

The Parishes of

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St. Mary's
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“The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you,”

6th Sunday of Easter, May 26th, 2019

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

May 26, 2019 The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Jesus assures us in the Gospel that he will dwell within us, and the Holy Spirit will teach us and remind us of what he taught. This is good news for us, because it means we are not making this Christian journey alone, two thousand years removed from a period in human time. We are today, like the early Church of Jerusalem, taught and guided by the Spirit. We need only to listen and have faith in his working in us.

Memorial Day Activities

Memorial Day is often associated with the beginning of summer vacation. The weekend is a time of family gathering and picnics with friends, but it is also a time to visit the graves of loved ones. We at St. Patrick's will begin the day with a 9:00 am Mass to remember in prayers our loved ones. At around 10:30 we will have prayers at the cemetery followed by the Honor Guard ceremony. This is a great way to start the day. Many of you will visit other graves of loved one and recall good memories. Let us not forget the men and women who died serving our country. We live in a tense time throughout the world so let us also keep all of the service people serving our country in our prayers. Enjoy the long weekend and be careful.

Results of the Garage Sale

It is over. Another garage sale has come to an end, so many hours and hard work. A big Thank you to all the workers, some of whom worked 6 straight days. Thanks to do who provided food and lunch each day and all the people who donated their personal items for someone to buy. **We thank again the four chairladies who over saw this project: Mary Duitsman, Kristy Funston, Arlis Heinrichs and Sue Snyder.** It was another very successful year resulting in **NEW RECORD \$5,735** taken in. Plans and changes are already being discussed for next year. Many people in need were able to find things that they could use. **GOD BLESS EVERYONE INVOLVED.**

School is Out!!!!!!

If your school is not out already it will be this coming week. I remind all car and truck drivers that there are more young people out and about. While driving around parks, ball diamonds and busy neighborhoods, please keep that in mind. This is also a good time to remind your child to be safe.

Attention-----Ministers of Holy Communion

For all of those who graciously accepted the ministry of distributing Holy Communion at Mass or to the homebound, your certificates of approval from Bishop Nickless have arrived and I have scheduled the next two weekends (June 1st & 2nd and 8th & 9th) as the time to be re-commissioned. This will take place after the homily. After the Mass that day I would like to visit with everyone for about 10 minutes to make sure we are on the same page. Dawn and Jenny will be sending out a reminder and asking which Mass you will be attending so we can be aware of how many people will come at each Mass. If none of these times fit your schedule, give me a call I we will set up another time for you.

Summer Changes

As in the past few years we will not be offering the Precious Blood for Holy Communion during the months of June, July and August. Many people are on vacation during these months and it is hard to find eight people available for each Mass. We will go back to serving the Precious Blood when we do the new schedule this fall.

Removing Missalettes

I was made aware that about 4 missalettes have been removed. Each year we order a set number of missalettes and song books so that we don't have these books sitting around. If you did borrow one, please return it to the pew you took it from. I thank you in advance.

Update on the Duhigg Project

The replacement of the pipes continues to go well. All the new pipes for the boiler area have been created, second floor is almost done and the removal of all of the pipes in the tunnel began or will begin soon. I was so happy that the pipe project and the garage sale was able to take place at the same time.

Food for Thought

"I hope you didn't take it personally, Reverend," an embarrassed woman said after church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon." "I did find it rather disconcerting," the preacher replied. "It's not a reflection of you sir," insisted the churchgoer. Ralph has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

Memorial Day: Monday, May 27th

We are looking forward to a special Mass of our beloved dead this 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.

Memorial Day Prayer

Dear Heavenly Father, on this Memorial Day we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of good will of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice and seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe.

We also pray for all who are buried in our parish cemeteries. Our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the peace of Christ. May the Lord now welcome them to the table of God's children in heaven. With faith and hope in eternal life, let us assist them with our prayers. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Patrick's Catholic Daughters Bake Sale

The CDA Bake sale will be held next Saturday and Sunday, **June 2nd & 3rd** following both Masses. Each member is asked to donate baked items – please price your items and bring them to the gathering space of the church to sell after Mass. No early sales before Mass. Proceeds go to the charity fund that benefit state and local charities.

