

The Parishes of

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Third
SUNDAY
IN
LENT

Third Sunday of Lent - March 24th, 2019

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 24, 2019 The Third Sunday of Lent

God's ways are not our ways. In order to bear good fruit, we must allow him to shape and mold our lives. This was not a new message that Jesus shared, but an affirmation of the covenant that God made with his people from the beginning. God is faithful---and so we are called to be faithful. When we stray and wither or produce bad fruit, we have the opportunity to repent and try again.

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 are a number of times left to go to 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. The parish Communal Penances are as follows: 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.

Times I Will Be Out of The Office This Week

Monday and Tuesday of this week Fr. Kelly from Spirit Lake and I are going to visit two seminarians to give them our support and take them out for supper. Jack Waters is from St. Mary's in Spirit Lake and Elliot McClarty is from Blessed Sacrament in Sioux City and a former student of mine. They both attend Immaculate Heart of Mary College in Winona MN. We will leave early Monday because of Sunday Confessions and return late Tuesday, so no Mass at St. Mary's on Tuesday morning and on Thursday I have our quarterly Diocesan School Board Meeting starting at 11:30 at Storm Lake so no Mass at Good Sam. Keep us in your prayers as we travel around.

Holy Week Sign-Ups

It is time again to sign-up for the various ministries for Holy Week at both of our parishes. We will again need lectors, servers, greeters/ushers and ministers of Holy Communion. The schedule will be the same as last year: **Holy Thursday at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm, Good Friday 2:00 at St. Mary's and 6:00 at St. Pats.** Holy Saturday will be at St. Pat's with the welcoming of our RCIA candidates into the church. Mass times for Holy Saturday have not yet been set by the diocese. Easter Sunday Masses will be at the usual Sunday Mass times. I appreciate all who sign-up early, so we can set up practice times if need be.

Confirmation Next Sunday

A reminder that next Sunday Bishop Nickless will be here to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for both of our parishes at the 10:30 Mass at St. Patrick's. Please plan to come and celebrate this special day with our students and also to welcome our Bishop and show pride in our parishes. It is an exciting time for these families. Please keep them in your prayers this week.

The Heating and Spiritual Growth Campaign

You heard in my homily last weekend 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. 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 that building possible for you to use in the future and for future generations. Please invite other members of your family who don't live here or people in the community to join us. You know the former parishioners better than I and a personal "ask" will go further than a simple letter. If you need another pledge sheet let us know.

Food for Thought

Why you don't lay an iron on a four-leaf clover---You don't want to press your luck.

St. Patrick---bless our efforts on our "Heating and Spiritual Growth Campaign".

St. Mary's/St. Patrick's Confirmation News

Confirmation practice is this Wednesday, **March 27th** at 6:00 pm in church. If your sponsor cannot be present, a parent must be there to fill in!

The Confirmation Liturgy will be celebrated next Sunday, **March 31st** at 10:30 am. Parents and sponsors need to be at church by 10:00 am. Candidates meet at Duhigg Center at 9:45 am to visit with Bishop Nickless and then process over to church. Pictures and a reception will be held after Mass at Duhigg Center.

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!!!

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. The application deadline is April 8th.

Please save your Pennies for Heaven for this worthy cause along with saying a prayer for vocations. Pennies (change) may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus container (Donations for Vocations) located in the gathering space. Another great alms giving opportunity! Thank you!!!

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. Patrick's on March 29th** and **April 12th** and at **St. Mary's on April 5th**.

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

"St. Augustine says, that to prevent the sheep from seeking assistance by her cries, the wolf seizes her by the neck, and thus securely carries her away and devours her. The Devil acts in a similar manner with the sheep of Jesus Christ. After having induced them to yield to sin, he seizes them by the throat, that they may not confess their guilt; and thus he securely brings them to Hell. For those who have sinned grievously, there is no means of salvation but the confession of their sins."
— St. Alphonsus Liguori

March - Month of St. Joseph

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.

Please Pray For

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 **Mary Grace Gohla**, sister of Cliff Roth. Please keep Mary Grace and her family in your prayers.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Christy Hoganson**, sister of Mary (Mark) Moorman, Margaret (Tom) Evans and Tom (Jenny) Boggess. Please Keep Christy and her family in your prayers.

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - March 18th, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 216,520.49
Total Expenses \$ 217,758.84

Difference + 1,238.35

Sunday Collection: Mar. 16th- 17th \$ 2,618.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00
Children's Collection \$ 17.00
Spanish Mass \$ 226.00
2nd Collection \$ 349.80
Loose Collection \$ 211.00
Religious Ed fees \$ 70.00
Easter Flowers \$ 27.00
Building Fund \$ 32.00
Neighbor Fund \$ 382.83

Bills

Supplies: Altar/Office \$ 452.74
Snow Removal \$ 1,830.00
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 5,310.93

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 46,945.58
Total Expenses \$ 40,539.76

Difference + 6,405.82

Sunday Collection: Mar. 17th \$ 985.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 115.00
Loose Collection \$ 40.00

Bills

Supplies: Altar/Office \$ 281.32
Utilities: Electric/Gas \$ 1,613.69
Snow Removal \$ 315.00

Other Events

The 'Arts at St. Joseph' presents John Moore... In Concert with The Alexander Trio on Sunday, **March 31st**, 4:30 pm, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Milford. A reception will follow the free concert in the Parish Center.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 23rd

8:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Deceased members of the Augustine- Tostenson family*

Sunday, March 24th

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

9:15 am SP Choir Practice

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

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

4:00 pm Confessions at Primghar

Monday, March 25th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)

Tuesday, March 26th

No Mass at St. Mary's

Wednesday, March 27th

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

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

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

6:00 pm Confirmation Practice SP Church

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

Thursday, March 28th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Darrel Walsh*

No Mass at Good Samaritan

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

6:30 pm RCIA (DC)

Friday, March 29th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Philip Inman*

7:00 pm Stations at St. Patrick's

Saturday, March 30th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Mary Snyder*

Sunday, March 31st

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

9:15 am SP Choir Practice

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's- **Confirmation**
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 30th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 31st		St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 31st (Confirmation)
Ministers of the Altar	Madison Burton Lynzie Burton Aiden White	Joe Brickner Addison Kruse		Michael Houseman Laura Humble Saige Hengeveld Hayden Cornwall & Lily Snyder
Ministers of the Word	Jessica Ruse	Barb Nemmers		Blake Ingvall Ashton Merrill
Ministers of the Eucharist	Ed Nims Mike Maloney Pauline Schwiesow Deacon Rudd	Brenda Jones Suzanne Bonnicksen Dave Rezac Deacon Rudd		Bishop Nickless Fr. Schrad Deacon Rudd Randy Heinrichs Michelle Hoyer
Ministers of Hospitality	Mark Reardon Sue & Dave Snyder Dorothy Wagner	Jerry & Nancy Steinberger	Greeters	Confirmation Students Brendan Finley Samantha Nielsen Liz Schacherer Allison Young
Door Keepers		Don Gerlach	Gift Bearers	
Music Ministers	Arnie Schilling Mary Moorman	Deb Rudd Carol Anderson		Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon

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