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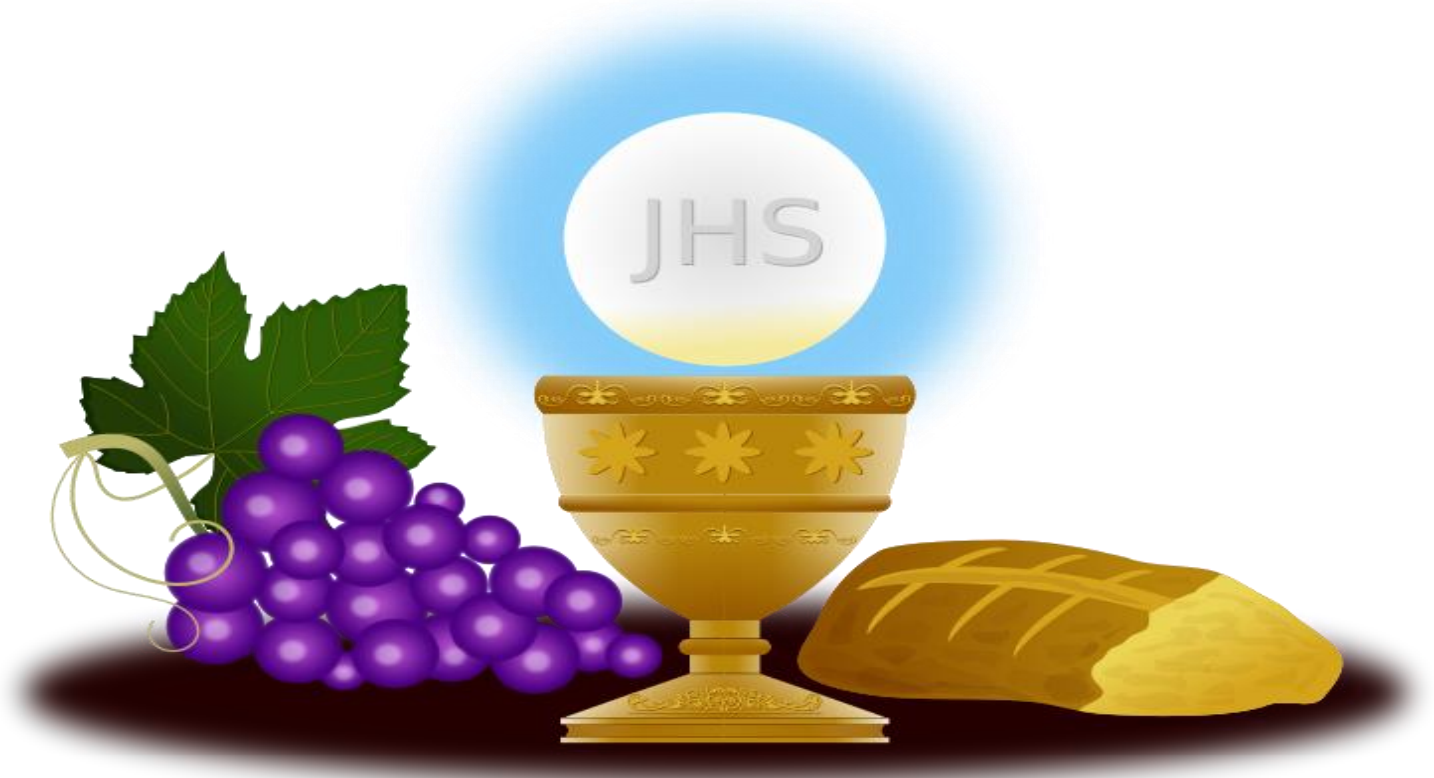
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First Communion



***CONGRATULATIONS
ON YOUR
FIRST COMMUNION***

**St. Patrick's
May 5th, 2019**

**Juan Gomez Erickson
Ryan Fehlman
Isaac Helmich
Joseph Iverson**

**Drew Sheda Jr.
Jasmine Smith
Sadee Wheatley
Owen Helget**

From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

May 5, 2019 The Third Sunday of Easter

Because of what He taught and preached, Jesus was sentenced to die. And yet, God exalted him, raising him from the dead. Those who are Jesus' disciples continue to teach and preach what he first proclaimed. In doing so, they exalt him and bring honor to his name.

