

The Parishes of

St. Patrick's
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St. Mary's
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Ash Wednesday
Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

~Ecclesiastes 3:20

Ash Wednesday – February 26th

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23rd, 2020

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From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

February 23, 2020 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Jesus expands on the law that his followers know well. As God loves all people without partiality---the bad and the good, the just and the unjust---so must we who follow him. Certainly this can be difficult, but it is not impossible. For by Christ's sacrifice, we have been made children of the Father. With his help, and God's grace, we are capable of striving for the perfection in love to which we are called

Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins

This week we will celebrate Ash Wednesday. Masses will be at 7:00 am at St. Patrick's, at 5:30 pm at St. Mary's and 7:00 pm at St. Patrick's. Our theme this year will be **Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins**. As the ashes are placed on your forehead you will hear the words: *"Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return"*. Those words remind us that our life here on earth is only temporary and that we need to remind ourselves that after our time here on earth has come to an end, the cross of Jesus, with his death and resurrection, has opened the gates to heaven for us, but it is not a free pass. We are called each day to turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel but so often we are too busy to think of our next life. The Lenten season of 40 days gives us that time. Many opportunities are given to grow closer to Jesus and remain faithful to him---**but we need to take the time**. Time to read spiritual material like the Globe, the Word Among Us, the Magnificat to name a few. Mass is offered 6 days a week at different places. Adoration is offered at both parishes; Wednesday after Mass at St. Patrick's and Thursday after Mass at St. Mary's. Deacon John will be resuming his bible study on Mary, starting this coming Monday. Parish reconciliation services will be offered at various parishes at various times, which will be in future bulletins. The students will also have their own reconciliation services in the near future. Plus, the churches are open during the day for private prayer. Various opportunities for Alms giving will also be made available, with the first being the First Sunday of Lent---March 30. Other collections will be in future bulletins.

The Journey to the Cross was very painful and hard for our Lord Jesus. Lent is also a time to reflect on what he did for us and the pain he suffered. Each Friday during Lent, the stations of the cross will be said in one of the parishes. This 30-minute walk with Jesus will give us time to recall what he did for each of us.

Lent is also a time to share your time with your parish in various projects. Both parishes will have fish fries and help is always needed and appreciated. Sharing your time in a project like this or as a special minister at Mass is what Lent is all about.

Almsgiving Opportunity

The first diocesan almsgiving collection takes place **next Sunday---March 1st, The First Sunday of Lent**. The collection is called **Aid to Global Churches**. Last year a number of the collections were combined into one and this is one of them. In the past there were separate collections for Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Africa. The one collected throughout the diocese will be divided between these needs. The envelopes are in your packet. Please be as generous as you can as we realize our Church is worldwide and has needs too.

To Help Pay For Our Fish

As we prepare for our fish dinners at both parishes, it has been a tradition to seek donations to pay for the fish. If you are interested in giving a donation for the fish, place your donation in a plain envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Last year we were able to pay for the fish through donations at both parishes. Please consider a donation of any amount. Thank you in advance.

Second Collection for Fish Expense

The Second Collection on **March 7-8th** at St. Patrick's will be used to help pay for the cost of the fish for our dinners. In the past with this collection and generous donations we have been able to pay for the cost of the fish. If you are able please consider a little extra for this second collection. Thank You.

Food for Thought

The first Trappist abbot of Gethsemane was engaged in conversation by a worldly unbeliever. "I never go to church abbot," the man said. "There are too many hypocrites there." "Oh, don't let that keep you away," smiled the abbot. "There's always room for one more, you know."

February- Month of the Passion of our Lord

The Bible Study “A Biblical Walk with Mary” will resume Monday, **February 24th** in the Duhigg Center Library at 6:30 pm.

Stations of the Cross at St. Mary’s Parish
this Friday, February 28th at 7:00 pm

Lenten Regulations

Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence. This means that all the faithful between the ages of 18 – 59, who are otherwise in good health, should eat only one full meal on Ash Wednesday. Two lighter meals are also permitted. In addition, the law of abstinence requires that all of those who are 14 years of age or over, no meat is to be eaten on Ash Wednesday.

Fridays of Lent are to be observed as days of abstinence. For those 14 years of age and over, no meat is to be eaten on those days.

Each individual Catholic should resolve to engage in other activities of **prayer, fasting, almsgiving and mortification during the 40 days of Lent.** The celebration of Mass, sacramental reconciliation, generous assistance to the poor and religious/charitable causes should be a part of everyone’s Lent.

Baby Bottle Campaign

As part of our Lenten program, we are inviting St. Patrick’s to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Cherish Center in Milford. Next Saturday and Sunday **February 29th & March 1st** you may pick up a baby bottle at the entrances after either Mass and take it home with you to fill with spare change or \$ bills. Checks also accepted, make them payable to CDA or Cherish Center. All bottles are to be returned to the church by **March 14th & 15th.** You may return the bottles to any of the Masses up to and including the 15th of March and leave them in the baskets at the entrances.

