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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

May 19, 2019 Fifth Sunday of Easter

All true love has its origins in God, who is love itself, and so the Christian believer must seek to love as God loves, and to share love as abundantly as God shares it with his creation. Love is the very hallmark of the Christian life.

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

We celebrated Good Shepherd Sunday last weekend. It is also called Vocation Awareness 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 me 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

Another Successful Garage Sale

It is over. Another garage sale has come to an end, but so many hours and hard work. Details will follow in future bulletins, but I wanted to thank all those who worked so hard and spent so many hours on this parish project. Many people donated food and also brought items to be purchased. Thank you again and we look forward to the results.

St. Patrick's Religious Education Classes End

This past Wednesday, the St. Patrick's teachers met to evaluate the past year. With that we have concluded our Religious Education Program for another year. A BIG thank you again to our teachers in both parishes and to Jenny Welbig and Kathy Cornwell our directors. I think we had another great year and I saw the students grow not only physically but also spiritually. We were blessed to have our Bishop present for Confirmation and had 8 students make their First Communion. Next year we will have 4 students at St. Mary's and 14 students at St. Patrick's make their First Communion. I encourage everyone to invite neighbors or relatives who were not attending classes to have them come next year. Have a great summer everyone and continue to come to Mass each weekend and if you are scheduled for any ministry to make sure you come.

Update on the Duhigg Project

The workers have begun to replace pipes in the tunnels. They have been working on the second floor replacing various pipes leading into the various radiators. The hope of the company is to bring two different working crews at various times so that the project can be completed by July 1st. I am looking forward to getting this project completed so we can continue to clean and prepare the Duhigg Center for the fall activities.

Financial Committee Changes at St. Mary's

Jean Thackery's 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. Any amount will help us reach our goal.

Food for Thought

What do you call a cow who recently delivered a calf? Decaffeinated!!!!

"I'll give till it hurts," said a member of Hope Church to his pastor, "but you need to know I'm terribly sensitive to pain."

May- Month of Our Lady

“Mary is a faithful image of God’s perfection. Our soul’s degree of perfection depends on the union of our will with that of God. Because the most Blessed Virgin surpasses in perfection all the angels and saints, her will is united with and made one in the closest manner with the will of God. She lives and acts solely in God and through God. Hence, by accomplishing the will of the Immaculate, we accomplish by that very fact the will of God.”

~ St. Maximillian Kolbe

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.

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27th

We are looking forward to a special Mass of our beloved dead on Monday, **May 27th** at **9:00 am** in church. The Honor Guard will be at our cemetery at 10:30 am. We encourage all to attend and honor our loved ones.

The Parish Office at St. Patrick’s in Estherville will be **closed** for Memorial Day in observance of the holiday.

St. Patrick’s Cemetery Regulations

St. Patrick’s Church will not be responsible for items placed on lots. All urn stands, hooks, flower pots or other decorations such as statues must be placed as close to the marker/monument as possible, on the right or left. Nothing is to be placed on/in the ground in front of or behind the marker/monument. Permanent urn stands must have a pre-drilled hole in the foundation and not be placed directly into the ground. Floral decorations not in a permanent vase, pot, or urn are allowed from May 20th until June 10th or for ten days following a burial. No cans, bottles, or jars are to be used for flowers. Solar lights should be placed in a planter or hole in the monument’s foundation, not directly into the ground. Watering utensils must not be left on lots. If anything on any lot becomes rusty or unsightly, the lot owner will be asked to remove it. If it is not removed within 30 days, a representative of St. Patrick’s will remove and dispose of the item(s).

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat

“We have all made decisions that have changed the course of our lives. Some of those decisions still causing us heartache today. If it is you or you know someone still hurting from the decision of choosing abortion, there is a beautiful retreat available to help move forward. Confidential, caring Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat for post-abortion healing; women, men, and couples June 21 -23, 2019, near Carroll, Iowa.

Email rachelshelpersofiowa@gmail.com or call 712-943-5550 for more information.”

Heating & Spiritual Growth

Total Pledges/Cash (87) \$147,679.13

Congratulations 2019 Graduates May God bless you and your families!

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

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Arnold Schilling** member of St. Patrick’s Parish. He passed away on May 9th and his funeral was Tuesday in Armstrong. Please keep Arnie and his family in your prayers.

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

Parish Financial Blessings **Year-to-Date Giving Information** **July 1st - May 13th, 2019**

St. Patrick’s

Total Income \$ 255,324.69
Total Expenses \$ 275,542.60

Difference - 20,217.91

Sunday Collection: May 11th– 12th \$ 2,295.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00
Children’s Collection \$ 22.00
Loose Collection \$ 182.00
2nd Collection \$ 217.00
Building Fund \$ 40.00
Neighbor Fund \$ 375.00
Cemetery Care \$ 90.00
Parish Rental \$ 250.00

Bills

Supplies: Office/Altar/Education \$ 350.70
Repairs & Maintenance \$ 490.91
Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 1,217.00

St. Mary’s

Total Income \$ 57,062.09
Total Expenses \$ 51,816.06

Difference + 5,246.03

Sunday Collection: May 12th \$ 627.50

Loose Collection \$ 80.00

Bills

Telephone/Internet \$ 93.00
Flowers/Greenery \$ 187.52
Globe pmt \$ 152.75
Cathedraticum (S. City) \$ 259.00

Other Events

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

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, May 18th

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

Monday, May 20th

No Activities
4:00 pm Deanery Dinner- Pocahontas

Tuesday, May 21st

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

6:30 pm KC Meeting (DC)

Wednesday, May 22nd

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Bill Graettinger

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

Thursday, May 23rd

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

10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan
+Milly Maloney

5:15 pm SP Finance Committee Meeting

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

Friday, May 24th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Jay Clarke

Saturday, May 25th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Kathy Tichy

Sunday, May 26th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Jack Wagner

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 25th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 26th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 26th
Ministers of the Altar	Matt Christensen Carter Snyder Lily Snyder	Will Brickner Caden Zotz	Raul Diaz Molly Ross Cara Schiltz
Ministers of the Word	Tom Evans	Jean Merrill	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Steve Clayton Sandy Clayton Gerald Pluth Carol Pluth Theresa Bose Keith Moffitt Helen Moffitt Chuck Tostenson	Joyce VonBank Mike Rezac Karen Fisher Brenda Jones	Paul Anderson Coletta Jaeger Maggie McDermott Donna Roth Linda Anderson Clifford Roth Larry Walthart Marlene Walthart
Ministers of Hospitality	Chris & Dale Snyder Volunteer Volunteer	Tom Rezac & Bruce Eisenbacher	Craig & Linda Neppi Christopher Schmaus Todd West
Door Keepers		Fisher's	
Music Ministers		Deb Rudd	
Cantors	Karen Reardon	Carol Anderson	Saige Hengeveld

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