Congratulations to our First Communion Class

This year we have no First Communion students at St. Mary's, so we only have the nine students listed on the front cover of today's bulletin from St. Patrick's Parish. We congratulate them and their parents for preparing them for this special day in their life and also in the life of our parish. Those students are: **Juan Gomez Erickson, Ryan Fehlman, Isaac Helmich, Joseph Iverson, Drew Sheda Jr., Jasmine Smith, Sadee Wheatley and Owen Helget.** I want to thank the parents who taught them and also second grade teacher **Teri Bose.** Special thanks to the people who helped with the reception and to **Kathy Cornwall** the Director of Religious Education. Next year we look forward to the first-grade classes from both parishes who have started their preparations for their First Communion next year.

Classes at St. Mary's has ended

The religious education classes for the students at St. Mary's ended with a Mass and the crowning of Mary last Wednesday. The weather had provided a very interesting year for our classes, but the students and teachers did their best. We want to thank **Jenny Welbig** for serving as the Director of the Religious Education Classes along with teaching the Confirmation students. A big thank you also goes out to the other teachers: **Amy Brickner, Sara Whaley, Molly Giddings, Dee Jensen and Chris Hanson and any of the substitutes who helped out when needed.** May your summer be restful and quiet.

Divine Mercy Gifts

One of the Diocese in California made it their goal to make available to every Catholic in the United States a 8 X 10 picture of the Divine Mercy Jesus and also a smaller card size with instructions on how to pray The Divine Chaplet. Both items can be found at the entrances of the church. Please help yourself, we have many to give away and feel free to take one for your family. Let us keep this diocese in our prayers as they help spread the word about the mercy of our Lord Jesus.

St. Patrick's Fish Dinner Results

I am excited to share with you the results of our recent fish dinners: The total number served was **1,365 people**, about **950 lbs.** of fish was served. From the **50/50** drawing a profit of **\$256.26** was realized. The **Silent Auction** brought in **\$2,540.00.** The **Donations** for the purchase of the fish was **\$1,921.** Extra fish batter sold amounted to \$80.00 and income at the door was **\$12,662.11.** Expenses were \$4,399.57 leaving a **profit of \$13,059.80**----compared to net income **last year of \$10,603.60.** A very successful parish project and again thanks to so many. God bless you with a safe spring and summer.

Spanish Summer Mass Schedule

Beginning with the month of May the Spanish Mass times will be on the First and Third Sundays only. The Mass will remain at 12:00 (NOON). This will continue until the fall and we will let you know on the exact day.

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

Pastor Smith had a long session in his dentist's chair having all of his teeth pulled and a set of dentures installed and was back in his pulpit the following Sunday. The first Sunday he preached for ten minutes. The second Sunday he preached for twenty minutes. But on the third Sunday he preached for an hour and a half. When some members asked about the time variations, he responded: "The first Sunday, my gums were so sore it hurt to talk. The second Sunday, my dentures were hurting a lot. The third Sunday, I accidentally grabbed my wife's dentures---and I couldn't stop talking.

"There will be a meeting of the board immediately following this service," announced the pastor. After the benediction the group gathered for the called meeting. All looked surprised when a visitor who had never attended their church before joined them. "My friend," asked the pastor, "did you understand that this is a meeting of the board?" "Yes" said the visitor, "and after that service, I'm about as bored as you can get."

St. Patrick's Religious Education News

Our last Religious Education Class for **grades K – 8th** will be Wednesday, **May 8th** with Mass, May Crowning and Ice Cream.

Roses for Mother's Day

St. Patrick's Respect Life group will have their annual "Roses for Mother's Day" after all Masses next weekend, **May 11-12th** at the church entrances. Your free will donation will go towards Respect Life activities.

Class of 2019 - St. Patrick's will honor their Graduates at the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, **May 12th** followed by a reception in the gathering space.

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.

St. Patrick's Mission Quilt Project Our "Quilters" have finished for the season. Everyone is encouraged to save fabric, sheets, blankets and mattress pads over the summer, which will be used to make quilts this fall. We greatly appreciate the service of the quilters and all who provide materials.

