

Emmet County Catholic Community

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May God Bless our Children and Teachers!

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

Jesus calls us to humble service.



A common thread in today's readings is that the marks of faithfulness are humility, peacemaking, and service to the lowliest among us. In the midst of cynicism, which is so often the reality of our modern world, how can we better witness to the world the peace of Christ?

Liturgy of the word

In the first reading, the wicked speak of testing *the just one* until he sins or until God intervenes.

In the second reading, James says that *the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace.*

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches about his passion but the disciples do not understand; he then demands humble service of his followers.

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."

Mark 9:35

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

Mark 9:37

In Jesus' time, a child was someone of no legal status, an unimportant person. Anything done to or for a child was done without hope of reward or advantage. As disciples of Christ, we are to love without hope of profit or reward and respect the dignity and worth of others, no matter what their position, power, or wealth.

Christ's teaching about the need to be prepared to suffer and die also contains the promise of the glory of the resurrection. There is always a price to be paid for true service. We have to decide if we are ready to get our hands dirty in serving real people in real situations, no matter what the cost. That is the only way to offer real love to God, and the only way to enter real eternal life. God loves unconditionally, as we should also do!

September - Month of Our Lady of Sorrows



The Seven Sorrows of Mary are the Prophecy of Simeon, the Flight into Egypt, the Loss of Jesus for Three Days, the Carrying of the Cross, the Crucifixion of Jesus, Jesus Being Taken Down from the Cross, and Jesus Laid in the Tomb. *This picture depicts Seven swords piercing Mary's heart representing the seven sorrows.*

A Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father, you have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists. May we too be open to the universal call to serve that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen

St. Patrick's Liturgical Ministries Schedule

ALL St. Patrick's Ministers (Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic, Hospitality) please note that I will work on the schedules for (October, November, December) the week of Sept. 13th. If you need to be removed, have dates you cannot serve or have other questions, please contact Dawn by Wednesday, **September 22nd** at stpatsec@outlook.com or phone 712-362-5851.

The Neighbor-to-Nighbor Envelope is in your September packet. This collection is for helping parishioners and others in our community who have fallen on hard times and need a little help with a gas or electric bill, some groceries etc. Please help care for those who are hungry or in need



It's here! Let's work Together as One! Make sure you pledge or make your gift this year to support adult and youth conferences and retreats, marriage preparation, religious education, and mental health assessments through Catholic Charities, just to name a few things! St. Patrick's & St. Mary's goal is \$30,000. With your help, we will get there. When our parish goes over its goal, 100% of that overage is returned to our parish for our use.

Schedule Changes

There will be no 8:00 am morning Mass at St. Mary's this Tuesday September 21st. St. Patrick's Wednesday, Sept. 22nd Mass has been changed to 5:30 pm.

Estherville/Armstrong Knights of Columbus

The Estherville/Armstrong KC's will meet Tuesday evening, **September 21st** at 7:00 pm. The meeting will be held in Armstrong with dinner hosted by the Armstrong KC members. Estherville KC members can meet at the Duhigg Center at 6:30 pm and carpool to Armstrong.

St. Mary's Turkey Supper Sign-up

St. Mary's parishioners please sign-up to help at our Turkey Supper on Sunday, Oct. 3rd from 4:30 – 7:00. To add your name to the work schedule you can click on the google doc link found on St. Mary's Facebook page, on the sign-up sheet in the gathering space or call Jenny at 712-260-3061. Thank you!

Join the turkey club to help defray the costs of the supper: a \$50 donation gets you in the turkey club and two tickets to the supper.

There will also be a **country store** that evening so please consider donating your talents, crafts, canned or baked goods to have for sale that evening. Thank You!

St. Mary's Church in Armstrong will host their annual Turkey Supper Sunday, **October 3rd** from 4:30 – 7:00 pm. Serving Turkey, dressing, vegetable, potatoes and gravy, cranberry sauce, cole slaw and desert. Adults \$12, kids 12 & under: \$6, dine in or carryout available.



RCIA Classes

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes will begin on Tuesday, **September 28th**, at 6:30 pm in the church at St. Patrick's. These classes are intended for all who have never been baptized, are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or who are baptized in another faith and wish to join the Catholic church, and adult Catholics who have not yet been confirmed. Please contact the parish office to register for the class.

Pray Always

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

Sponsor: **Rezac Chiropractic & Acupuncture**

Parish Financial Blessings

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| Sunday Collection: Sept. 11th- 12th | \$ 3,444.50 |
| Automatic (ACH) Deposits | \$ 200.00 |
| Loose Collection | \$ 284.00 |
| 2 nd Collection | \$ 236.00 |
| Bulletin Sponsor | \$ 100.00 |
| Religious Ed fees | \$ 79.52 |
| Turkey Club | \$ 220.00 |
| Cemetery Lots | \$ 500.00 |
| Neighbor Fund | \$ 50.00 |
| Weekly Expenses | |
| Administrative/Educational | \$ 608.50 |
| Buildings & Grounds | \$ 424.85 |
| Cathedraticum | \$ 1,475.00 |

Uncle Albert didn't have a will. It took three years to settle his estate. **Your will can help your family, your church, and save unnecessary expenses at death.**

40 Days for Life

40 Days for Life campaign begins September 22nd and runs through October 31st. You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers. Learn more... get involved... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at 40daysforlife.com/siouxcity.

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.

Other Event

Iowa 99 County Bible Reading Marathon

Friends and Residents of Emmet County come join in with the reading of the bible. Meet on September 24th, (evening) also 25th 8 am to 5 pm at the courthouse lawn. Bring your bible and a lawn chair. Questions Contact Peg Mason at 712-330-2227.

Liturgies and Events This Week

Monday, September 20th

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)

Thursday, September 23rd

8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Ken Fisher

Saturday, September 25th

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parish
+Michael Barrett

Tuesday, September 21st

No Mass at St. Mary's
7:00 pm KC Meeting in Armstrong

Friday, September 24th

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Kim Frank

Sunday, September 26th

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
+Janice Peterson

Wednesday, September 22nd

8:00 am Adoration (Until 12:00)
5:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
+Jack & Lois Jensen +Bill Jensen

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
+Phil Inman

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

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

God is Good all the time!

All the time God is Good!

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

*"For whoever is not against us
is for us." Mark 9:40*

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

| | St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm September 25 th | St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am September 26 th | St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am September 26 th |
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| Ministers of the Altar | Marsha Hengeveld Marissa Ohl | Colin Kruse Koen Zotz | Molly Ross Volunteer |
| Ministers of the Word | David Dominy | Jean Merrill | Connie Humble |
| Ministers of the Eucharist | Theresa Dominy Chris Snyder | Fr. Kelly Deacon John Dick Sturm | Theresa Bose Bruce Zebedee |
| Ministers of Hospitality | Cathy Beaver Sue & Dave Snyder Volunteer | Nicoson's | Dan & Carri Duitsman Parker Duitsman Warren Duitsman Bennett Duitsman |
| Door Keepers | | Joyce VonBank | |
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