Annual Women’s Conference Saturday, **March 28th** at St. Mary’s in Storm Lake, from 8:45 am – 3:30 pm. The cost is 40.00 if you register by March 17th. After March 17, the cost is 50.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for mother/daughter registrations. To learn more or to register visit www.scdiocese.org/womens-ministry

Annual Men’s Conference Saturday, **April 4th** at St. Joseph’s Church in Le Mars, from 8:00 am – 3:00 pm. The cost is 40.00 if you register by March 24th. After March 24, the cost is 50.00. There is a \$5.00 discount for father/son registrations. To learn more or to register visit <https://www.scdiocese.org/mens-ministry>

Estherville/Armstrong KC’s 2020 Scholarship Program

The Knights of Columbus will offer a scholarship to graduating seniors from St. Patrick’s and St. Mary’s parishes. The scholarship application and information sheet can be picked up at the parish office or downloaded from the KC section of the church website at www.stpatstmary.com. The application deadline is **April 6th**.

First Fish Fry- St. Patrick’s

Friday, March 6th – Duhigg Center

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Adults \$9 - Kids five & under \$5

Take Out Dinners Available

Please Pray For

Jack Fredericksen, Brice McArdle, Carol Reis, Janeen Boggess, Aurora Mulgrew, Rick Steinberger, Diane Elling, Tom Umscheid, Kevin Klingbeil

Rest in Peace Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Ralph Hight**, father of Karen (Mark) Reardon, members of St. Patrick’s. He died on Monday in Wichita, KS. Please keep Ralph and his family in your prayers.

Sponsor of the week: **Outlet Stores, Inc.**

Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1st -February 17th, 2020

St. Patrick’s

Total Income	\$ 203,143.80
Total Expenses	\$ 182,884.72

Difference + **20,259.08**

Sunday Collection: Feb. 15th- 16th \$ **2,204.30**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 70.00
2 nd Collection	\$ 207.00
Loose Collection	\$ 182.00
Spanish Mass	\$ 195.71
Retirement Distributions	\$ 1,800.00
Rel. Ed fees	\$ 130.00

Bills

Supplies: Computer	\$ 293.78
Musicians (Fall)	\$ 945.00
Utilities: Gas/Electricity/Water/Refuse	\$ 4,356.67
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 535.31

St. Mary’s

Total Income	\$ 47,564.72
Total Expenses	\$ 36,384.05

Difference + **11,180.67**

Sunday Collection: Feb. 16th \$ **660.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits	\$ 115.00
Loose Offering	\$ 75.00
Candle Income	\$ 3.00
Coffee & Rolls	\$ 14.00

Bills

Phone/Internet	\$ 95.97
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Ministers for February 26th- Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm

Hospitality- Mary Duitsman, Brenda Klingbeil, Todd West

Alter Servers- Addyson Blair, Emerson Blair, Cara Schiltz

Lector- David Dominy / **Eucharistic Ministers-** Evelyn

Prentice, Steve Clayton, Pauline Schwiesow and Sandy

Clayton / **Music-** Joyce Schultz **Cantor-** Margaret Evans

Liturgies and Events This Week

Saturday, February 22nd
 4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
 + Francis Boggess

Sunday, February 23rd
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
 +Ken Fisher

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
 +Bill Graettinger

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

Monday, February 24th
 1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)
 6:30 pm Bible Study (DC Library)

Tuesday, February 25th
 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
 +Ron Heinrichs

Ash Wednesday, February 26th
7:00 am Mass at St. Patrick's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

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

5:30 pm Mass at St. Mary's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes

6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP Duhigg Center

7:00 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
 +Orville & Kathryn Budach

Thursday, February 27th
 8:00 am Mass at St. Mary's
 +Joseph Leonard

10:15 am Mass at Good Samaritan
 +Kathryn Wiseman

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

6:30 pm RCIA

Friday, February 28th
 7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
 +Lorraine Origer

7:00 pm Stations of the Cross
 at St. Mary's

Saturday, February 29th
 4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's
 +Andy Hoffman

Sunday, March 1st
 8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's
Living & Deceased of our Parishes
 +Maxine Crouch

10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's
 +Marita Kenyon

11:30 am Coffee & Rolls

12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)

2:00 pm Rite of Sending at St. Mary's
 Storm Lake

Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm February 29 th	St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 1 st	St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 1 st
Ministers of the Altar	Marsha Hengeveld Marissa Ohl Volunteer	Jacey Welbig Ariana Giddings	Parker Duitsman Bennet Duitsman Warren Duitsman
Ministers of the Word	Jessica Ruse	Ashton Merrill	Beth Rosenboom
Ministers of the Eucharist	Debra Stangl Mike Maloney Chuck Tostenson Pat Metzger	Lupe Kollasch Craig Nemmers Joyce VonBank	Donna Roth Paul Anderson Cliff Roth Theresa Bose
Ministers of Hospitality	Gary Roth Pauline Schwiesow Aiden White Jenell White	Jerry & Nancy Steinberger	Tom Inman Donna Mart Yolanda & Matt Sheridan
Door Keepers		Don Gerlach	
Music Ministers Cantors	Joyce Schultz Mary Moorman	Deb Rudd Jessica Zotz	Joyce Schultz Margaret Evans

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