St. Patrick's Ministry Schedules for May-August were recently emailed or mailed. Extra copies are in the sacristy. If you have any questions or concerns about this schedule, please call Dawn at 362-5851. Thank you!!!

St. Patrick's Annual Garage Sale will be here soon. **START PLANNING TODAY.** As you begin Spring Cleaning be sure to keep these guidelines in mind: **Accepted items:** Books, antiques and collectables, **good quality** clothing all ages (**no winter**), bed/bath items, toys and games, small working appliances, tools, kitchen items, crafts & supplies, bikes, furniture, etc. **Not Accepted:** treadmills, TV's, large appliances, computers, portable phones, microwaves, mattresses/box springs. This is a great way to clean out those closets and recycle things you no longer want or have room for. All items must be clean and in good condition. Proceeds go to the needs of our parish.

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

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. We need a lot of help from all parishioners. If you have questions, please call Mary Duitsman, 712-209-4389 or Sue Snyder, 712-392-0231.

Do you know a couple married 60 to 80 plus years?

Please nominate them in the Longest Married Couple search sponsored by Worldwide Marriage Encounter. The longest married couple in each state will be recognized and a special recognition is given to the longest married couple in the nation. Go to www.wwme.org or call this special phone number 405-850-4274. Nominations must be received by midnight **May 14.**

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. Maximilian Kolbe

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 - April 29th, 2019

St. Patrick's	
Total Income	\$ 244,803.24
Total Expenses	\$ 255,889.64
Difference	- 11,086.40
Sunday Collection: Apr. 27th– 28th	
Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 120.00
Children's Collection	\$ 17.50
Spanish Mass	\$ 190.00
Loose Collection	\$ 91.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 236.62
Building Fund	\$ 95.00
Retired & Infirm	\$ 335.00
Bills	
Computer Webpage	\$ 154.08
Cemetery	\$ 172.83
St. Mary's	
Total Income	\$ 54,814.09
Total Expenses	\$ 47,267.65
Difference	+ 7,546.44
Sunday Collection: Apr. 28th	
Loose Collection	\$ 71.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 20.00
Bills	
Utilities: Gas/Electricity	\$ 915.00

The Tribunal Office sponsors Nullity workshops each year in each deanery to inform about the process. Please call the Tribunal office (712-233-7533) to register for one of this year's scheduled gatherings (May 7th-Whittemore, May 14th-Carroll, May 21st-Sioux City; May 28th-Alton). Fr. Erpelding describes what a nullity process is, why it is needed, along with how it is initiated and carried out.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, May 4th

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

Sunday, May 5th

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

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
1st Communion Liturgy
1st Communicants & families

11:30 am Reception (DC)
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)
+Con Leonard

Monday, May 6th

1:30 pm Respect Life Newsletter
(assembled at DC)

Tuesday, May 7th

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

Wednesday, May 8th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Don Koons
8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (SP) Mass/May Crowning
(Last Class)

Thursday, May 9th

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Leonard family
10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan
+Dennis Kirchner
5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's

Friday, May 10th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Fran Nicol

Saturday, May 11th

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

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

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)

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm May 11th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am May 12th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am May 12th
Ministers of the Altar	Madison Burton Lynzie Burton Marsha Hengeveld	Jacey Welbig Addison Kruse	Bennet Duitsman Parker Duitsman Warren Duitsman
Ministers of the Word	Angie McMahon	Charlene Tigges	Lori Smith
Ministers of the Eucharist	Helen Moffitt Keith Moffitt Pat Metzger Pauline Schwiesow Carol Pluth Gerald Pluth Evelyn Prentice Gary Roth	Suzanne Bonnicksen Karen Fisher Mike Rezac Jean Thackery	Paul Anderson Cody Newgard Courtney Newgard Donna Roth Linda Anderson Maggie McDermott Elaine Prust Cliff Roth
Ministers of Hospitality	Jean Barnes Lucy Renze Jenell White Aiden White	Jerry & Nancy Steinberger	David Hansen Mary Herum Matt & Yolanda Sheridan
Door Keepers		Don Gerlach	Gifts - Graduates
Music Ministers		Deb Rudd	Joyce Schultz
Cantors	Saige Hengeveld	Jessica Zotz	Laura Humble

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