

From the Desk of Fr. Merlin
May 12, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day---Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is celebrated around the world on the 4th Sunday of Easter. Jesus knows each one of us and we know his voice? To follow him is to know eternal life.

Happy Mother's Day

Today has been set aside to honor our Mothers and to thank them for the many countless hours they spend on being a part of our lives. No matter what our age our mother's always have a special place in our hearts. If you have the opportunity this weekend, do something special for your mom and stop and say a special prayer for them, whether they are here on earth or are in heaven. Have a special Day all you MOMS!!!!!!

May is the Month of Mary

Although Mother's Day is officially remembered on one weekend a year, the Blessed Mother is honored two months out of the year and one of those is the month of May. In many homes the tradition of praying the rosary is said each day, in other homes a special prayer is said before meals and for some it is taking time before the day begins or at the end of the day and asking our Blessed Mother to intercede to our Father in heaven on our behalf. I just encourage you to keep up your traditions of the past or if you never thought about it include our Blessed Mother in your daily thoughts, make that a possibility this month.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Good Shepherd Sunday is also called Vocation Sunday. We are all aware of the shortage of vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Vocations come from families like yours, your grandchildren, your neighbors. A couple of things we can all do is pray each day for a vocation and secondly to ask someone you know who would make a good priest, if they ever thought about being a priest or a sister. Finally, as the number of priests decline the role of the Deacon will become more important. If you are a married male and have thought about helping the church in a special way as a Deacon and you have questions about what it takes to be a deacon, etc. give Deacon John or I a call and we will be there to answer them for you. Let us use this week to think about any way we can minister better for the church whether it be at St. Mary's or St. Patrick's

Congratulations Graduates

Over the next few weekends seniors will be graduating from High School and College. A very important part of their life has come to an end and they now prepare for their next adventure. Our parishes congratulate them and wish them all of God's blessings especially those graduating from our local High Schools. A special congratulations to the Knights of Columbus Scholarship winners this year, from St. Mary's---**Hayden Nicoson** and from St. Patrick's---**Lindsey Jensen**. May the blessings of God be with all graduates and may their future success bring them happiness.

Becoming Children of God

Congratulations to **Owen Joseph Lee Helget and Adysen Jean Helget**, children of Lucan Helget and Ronne Long who were baptized on Saturday April 27 at St. Patrick's and then Owen made his First Communion last Sunday. May they as a family continue to grow in God's faith and love and may all of our children in both parishes be protected throughout the summer months.

Thank You Jean---Welcome Lupe

A big **THANK YOU** goes to **Jean Thachery** whose term as a member of the St. Mary's Finance Committee has come to an end. We will always appreciate her insight, dedication, and leadership while serving as a member of the committee. As board members we also appreciated the goodies she brought to the meeting. We at the same time welcome our newest member, **Lupe Kollasch**. We thank her for saying YES to our invitation to serve in this way for St. Mary's and we look forward to her input and service. God bless both of you women.

The Heating and Spiritual Growth Campaign

I continue to thank all those who have contributed to our campaign. We pray for you and I continue to pray for all those who are praying about their future gift. We have hit another high point---keep up the good work.

Food for Thought---The Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercessions, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto to you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you I come; before you I stand sinful and sorrowful, O Mother of the Word Incarnate! Despise not my petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer me. Amen,

Congratulations St. Patrick's 2019 Graduates

We congratulate you on reaching this milestone and urge you to live the life you love and to love the life you live. May God bless you and your families!!!

Reception for Graduates following Mass
in the gathering space.

Prayer for Mother's Day

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of the world who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to love and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children. Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most. Amen

Catholic Daughters will meet Tuesday evening, **May 14th** beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 pm followed by meeting and desserts. Chairman: Terri Bose, Committee: Sharon Schacherer, Nancy Marriott, & Theresa Dominy.

Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet Tuesday evening, **May 21st** at the Duhigg Center. We will pray the Rosary at 6:30 pm with dinner at 7:00 followed by our meeting.

St. Patrick's Annual Garage Sale starts this week. **Accepted items:** Books, CD's DVD's antiques and collectables, good quality clothing (**no winter**) all ages, bed and bath items, toys and games, small working appliances, tools, kitchen items, crafts & supplies, bikes, furniture, etc. **Not Accepted:** TV's, large appliances, computers, portable phones, microwaves, mattresses/box springs.

We will begin taking donated items on the following dates starting Monday, **May 13, 14, & 15** from 8-6 pm (not before) at Duhigg Center (**stage door**).