St. Mary's, Armstrong Machine Auction is scheduled for **Tuesday June 4th**. Please volunteer your time to help cook/set up on Monday, June 3rd and also for working at the food stand on June 4th. Donations of pop, water, rolls, and bars are also needed. Please sign up on the work/donation sheets in the gathering space. Thank you!

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).

Heating & Spiritual Growth

Total Pledges/Cash (91) \$152,379.13

Please Pray For: Connie Humble, 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 **Earl (Bud) Neppl**, husband of Dorothy, members of St. Patrick's. He died on May 18th and his Resurrection Liturgy was Friday. Please keep Bud and his family in your prayers.

Please Pray for the repose of the soul of **David Bednarek**, husband of Judy. He died May 20th and his Resurrection Liturgy was Friday afternoon at St. Mary's. Please keep David and his family in your prayers.

Sponsor of the week: **Bank Midwest- Armstrong**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st - May 20th, 2019

St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 259,705.96
Total Expenses \$ 278,695.67

Difference - 18,989.71

Sunday Collection: May 18th– 19th \$ 2,879.00

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 120.00
Children's Collection \$ 15.47
Spanish Mass \$ 110.00
Loose Collection \$ 230.00
2nd Collection \$ 227.80
Neighbor Fund \$ 100.00
Cemetery Care \$ 699.00

Bills

Seasonal Supplies (Lent) \$ 250.83
Utilities: Gas/Elec/Water/Refuse \$ 2,338.32
Cemetery \$ 563.92

St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 58,299.59
Total Expenses \$ 51,912.27

Difference + 6,387.32

Sunday Collection: May 19th \$ 1,057.50

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 115.00
Loose Collection \$ 61.00
Candle Income \$ 4.00

Seasonal Supplies (Lent) \$ 96.21

Other Events

Magnificat Meal: Saturday, **June 8th 10:00 am** Resurrection of our Lord Catholic Church, 11 SW 2nd Street, Pocahontas. Admission is \$15.00 per person; payment is due by June 1st. Guest Speaker Teresa Alesch. Please RSVP by email magnificatnwia@gmail.com or calling Michele Leiting at 712-663-4584 and mailing your pmt. to her at 19546 Aspen Ave., Westside, IA 51467.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, May 25th

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

Tuesday, May 28th

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

Friday, May 31th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Jerry & Bernadette Nepl*

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*

Wednesday, May 29th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Diane Nepl Hammersley*

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

Saturday, June 1st

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

CDA Bake Sale (after Masses)

Sunday, June 2nd

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+ *Darrel Walsh*

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Ed & Colleen Boucher*

11:30 am Coffee & Rolls

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

Monday, May 27th Memorial Day

9:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+ *Fran Nicol, Bob Nicol*

10:30 am Honor Guard (Cemetery)

Thursday, May 30th

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

10:15 am Mass at Pearl Valley
+ *Sister Lorna*

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

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm June 1st	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am June 2nd	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am June 2nd
Ministers of the Altar	Saige Hengeveld Marsha Hengeveld	Joe Brickner Jacey Welbig	Volunteer Kaleb Young
Ministers of the Word	Tom Evans	Barb Nemmers	Stacie Inman
Ministers of the Eucharist	Gary Roth Jessica Ruse Tyler Ruse Deacon Rudd	Jean Merrill Jean Thackery Dick Sturm Deacon Rudd	Dr. Richard Bose Theresa Bose Sandy Mann Deacon Rudd
Ministers of Hospitality	Brian Bendixen Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Volunteer	Nocoson's	Cathy Beaver Tom Inman Brenda Klingbeil Volunteer
Door Keepers		Welbig's	
Music Ministers Cantors	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Lupe Kollasch	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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