

# The Parishes of

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"Again it is written, You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test"

**First Sunday of Lent - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

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## From the Desk of Fr. Merlin

### March 1, 2020 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

Humility is not false modesty, but the awareness of who we are: sons and daughters of God, created by God. Yet we, like Adam and Eve are often tempted to think of ourselves as more than creatures, as in control of the world. May God give us the grace to allow Him to be God.

### The Rite of Sending

Today, March 1<sup>st</sup>, **Brian Rosburg** will be sent from St. Patrick's to join other RCIA candidates at St. Mary's in Storm Lake. The Rite of Sending begins the final process to join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Bishop Nickless will accept him and bless him on his final journey. Let us continue to pray for Brian and his family as we look forward to him joining our Catholic faith.

### Communal Penance Services Begin

During this first week of Lent we begin our communal penance services. Over the next 6 weeks penance services will be offered in the seven area parishes and religious education programs. This coming week we will start at **St. Patrick's with our Religious Education students at 6:00 pm** and then **next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup> confessions will begin here at St. Patrick's at 1:00**. We will continue at Immaculate Conception in **Graettinger at 2:30** and then end with a **4:00** service at **Holy Family in Emmetsburg**. I will be helping out at all of these and future parishes, so feel free to come to any that fit your schedule. Next Sunday, **March 15<sup>th</sup>** the communal penance services will continue at St. Joseph's in Milford at **1:30**.

### The Light is On

As in the past few years, the Diocese is requesting that every parish cluster offer one night where the pastor will be in the confessional box. The date selected by the diocese will be **next Tuesday March 10<sup>th</sup>**. I will be in the confessional at St. Patrick's from **5-6:30** pm for anyone wishing to go to private confession.

### Lenten Day of Reflection

This coming **Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**, the priests of the diocese will gather for our annual Clergy Day. Our presenter will be Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Auxiliary Bishop of St. Paul-Minneapolis. Because of this reflection day there will be **NO Mass** at St. Mary's or at Pearl Valley that day. We conclude the day by having the anointing of the sick for all of our elderly and sick priests. Please keep us in your prayers that day. Thank You.

### St. Pat's Second Collection

A reminder that the second collection next Sunday at St. Patrick's will be for the cost of the fish for our dinners. People **at both parishes** can also give a donation anytime by placing it in the collection baskets on Sunday. With your generous donations the fish have been paid for and thus we have realized a greater profit. Thanks to ALL.

### Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins

Our theme this year will be **Ash Wednesday---The Journey to the Cross Begins**. We have started our journey. Let us be reminded by the many small things that we do during lent leads us to the cross and eventually to the Resurrection of Jesus and our Alleluia's.

### Stations of the Cross

A reminder that the Stations of the Cross will be said each Friday night at 7:00 pm. They will be alternated each week, **this week March 6<sup>th</sup> we will be at St. Patrick's and next week, March 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's**. Come and join us as we reflect on the suffering of Jesus, his last days and hours on earth, and remember His unconditional love for each of us.

### Almsgiving Opportunity

The first diocesan almsgiving collection takes place **this Sunday---March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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. If you forgot your envelope you can bring it next weekend.

## March- Month of St. Joseph

**Daylight Saving Time Begins** next Sunday **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead when you go to bed next Saturday!!!

**CDA/KC's 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Planning Meeting: Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 pm at Carol Pluth's home. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

**Catholic Daughters** will meet Tuesday evening, **March 10<sup>th</sup>** beginning with the Rosary at 7:00 pm followed by meeting and desserts. Committee: Michelle McCoy, Dorothy Nepl, Sharon Schacherer.

### St. Mary's KC's Scholarship Breakfast

**Armstrong KC's** will be hosting a Scholarship Breakfast Sunday, **March 8<sup>th</sup>** from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm at **St. Mary's Parish Center**. Serving pancakes, eggs, ham, sausage, coffee and juice. Free will offering with proceeds going for KC scholarships.

### Lenten Regulations

**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.

### Lenten Activities

**Weekday Masses** will be celebrated on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** at 8:00 am at St. Mary's and on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays** at 7:30 am at St. Patrick's. On **Thursdays** at 10:15 am at alternating Nursing Homes in Estherville.

We will have **Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament every **Tuesday** at St. Mary's and **Wednesday** at Patrick's from the end of Mass until noon. Then at noon we pray the Angelus and have Benediction.

We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** each **Friday** at **7 pm**. They will be at St. Patrick's on **March 6<sup>th</sup>**, **March 20<sup>th</sup>** and **April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and at St. Mary's on **March 13<sup>th</sup>**, and **March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

### Lenten Collections for almsgiving throughout Lent

Aid to Global Churches, Holy Land, and Retired & Infirm Priests. Envelopes are in your packets. Monthly food drive 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month.