The sale **begins Thursday, May 16th from 8- 6** and runs through **12 noon Saturday, May 18th**. Sign-up sheets are in the gathering space. If you have questions, please call Mary Duitsman, 712-209-4389 or Sue Snyder, 712-392-0231.

Thank You: Emmet Co. Outreach (UDMO) continues to assist many in need by the support and donations from St. Patrick's. Thank you for all the support you give to our office, so we can continue with the work that Christ has set before us. May we continue with grace and love to assist all those in need whom Christ sends to us. ~Deb Weir UDMO

Heating & Spiritual Growth

Pledges/ Cash this week (16) \$19,850.00
Total Pledges/cash (87) **\$147,679.13**

Please Pray For: Arnie Schilling, Brysen Looft, Helena Irmiter, Rebecca Bermer, Marita Kenyon, Kim Frank, Delbert Petersen, Diane Elling

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Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - May 6th, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 251,733.69
Total Expenses \$ 273,483.99

Difference - 21,750.30

Sunday Collection: May 4th - 5th \$ 3,945.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 2,205.00
Children's Collection \$ 41.20
Spanish Mass \$ 141.00
Loose Collection \$ 153.00
2nd Collection \$ 202.25
Building Fund \$ 83.00
Cemetery Care \$ 160.00

Bills

Payroll & Taxes \$ 12,630.26
Insurance/Retirement \$ 2,555.23
Work Comp pmt \$ 927.00
Telephone/Internet/Cable \$ 369.95
Supplies: Computer/Altar/Education \$ 236.11
Utilities (Shared) \$ - 147.20
Property & Liability \$ 1,023.00

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 56,359.59
Total Expenses \$ 51,123.79

Difference + 5,235.80

Sunday Collection: May 5th \$ 1,367.50

Automatic (ACH) \$ 115.00
Loose Collection \$ 63.00

Bills

Payroll & Taxes \$ 433.35
Payroll & Taxes- shared exp \$ 1,690.60
Telephone/Internet/Cable- shared exp \$ 104.66
Supplies: Altar/Office/Computer-shared \$ 133.34
Utilities: Gas/Electric- shared exp \$ 147.20
Organist - April \$ 350.00
Altar Supplies (183.99) Grad Gifts (100.00) \$ 283.99
Educational Expenses \$ 350.00
Property & Liability Ins pmt \$ 363.00

Other Events

Estherville Red Cross blood drive, Grandview Baptist Church gym, Tuesday, **May 21st** 1-6 pm. To schedule an apt. call Joan Nims 362-2169 or go online to redcrossblood.org.

Cards may be sent to **Arnie Schilling** at: Covington Heights, 3900 South Cathy Avenue, Room 509, Sioux Falls, SD 57106.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, May 11th

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

**Respect Life Roses for Mother's Day
Monthly Food Drive Weekend**

Sunday, May 12th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's -**Senior Mass**
+Cleora Hanson

11:30 am Senior Reception (Gathering Area)

Monday, May 13th

8:00 am to 6:00 pm Donations
for Garage Sale – Stage door
(through Wed.)

Tuesday, May 14th

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

7:00 pm CDA Meeting

Wednesday, May 15th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Dale Marriott

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

Thursday, May 16th

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

8:00 am Garage Sale (DC) until 6:00

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+Ron Johnson +Bob Johnson

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

Friday, May 17th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Ed Boucher

8:00 am Garage Sale (DC) until 6:00

Saturday, May 18th

8:00 pm Garage Sale (DC) until 12:00

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Don & Viola Hartman

Sunday, May 19th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
+Shirley, Dennis & Delray Petersen

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+Hannah Leonard

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 18th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 19th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 19th
Ministers of the Altar	Addison Cornwall Hayden Cornwall Saige Hengeveld	Gabe Whaley Faith Steinberger	Daryl Jensen Regan Kirchner Kolin Richardson
Ministers of the Word	Jessica Ruse	Ashton Merrill	Cathy Beaver
Ministers of the Eucharist	Theresa Dominy Cliff Roth Chris Snyder Debra Stangl Pat Metzger Evelyn Prentice Donna Roth Tyler Ruse	Dave Rezac Dick Sturm Suzanne Bonnicksen Craig Nemmers	Sandy Mann Courtney Newgard Elaine Prust Larry Walthart Cody Newgard Morgan Matthews Marlene Walthart Bruce Zebedee
Ministers of Hospitality	Brian Bendixen Gary Roth Sue & Dave Snyder	Whaley's	Mary Duitsman Donna Mart Lisa & Dave Nitchals
Door Keepers		Bob Rooney	
Music Ministers		Deb Rudd	
Cantors	Karen Reardon	Brenda Jones	Michelle McCoy

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