

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
903 Central Avenue
Estherville, Iowa

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St. Mary's
404 5th Avenue
Armstrong, Iowa



Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 31st, 2019

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2019

St. Patrick's

Lynzie Burton
Monica Castillo
Matthew Christensen
Raul Diaz
Kevin Egeland
Dawson Eveleth
Brendan Finley
Faith Fitzgerald
Amara Heinrichs
Nicole Hockett
Sean Hoffman
Griffin Hoyer

Blake Ingvall
Daryl Jensen
Regan Kirchner
Alejandro Pena
Jett Quastad
Adelee Reinhardt
Adrienne Rosfjord
Parker Rowley
Elizabeth Schacherer
Ryan Schiltz
Alyssa Schmaus
Carter Snyder
Madison Valen

Landon Vaske
Brody Waddell
Maddysen Wheatley
Allison Young

Adult

Kyley Ross

St. Mary's

William Brickner
Michael Hanson
Ashton Merrill
Samantha Nielsen

From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 31, 2019 The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jesus' famous parable of the prodigal son depicts God as a father always ready to take back those who stray from him. No matter how we may have turned away from God, we have only to turn back to him through the sacrament of reconciliation. Lent is the perfect time to be reconciled to God and to be a new creation for Easter.

Welcome Bishop Nickless

We welcome our Bishop to our parishes to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. For two years these young people have been preparing for this day. We thank the parents and sponsors for their guidance, and today as a parish we celebrate with them. May the gifts of the Holy Spirit come down upon them and provide them with the guidance and help they may need throughout their life.

Congratulations to our Students.

A special congratulations to the four students from St. Mary's and the Twenty-nine students from St. Patrick's and our one adult who will receive the graces of the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend. This is a proud day for our parishes, and we look forward to your further involvement in our parishes in the near future. May you and your families be blessed in many ways today and the days ahead. God bless you all.

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. The parish Communal Penances are as follows: **NEXT WEEKEND. 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

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, ministers of Holy Communion and people to have their feet washed. The schedule will be the same as last year: **Holy Thursday at St. Mary's at 6:00 pm, Good Friday 2:00 pm at St. Mary's and 6:00 pm 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.

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

You heard in my homily two weeks ago, 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

When the family returned from Sunday morning service, the father criticized the sermon, the soloist, the organist, and just about everything else. But the subject was quickly dropped when junior piped up, "But it was pretty good for a quarter, don't you think, Dad?"

Fish Fry- St. Patrick's

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

Catholic Daughters Lifesavers Weekend

St. Patrick's CDA members will hand out Lifesavers at church entrances after Mass on **April 6 - 7**. Your donations help fund programs that provide services to victims of domestic violence with 60% used for local programs and 40% for programs across the state.

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday evening, **April 9th** at 6:30 pm in the Duhigg Center with a potluck followed by the Rosary and meeting. Chairman- Marlene Walthart, Committee- Dawn Eveleth, Linda Neppel, and Carol Pluth.

1st Communion News

First Eucharist Learning Centers will be held Wednesday, **April 10th** at 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Duhigg Center. At least one parent is **required** to attend with their child.

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!!!

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!!!

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.

Lenten Activities: We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at **St. Mary's on April 5th** and at **St. Patrick's on April 12th**.

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

Why do we cross our forehead, lips and heart at the Gospel? We cross our forehead so that the Word of God may be in our thoughts & purify our minds. We cross our lips so that our speech may be holy & incline us to share the Gospel with others. We cross our hearts to invite God to strengthen our love for Him and others. This is so we may know, proclaim and love Jesus more.

Please Pray For

Rebecca Bermer, 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 **Colleen Boucher**, member of St. Patrick's. Please keep Colleen and her family in your prayers.

Catholic Charities has set up a fund to assist flood victims here in our Diocese. Donations can be sent directly to Catholic Charities at 1601 Military Road, Sioux City, IA 51103 or donations can be made online at <https://www.cathchr.com/give/>

Sponsor of the week: **Good Samaritan**

Parish Financial Blessings	
Year-to-Date Giving Information	
July 1st - March 25th, 2019	
<u>St. Patrick's</u>	
Total Income	\$ 221,894.49
Total Expenses	\$ 226,280.15
Difference	- 4,385.66
Sunday Collection: Mar. 23rd- 24th	
Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 120.00
Children's Collection	\$ 23.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 190.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 294.00
Loose Collection	\$ 195.00
Religious Ed fees	\$ 70.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 60.00
DAA Payback	\$ 330.00
Retirement Distribution	\$ 450.00
Bills	
Supplies: Altar/Office/Computer	\$ 319.39
Missalettes	\$ 784.00
Utilities: Gas/Electric/Water/Refuse	\$ 5,004.67
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 1,937.26
Unpaid Globe subscriptions 1 st pmt	\$ 589.50
<u>St. Mary's</u>	
Total Income	\$ 49,048.58
Total Expenses	\$ 40,758.78
Difference	+ 8,289.80
Sunday Collection: Mar. 24th	
Flower (25) / Candle Income (5)	\$ 30.00
Loose Collection	\$ 67.00
DAA Payback	\$ 1,285.00
Bills	
Utilities: Water/Refuse	\$ 66.27
Unpaid Globe subscriptions 1 st pmt	\$ 152.75

Other Events

Next Mobile Food Pantry Distribution: Thursday **April 4th** from 4 to 6 pm at the Crossroads Community Church in Estherville, bring your own bags or boxes.

Liturgies and Events This Week

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

11:45 am Confirmation Reception (DC)

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

1:30 pm Penance Service (SJ) Milford

Monday, April 1st

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC Gym)

Tuesday, April 2nd

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

Wednesday, April 3rd

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

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

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

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

Thursday, April 4th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Doris Wycoff

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+ Don & Mary Margaret Walters

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

6:30 pm RCIA (DC)

Friday, April 5th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Mary Grace Gohla & family

5-7:00 pm SP Fish Fry (DC)

7:00 pm Stations at St. Mary's

Saturday, April 6th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Pat Kurth

(CDA Lifesaver Weekend)

Sunday, April 7th

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
+Jim Bueltel

11:30 am Coffee & Rolls

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+William Truesdell

Penance Services: Emmetsburg (HF) 1:00 pm

Graettinger (IC) 2:30 pm
St. Patrick's 4:00 pm

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm April 6th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am April 7th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am April 7th
Ministers of the Altar	Saige Hengeveld Marsha Hengeveld Volunteer	Alyssa Welbig Hannah Nielsen	Ella Helmich Ava Helmich Molly Ross
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Ashton Merrill	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Rick Houseman Cliff Roth Donna Roth Chris Snyder	Joyce VonBank Dick Sturm Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Paul Anderson Courtney Newgard Joan Nims Bruce Zebedee
Ministers of Hospitality	Brian Bendixen Lucy Renze Sue & Dave Snyder	Nielsen's	Gail Jasper Craig & Linda Neppel Todd West
Door Keepers		Bob Rooney	
Music Ministers Cantors	Arnie Schilling Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Brenda Jones	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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