**Pennies for Heaven-** The Iowa KC's are taking donations for vocations to the priesthood through their Pennies for Heaven campaign. Money donations may be deposited in the Knights of Columbus container located in the gathering space or given to any KC member by April 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Baby Bottle Campaign** As a part of our Lenten program, CDA is inviting St. Patrick's to participate in the Baby Bottle Campaign sponsored by Cherish Center. This week **February 29<sup>th</sup> & March 1<sup>st</sup>** you may pick up a baby bottle at the church entrances and take it home with you to fill with spare change or \$ bills. Checks also accepted, make them payable to CDA or Cherish Center. Cherish Center is a program in northwest Iowa which supports and assists unwed mothers, their children, and their families with care, counseling and residential housing. Please consider this campaign as part of your Lenten giving.

O God, bless us during this season of spiritual renewal. Fill our minds and hearts with love, that we may be a sign of Jesus to all those living in our midst. Amen

### First Fish Fry- St. Patrick's

Friday, **March 6<sup>th</sup>** – Duhigg Center

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

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

Take Out Dinners Available

Silent Auction – ends April 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Please Pray For

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

Sponsor of the week: **Fitzgibbons Law Firm, LLC**

### Parish Financial Blessings Year-to-Date Giving Information July 1<sup>st</sup> -February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

#### St. Patrick's

Total Income \$ 206,520.16

Total Expenses \$ 191,546.03

**Difference + 14,974.13**

**Sunday Collection: Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>- 23<sup>rd</sup> \$ 2,396.00**

Automatic (ACH) Deposits \$ 70.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection \$ 278.36

Loose Collection \$ 134.00

Spanish Mass \$ 228.00

Building Fund \$ 200.00

Rel. Ed fees \$ 30.00

Cemetery Care \$ 40.00

#### **Bills**

Supplies: Copier \$ 179.47

Repairs & Maintenance- Church \$ 7,471.72

Repairs & Maintenance \$ 432.81

Snow Removal (January) \$ 860.00

Shared Exp- Work Comp \$ - 288.00

#### St. Mary's

Total Income \$ 48,501.72

Total Expenses \$ 36,923.40

**Difference + 11,578.32**

**Sunday Collection: Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> \$ 870.00**

Loose Offering \$ 64.00

Candle Income \$ 3.00

#### **Bills**

Work Comp \$ 288.00

Water Refuse \$ 85.44

Repairs- 65.00; Snow Removal- 100.91 \$ 165.91



# Liturgies and Events This Week

## Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Andy Hoffman*

## Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

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 Storm Lake

## Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>

1:00 pm Mission Quilting (DC)  
6:30 pm Bible Study (DC Library)

## Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>

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

## Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Marlys Sheridan*  
8:00 am Adoration at St. Patrick's (until noon)  
6:00 pm Confessions Grades 2-10  
6:00 pm Rel Ed (K-10) SP Duhigg Center  
6:30 pm Rel Ed (1-9) SM Parish Center

## Thursday, March 5<sup>th</sup>

NO Mass at St. Mary's  
*Vocations*  
NO Mass at Peral Valley  
**(Clergy Day)**  
5:30 pm Respect Life Rosary at St. Patrick's  
6:30 pm RCIA

## Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup>

7:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Joleen Petersen*  
5:00 pm Fish Fry SP (DC) until 7:00  
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (SP)

## Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

4:30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Gerry Devine*

### Monthly Food Drive Weekend

## Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

7:00 am SM- KC Scholarship Breakfast  
8:30 am Mass at St. Mary's  
*Living & Deceased of our Parishes*  
10:30 am Mass at St. Patrick's  
+ *Don & Lorraine Koons*  
12:00 pm Mass in Spanish (SP)  
1:00 pm Penance Service at St. Patrick's  
2:30 pm Penance Service IC Graettinger  
4:00 pm Penance Service HF Emmetsburg

## Liturgical Ministries Schedule

	<b>St. Patrick's Saturday, 4:30 pm March 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Mary's Sunday, 8:30 am March 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Patrick's Sunday, 10:30 am March 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Ministers of the Altar</b>	Saige Hengeveld Brady Ingvall Shasta Ohl	Addison Kruse Myiah Hanson	Molly Ross Emerson Blair Addyson Blair
<b>Ministers of the Word</b>	Cathy Beaver	Children's Mass	Connie Alvarez
<b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b>	Chris Snyder Gerald Pluth Carol Pluth Deacon Rudd	Jean Merrill Mike Rezac Karen Fisher	Marlene Walthart Elaine Prust Larry Walthart Deacon Rudd
<b>Ministers of Hospitality</b>	Brian Bendixen Mark Reardon Lucy Renze Dorothy Wagner	Children's Mass	Mary Duitsman Gail Jasper Christopher Schmaus Todd West
<b>Door Keepers</b>		Bob Rooney	
<b>Music Ministers Cantors</b>	Joyce Schultz Karen Reardon	Deb Rudd Children's Mass	Joyce Schultz Laura Humble

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