

Emmet County Catholic Community

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Armstrong, Iowa



October- Month of the Holy Rosary and Respect for Life

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Baptism- contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.

Marriage- contact the office at least six months prior to wedding date.

Penance- Estherville Wed. 11:30 am, Sat. 3:30 pm; Armstrong Sun.8:00 am

**God has joined us to one another
and to himself.**



When we bring our questions, doubts, and concerns to God, even when we try to challenge him with the letter of the law, he responds in love, by revealing his plan of salvation. This plan is lived out in the sacrament of marriage, and in joining ourselves in faith and love to God no matter our state in life.

Liturgy of the word

In the first reading, God creates a suitable partner for the man – a woman. The man calls her *bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh*.

In the second reading, the author writes of the one who, “*for a little while*” was made “*lower than the angels,*” that by the *grace of God he might taste death for everyone*.

In the Gospel, the Pharisees ask Jesus about the law regarding divorce. Jesus answers, *what God has joined together, no human being must separate*.

The Pharisees attempt to promote the authority of the lawgiver (Moses) over that of the Eternal Word of God Incarnate. Their bone of contention is, the very heart of Christ’s mission as man: Jesus has come that all may be one, even as he is one with his Father. The Lord effects that oneness by bringing about a union between himself and the Church, a union that is signified in the sacrament of marriage.

To believe the marital bond can be broken is to assert that God’s love for us can come to an end. The divine power that binds husband and wife is the same power that binds the Church to Christ. Jesus commands, “*What God has joined together, no human being must separate.*” To attempt to dissolve the indissoluble bond of marriage is to attempt to sever the very unity of God.

We might spend a few moments reflecting on how we as individuals and as a community could better support the families of our parish. We might ask whether we could be doing more to help those who are trying to rebuild their lives and families after the breakdown of their marriages. For Christ, no situation is beyond redemption.

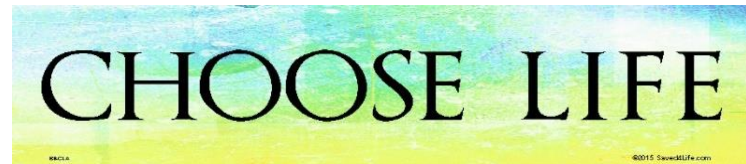
October

Month of the
Holy Rosary



“The Rosary mystically transports us to Mary’s side as she is busy watching over the human growth of Christ in the home of Nazareth. This enables her to train us and to mold us with the same care, until Christ is “fully formed” in us.”
- St. Pope John Paul II

October- Respect Life Month



No one ever has the authority to destroy life

Every life is preordained by God and made in His Image. The teachings of the Church are eternal truths and they are never going to change. This message is hard – especially in a secular and materialistic world where it is much easier for people to create their own personal God by bending God’s laws to fit their own lifestyle. Many people are not willing to accept objective moral truth, so they fall into moral relativism. “I wouldn’t do it, but it’s okay with me if you do.” **Catholicism requires an all or nothing approach.** The truth hurts when we are sinners and we acknowledge we are not surrendering to the truth.

“**We must obey God rather than man,**” Acts 5:29

God Alone is the Giver and Taker of Life! The taking of life overrides all other evils. If we choose to manipulate God’s laws to fit our lifestyle, we are choosing to live for this world rather than for eternity with God. When we meet him face to face at the end of our life, we will all have to answer to God (render an account) for the decisions we make and actions we take during our time lived on earth.

“Indeed, the *word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.*”

Hebrews 4:12-13

Pray Always

Please pray for all people suffering with illness – physical, mental, or spiritual, especially for those in our parish, families, and communities.

St. Mary's Church Armstrong
Annual Turkey Supper
This Sunday, October 3rd
4:30 pm to 7:00 pm Church Center
Adults \$12, kids 12 & under: \$6
Dine in or Carryout
Country Store – Bake Sale



Schedule Changes

The October Soup-er Tuesday will be held this Monday, October 4th with Mass at 12:00 noon and soup lunch to follow at Duhigg Center.

There will be no Mission Quilting Monday, October 4th. There will be no 8:00 am Masses at St. Mary's on Tuesday and Thursday, October 5th & 7th, and no 7:30 am Mass at St. Patricks on Wednesday, October 6th.

