without books, the parishioners will listen to it as it is 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 priests have gathered as a group for more than 20 months.

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 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 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!

Liturgy of the Word

In the first reading, the Lord announces a *new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah*.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of Jesus as *the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him*.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells Andrew and Philip that the time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified, and that those who serve him must follow him.

St. Patrick's Ministry Schedules- the new Ministry Schedules (includes Mass Servers) 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.



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.

Stations of the Cross Friday at **7 pm** at **St. Patrick's** on **March 26th**.

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.

Prayer to St. Joseph - (Month & Year of St. Joseph)

O glorious Saint Joseph, remind all who work that they are not alone in their Labor, their joy, or their sufferings, because Jesus is by our side, with Mary, his mother and ours, supporting them, wiping sweat from their brow, and setting a value on their toil. Teach them to use their labor, as you did, as a supreme means of attaining holiness. Amen.

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st, 2020 – March 15th, 2021

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 204,976.86
Total Expenses \$ 199,540.58

Difference + 5,436.28

Sunday Collection: Mar. 6th – 7th \$ 3,860.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 209.55
Loose Collection \$ 78.00
Spanish Mass \$ 96.00
2nd Collection \$ none
Easter Flowers \$ 60.00
Building Fund \$ 305.00
Together as One (DAA) Payback \$ 1,533.00

Bills

Telephone & Internet \$ 247.36
Supplies: Computer/Office/Printing \$ 499.56
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 627.13
Snow Removal – Feb. \$ 830.00
Neighbor Fund \$ 200.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 49,265.55
Total Expenses \$ 43,614.98

Difference + 5,650.57

Sunday Collection: Mar. 7th \$ 1,053.50

Candle Income \$ 8.00
Together as One (DAA) Payback \$ 1,400.00

Bills

Telephone & Internet \$ 97.81
Utilities: Gas/Electric \$ 1,411.14



St. Patrick's - Fish Fry- This Friday

Drive-up and Carry-Out Only

Date: **March 26th**

Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm

\$10 Adults, \$5 Kids under 5

Liturgies and Events This Week

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)

Monday, March 22nd

No Activities

Tuesday, March 23rd

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

6:30 pm St. Mary's Finance Mtg.

Wednesday, March 24th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Hofstader family

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
(K-2) SM Home Class

Thursday, March 25th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Don Jensen

Friday, March 26th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Don & Viola Hartman

5:00 pm Fish Fry (SP/Duhigg Ctr.)
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SP)

Saturday, March 27th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ Bob Thomsen

Sunday, March 28th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Juana Ortiz

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 27 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 28 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 28 th
Clean-up	Chris & Dale Snyder	Welbig's	Kathy Foster Mary Sicard
Ministers of the Word	Jessica Ruse Braylen Milstead	Volunteer	Stacie Inman
Ministers of the Eucharist	Cathy Beaver Chuck Tostenson	Joyce VonBank Craig Nemmers Volunteer	Lisa Heinrichs Randy Heinrichs
Ushers	Gary Roth Tyler & Jessica Ruse Volunteer	Welbig's	Cody Newgard Christopher Schmaus Mary Sicard Todd West
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman

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