

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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“Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.”

Third Sunday of Lent - March 7th, 2021

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 7, 2001 Third Sunday of Lent

The first of God's commandments---that he alone is God and we shall not have other gods or idols---reaches beyond simply "not offering sacrifices to pagan deities." Rather, it includes avoiding anything that we "rank above" God or that prevents us from worshipping him. The importance of this commandment is seen in the way Jesus reacts against those who have made commerce---selling animals and changing money---their gods, their idols.

Churches Will Be Open

During lent the church will be open for public prayer during the following hours. At **St. Mary's the doors will be open Tuesday and Thursday after Mass till 4:00 pm.** At **St. Patrick's the doors will be open Tuesday-Friday from 8-12 with Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday from 8-12.** Time before the Lord is a very special private time. Feel free to come and feel his love.

Looking for Your Help

As you all know we have been live streaming the Mass for the past 4 months and we have perfected it with a new camera and have upgraded our internet service. What we need now is for someone who would be **willing to video the Mass.** We have two people volunteering but we would like two more so everyone would have to do it only once a month. You will be trained so there is nothing to worry about. **Please consider** this very special ministry that benefits so many homebound people. Call Kathy or Me if you are interested.

Pastoral Planning Update

On Tuesday, February 23rd the finance committees of St. Patrick's and St. Mary's met for their individual quarterly meeting and then met together to begin the pastoral planning of becoming one parish. The names of each parish will remain the same, a new Leadership Committee will be formed, and new directors will be appointed. A resolution was sent to Bishop Nickless, last week, **recommending that St. Mary's of Armstrong and St. Patrick's of Estherville merge with administrative functions centralized in Estherville.** If the Bishop accepts the recommendation, it will be presented to the Presbyterial Council to vote on the recommendation. A new canonical union will be created, and it will be published in the Lumen.

In Memory of Jack Fredericksen

We thank **Margie Fredericksen** and her children for offering an unrestricted memorial in memory of her husband **Jack Fredericksen** at the time of his death. Jack's name will be added to the names in our memorial book and will be remembered in our Masses for our benefactors. May he rest in peace.

Cherish House Project

In the past our parishes participated in the Baby Bottle Drive. People took the bottles home and filled them up with change. Because of the Pandemic things will change a little. St. Patrick's will use the \$ collection the two weeks of **Feb. 28th and March 7th** to go toward the Cherish House. At St. Mary's, a plain envelope marked Cherish House can be placed in the collection basket. You are also invited to go to their website cherishcenter.org and push the "donate" button at the top of the page and donate that way. This is a very easy Lenten project that can involve the whole family.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

It has been over a year and a half since we have had a regular scheduled Reconciliation Service because of the virus protocols so, with proper precautions the following dates have been set: The **parish reconciliation service** will be held on **March 7th at 1:00 at St. Patrick's, 2:30 at Spirit Lake and 4:00 at Milford.** St. Mary's will have their private confessions at **1:00 on March 14th** and the students will have their confessions on **March 17th during class at 6:30.** To follow the diocesan protocols there may be a few things different. This sacrament is a great way to journey through Lent preparing for Easter.

Fish Fry Updates

Two of the fish fries are now completed and it is time for a break. This coming Friday, **March 12,** we will resume with a drive through dinner at **St. Mary's serving from 5:00 to 7:00.** We want to thank all of those who helped in any way with the second St. Pat's fish fries. At the second dinner a total of **340 lbs.** of fish was fried and **315** people were served.

Food for Thought

Enjoy the day!!! Compliments of God.

Do you stand with the great, or kneel with the broken?

Liturgy of the Word

God gives the Israelites his commandments, saying he will punish those who do not follow them but grant mercy to those who do.

Saint Paul writes the Corinthians, *we proclaim Christ crucified*, which is foolishness to those who do not believe, but power and wisdom to those who do.

In the Gospel, Jesus drives money-changers and vendors from the temple area, and then tells the crowd that if the temple is destroyed he will raise it in three days.

Daylight Saving Time Begins next Sunday, **March 14th**.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead when you go to bed next Saturday!!!

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.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at **St. Patrick's** on **March 12th**, and **March 26th**, at St. Mary's on **March 19th**.

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>

(link to the silent auction on the home page of the website)

Novena to St. Joseph (2021- year of St. Joseph)

Glorious Patriarch Saint Joseph, whose power makes the impossible possible, come to my aid in these times of anguish and difficulty. Take under your protection the serious and troubling situations that I commend to you, that they may have a happy outcome. My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.

Amen.



St. Mary's - Fish Fry- This Friday

Drive-up and Carry-Out Only

Date: **March 12th**

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

\$10 Adults

Sponsor of the week: **S & R Auto and Tire, Inc**

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

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 195,288.31
Total Expenses \$ 196,097.64

Difference - 809.33

Sunday Collection: Feb. 20th – 21st \$ 2,900.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 1,585.00
Loose Collection \$ 83.00
Spanish Mass \$ 0.00
2nd Collection \$ 142.00
Building Fund \$ 60.00
Aid to Global Churches \$ 280.00

Bills

Payroll/Taxes \$ 11,540.23
Insurance/Retirement/Work Comp \$ 3,369.43
Supplies: Altar/Copier/Office \$ 347.23
Adult Education- Lent \$ 212.00
Computer Updates \$ 979.23
Property & Liability Ins pmt \$ 972.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 46,590.55
Total Expenses \$ 41,547.03

Difference + 5,043.52

Sunday Collection: Feb. 21st \$ 1,453.50

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 115.00
Candle Income \$ 3.00
Aid to Global Churches \$ 75.00

Bills

Payroll/Taxes/Work Comp \$ 702.72
Payroll/Taxes – Shared Exp \$ 1,898.61
Telephone/Internet/Cable- shared Exp \$ 116.61
Altar/Office/Computer/Utilities- Shared \$ 291.49
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 150.44
Property & Liability Ins pmt \$ 344.00

Respect Life Newsletter:

We will resume the assembling of the Respect Life Newsletter at the Duhigg Center. If you are willing to help, please call Marilyn Bose at 362-2509. All virus protocols will be followed.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 6th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, March 7th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Frank & Helen Rolling

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Christian Alvarez

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
1:00 pm Reconciliation St. Patrick
2:30 pm Reconciliation Spirit Lake
4:00 pm Reconciliation Milford

Monday, March 8th

No Activities

Tuesday, March 9th

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

Wednesday, March 10th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Ron Heinrichs

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 11th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Ken Fisher

Friday, March 12th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Don & Lorraine Koons

5:00 pm Fish Fry (St. Mary's)

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SP)

Saturday, March 13th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Dale Marriott

Sunday, March 14th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Dee Brainerd

1:00 pm Confessions (SM)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 13 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 14 th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 14 th
Clean-up	Chris Snyder Dale Snyder	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Larry Walthart Marlene Walthart
Ministers of the Word	David Dominy	Brenda Jones	Cathy Beaver
Ministers of the Eucharist	Lisa Heinrichs Randy Heinrichs	Joyce VonBank Craig Nemmers Volunteer	Morgan Matthews Bruce Zebedee
Ushers	Brian Bendixen Gary Roth Dale & Chris Snyder	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Larry & Marlene Walthart Gail Jasper Cody Newgard
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman

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