All ladies of St. Mary's and St. Patrick's are invited to a meeting to be held this Tuesday, **October 5th**, at 7:00 pm at Duhigg Center. Items to be discussed will include activities and events coming up in our parish.

Marriage Encounter

After the last year plus of pandemic life many of us are looking for a fresh start. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter experience. Upcoming dates and locations are October 22nd - 24th in Coralville, IA and November 19th-21st in Holstein, IA. Register at Iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305 with any questions.

Together as One Campaign

Week 2

Goal \$30,000

Cash/Pledges this wk. (37) \$ 6,352.00

Total Pledges/Cash (55) **\$10,600.00**

Together as One Prayer

Oh heavenly Father, whose essence is One-in-Three and Three-in-One. Bless with a like unity the People of the Diocese of Sioux City to come together as one in love and faith. Inspire our Charity and fill our hearts. Help us to act with kindness and caring as we respond to the needs of your Church so that we too may be one, just as you are one. Moved by the example of your son, and in union with the Holy Spirit, we honor you, Holy Trinity yet One God, forever and ever. Amen

Sponsor of the week: **Bank Plus**

Parish Financial Blessings

Year-to-Date Giving Information

July 1, 2021 – Sept 30, 2021

Ordinary Income	\$ 76,988.82
Ordinary Expenses	\$ <u>83,402.73</u>
Difference	\$ - 6,413.91
Sunday Collection: Sept. 26th- 27th	\$ 3,074.50
Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 200.00
Loose Collection	\$ 135.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 154.00
Retirement Distribution	\$ 450.00
Religious Ed fees	\$ 997.35
Candle Income	\$ 65.05
Building Funds	\$ 60.00
Neighbor Fund	\$ 385.00
Cemetery Lots	\$ 1,000.00
Turkey Club	\$ 225.00
Weekly Expenses	
Administrative Expense	\$ 951.16
Buildings & Grounds	\$ 1,035.32
Other Expense	\$ 576.36

Together as One

Our Diocesan Annual Appeal, benefits all of us. Our Catholic community is something we value, love and support. We want it to grow, and our support is how we build our future. Assist our parish by giving back for all you receive in your faith life.



Other Events

Next Mobile Food Bank is Thursday, **October 7** from 4-6 pm at Good News Church in Estherville. Do not come before 4:00 pm, remain in your car, we will come to you.

Red Cross Blood Drive at the Christensen Activity Center in Estherville on Tuesday, **October 19th** from 1 to 6 pm. To make an appointment, go online to redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-733-2767 or Joan Nims 712-362-2169.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, October 4th

No Mission Quilting (DC)
12:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Carol Hum

Thursday, October 7th

No Mass at St. Mary's

Saturday, October 9th

4:30 pm Living & Deceased of our Parish
+Bob Thomsen

Tuesday, October 5th

No Mass at St. Mary's
6:30 pm RCIA at Duhigg Center
7:00 pm All Ladies of the Parish Meeting
SP Duhigg Center

Friday, October 8th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Diane Tromblay

Sunday, October 10th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+John & Jeanine Feddersen

Wednesday, October 6th

No Mass at St. Patrick's

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-9) SP Duhigg Center

6:00 pm Rel Ed (1-9) SM Church Center

*LET GO
LET GOD !!!*

*Your talent is
God's gift to you
what you do with it is
your gift back to God.*

*"How hard is it for those
who have wealth
to enter the kingdom of God!"
Mark 10:23*

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm October 9th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am October 10th	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am October 10th
Ministers of the Altar	Marissa Ohl Shasta Ohl	Hannah Whaley Jacey Welbig	Confirmation Students
Ministers of the Word	Megan Miller	Mike Rezac	Braylen Milstead
Ministers of the Eucharist	Coletta Jaeger Evelyn Prentice Chuck Tostenson	Fr. Kelly Deacon John Suzanne Bonnicksen	Sandy Mann Larry Walthart Marlene Walthart
Ministers of Hospitality	Cathy Beaver Brian Bendixen Dorothy Wagner Volunteer	Tom Rezac Bruce Eisenbacher	Brenda Klingbeil Christopher Schmaus Mary Sicard Todd West Confirmation Students
Door Keepers		Gene & Char Tigges	
Music Ministers Cantor	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd ?	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman

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