

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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“This my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.”

Second Sunday of Lent - March 8th, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

March 8, 2020 2nd Sunday of Lent

When Peter witnesses the transfiguration of Jesus, and the appearance of Moses and Elijah, his first instinct is to “freeze that moment,” by providing tents for the three of them. But that encounter, like any encounter with God’s majesty and providence, is not meant to be frozen or hidden in a tent. It is meant to move us forward in, and to act upon, our faith.

Communal Penance Service Today

Today at 1:00 we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at **St. Patrick’s**. We will continue at Immaculate Conception in Graettinger at 2:30 and then end with a 4:00 service at Holy Family in Emmetsburg. Next Sunday, **March 15th** the Sacrament of Reconciliation will continue at St. Joseph’s in Milford at **1:30**. **March 22nd**, private confessions will be held at **St. Mary’s in Armstrong at 1:00**.

The Light is On

As in the past few years, the Diocese is requesting that every parish cluster offer one night where the pastor will be in the confessional box. The date selected by the diocese will be **Tuesday March 10th**. I will be in the confessional at St. Patrick’s from **5-6:30** for anyone wishing to go to private confession.

Becoming A Child of God

Congratulations to **Huckston Grey Hoffman**, son of Chris and Ashley (Huntley) Hoffman who was baptized on Sunday Feb 23rd at St. Patrick’s. May our brother Jesus Christ bless them along with all of our children in our parishes.

Stations of the Cross

A reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be said each Friday night at 7:00 pm. They will be alternated each week, **this week, March 13th at St. Mary’s and next week March 20th at St. Patrick’s** Come and join us as we reflect on the suffering of Jesus his last days and hours on earth and remember His unconditional love for each of us.

St. Pat’s Second Collection

A reminder that the second collection **this weekend at St. Patrick’s** will be for the cost of the fish for our dinners. People **at both parishes can also** give a donation anytime by placing it in the collection baskets on Sunday. In the past, with your generous donations the fish has been paid for and thus we have realized a greater profit. Thanks to ALL.

Dates for the Calendar

Palm Sunday---April 4th usual Mass Schedule

Holy Triduum---**Holy Thursday**---6:00 pm at St. Mary’s

Good Friday---2:00 pm at St. Mary’s & 6:00 pm at St. Patrick’s

Holy Saturday---**Easter Vigil**---time to be set by diocese at St. Pat’s

Easter Sunday---April 12th 8:30 St. Mary’s - 10:30 St. Patrick’s & 12:00 pm Spanish Mass

April 19th **First Communion at 10:30 Mass** at St. Patrick’s

April 22nd **Last Religious Ed Class** at St. Mary’s

April 26th **First Communion at 8:30 Mass** at St. Mary’s

April 29th **Last Religious Ed Class** at St. Patrick’s

May 17th Senior Mass at 10:30 at St. Patrick’s

May??? **Senior Mass at 8:30** at St. Mary’s to yet be determined

Food for Thought

On their way home from attending an Ash Wednesday service, little Johnny asked his mother, “Is it true, Mommy, that we are made of dust like the priest said tonight?” “Yes, darling,” his mother answered. “And is it true that we go back to dust again when we die?” “Yes, dear,” his mother answered. “Well, Mommy, when I said my prayers last night and looked under the bed, I saw someone who is either coming or going.” Dennis Fakes

March- Month of St. Joseph

“He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph’s wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him, saying ‘Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.’
~ St. Bernardine of Siena.

Armstrong KC’s Scholarship Breakfast This Sunday, **March 8th** from 7:00 am to 1:00 pm at **St. Mary’s Parish Center**. Serving pancakes, eggs, ham, coffee and juice. Free will offering with proceeds going for KC scholarships.

Catholic Daughters will meet this Tuesday evening, **March 10th** beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 pm followed by meeting and desserts. Committee: Michelle McCoy, Dorothy Neppel, Sharon Schacherer. Program: Michelle McCoy on Fraud and Elder Abuse.

Estherville/Armstrong KC’s will meet Tuesday evening, **March 17th** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 followed by our meeting.

St. Mary’s Need Volunteer Workers for their Lenten Fish Supper to be held on Friday **March 20th**. Call-Wanda Dailey- 864-3439 or Helen Blomstrom- 864-3709.

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. On **Thursdays** at 10:15 am at alternating Nursing Homes in Estherville.

We will have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Tuesday** at St. Mary’s from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm, and **Wednesday** at St. Patrick’s from the end of Mass until noon. Then at noon we will end with the praying of the Angelus and Benediction.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Patrick’s on **March 20th** and **April 3rd** and at St. Mary’s on **March 13th**, and **March 27th**.

Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent

Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your packets.

Monthly food drive 2nd Sunday of each month.

Pennies for Heaven- The Iowa KC’s are taking donations for vocations to the priesthood through their **Pennies for Heaven** campaign. Money donations may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus container located in the gathering space or given to any KC member by April 12th.

Baby Bottle Campaign As a part of our Lenten program, CDA is inviting St. Patrick’s to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Cherish Center. You may pick up a baby bottle at the church entrances and take it home with you to fill with spare change or \$ bills. Checks also accepted, make them payable to CDA or Cherish Center. All bottles are to be returned to the church by **March 14th & 15th**. Cherish Center is a program in northwest Iowa which supports and assists unwed mothers, their children, and their families with care, counseling and residential housing. Please consider this campaign as part of your Lenten giving.

Fish Fry- St. Patrick’s

Friday, **March 13th** – Duhigg Center

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults \$9 - Kids five & under \$5

Take Out Dinners Available

Please Pray For

Jack Fredericksen, Brice McArdle, Carol Reis, Janeen Boggess, Aurora Mulgrew, Rick Steinberger, Diane Elling, Tom Umscheid, Kevin Klingbeil

Sponsor of the week: **Sieverts Furniture & Floors**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st -March 2nd, 2020

St. Patrick’s

Total Income \$ 213,368.58
Total Expenses \$ 209,859.07

Difference + 3,509.51

Sunday Collection: Feb 29th- Mar 1st \$ 4,019.10

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 1,955.00
2nd Collection \$ 275.00
Loose Collection \$ 151.00
Spanish Mass \$ 258.32
Building Fund \$ 190.00
Aid to Global Churches \$ 430.00

Bills

Payroll/Taxes \$ 11,716.29
Insurance/Retirement \$ 3,144.94
Telephone/Internet/Cable \$ 391.40
Work Comp pmt \$ 720.00
Supplies: Copier/Computer Updates \$ 1,083.19
Educational Expenses \$ 294.22
Property & Liability pmt \$ 963.00

St. Mary’s

Total Income \$ 50,146.77
Total Expenses \$ 39,740.10

Difference + 10,406.67

Sunday Collection: Mar. 1st \$ 1,390.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposit \$ 115.00
Loose Collection \$ 98.00
Candle Income 11.00; Coffee/Rolls 31.05 \$ 42.05

Bills

Payroll/Taxes \$ 285.40
Payroll/Taxes- Shared Exp \$ 1,802.71
Telephone/Internet/Cable- Shared Exp \$ 105.09
Altar/Computer/Office/Utilities- Shared Exp \$ 283.50
Property & Liability pmt \$ 340.00

Cards may be sent to: Helen Rolling, c/o Sanford Luverne Hospice, 217 N Oakley, Luverne, MN 56156

**“Even now, says the Lord,
return to me with your whole heart.”**

~ Joel 2:12

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, March 7th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Gerry Devine*

Monthly Food Drive Weekend

Sunday, March 8th

7:00 am St. Mary's KC Scholarship Breakfast
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Don & Lorraine Koons*
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

1:00 pm Penance Service St. Patrick's
2:30 pm Penance IC Graettinger
4:00 pm Penance HF Emmetsburg

Monday, March 9th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)
6:30 pm Bible Study (DC Library)

Tuesday, March 10th

NO Mass at St. Mary's
5:00 pm Light is On/Penance till 6:30
7:00 pm CDA Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, March 11th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Anthony Jon Moffitt*
8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP Duhigg Center
6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-9) SM Parish Center

Thursday, March 12th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
Vocations
10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan
+ *Lois Quastad*
5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's
6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, March 13th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Dale Marriott*
5:00 pm Fish Fry SP (DC) until 7:00
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SM)

Saturday, March 14th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Bill Schacherer*

Sunday, March 15th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Bob Thomsen*
9:15 am Choir Practice
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+ *Roy & Lorraine Kirchner*
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 14th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 15th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 15th
Ministers of the Altar	Tatum Dunlavy Layton Yager Rylee Yager	Hannah Nielsen Hope Steinberger	Lake Rezac Delanie Rezac Michael Valen
Ministers of the Word	Angie McMahon	Jean Merrill	Connie Humble
Ministers of the Eucharist	Jessica Ruse Michelle Hoyer Cory Hoyer Tyler Ruse	Jean Thackery Dave Rezac Dick Sturm	Courtney Newgard Mary Herum Maggie McDermott Dr. Richard Bose
Ministers of Hospitality	Gary Roth Pauline Schwiesow Aiden White Jenell White	Nielsen's	Donna Mart Yolanda & Matt Sheridan Matthew Valen
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