



St. Patrick Church
March 13, 14 2010
Fourth Sunday of Lent



Mass Schedules

Saturday March 13th:
 Clem Hayes
Sunday March 14th:
 Malcom Welch

Monday March 15th:
 No Service
Tuesday March 16th:
 7:30am Word & Communion
Wednesday March 17th:
 7:30am Word & Communion
Thursday March 18th:
 7:30 Word & Communion
Friday March 19th:
 8:45am Children's Word Service

Saturday March 20th:
 Bob Neville
Sunday March 21st:
 Annette Peterson



LITURGY SCHEDULE

<u>Sat. March 20th</u>	<u>Sun. March 21st</u>
<u>Lectors</u> Bret Barner Jayson Wagner	<u>Lectors</u> Roy Tangeman Emily Oldham
<u>Euch. Ministers</u> Barb Capron * Bob Capron Bob Holland Lynn Engelken	<u>Eucharistic Ministers</u> Bill Feldmann * Sue Feldmann Marv Marek CC Suzanne Marek CC
<u>Servers</u> Emma Duncan Claire Duncan	<u>Servers</u> Jackie Russ Emma Snyder
<u>Greeters</u> E Swisher M Wheeler	<u>Greeters</u> Husmann's
<u>Gift Bearer</u> Jean Neville	<u>Gift Bearer</u> Rich Peterson
<u>Video:</u> Kathy Bahl	<u>Children's Lit.</u> B. McQuillen

Financial Stewardship Report

Budget Envelopes as of	3/11/2010	Year to Date
Needed Weekly	\$ 4,190.00	\$ 150,840.00
Sunday Envelopes	\$ 4,529.00	\$ 140,678.30
Offertory	\$ 271.00	\$ 11,197.13
Improvement Fund	\$ 2.00	\$ 1,922.00
Utilities	\$ 279.00	\$ 2,977.50
St. Pat's Ed. Fund	\$ 110.00	\$ 506.00
Children's	\$ 18.26	\$ 428.36
Lenten Fundraiser	\$ 290.00	\$ 5,650.00

Readings March 14th

Joshua 5:9-12 **Psalms 34:2-7**
2 Corinthians 5:17-21 **Luke 15:1-3, 11-32**

God's forgiveness transcends our sins, our guilt, and our understanding. We must return home when we have strayed and we must always voice our feelings- even feelings of frustration- when we have not. Only then can we allow our heavenly Father to express his love and mercy and to make us feel at home once again.

Next Weeks Readings

Isaiah 43:16-21 **Psalms 126:1-6**
Philippians 3:8-14 **John 8:1-11**

Calendar of Events

Mar.17- "Wearin' the Green" @ 6:30pm Mass and social with prizes following.
Mar. 18- Board of Education - 6:45
Mar. 20- Sr.Susan will be at Mercy Comm. Mtg.
Mar. 23- Finance Committee @ 7:00 pm
Mar. 25 - Pastoral Council Mtg. @ 7:00pm

This week the Sanctuary

Candle will burn for

Kathleen & Casey Faulkner



Advertiser of the Week

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Stewardship March 14th

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

"Wearin' the Green"

St. Patrick Day Celebration - March 17
Mass 6:30pm.

Come down stairs afterwards! Take some time to interact with Father Greg Bahl while having some refreshments! Be sure to pick up your tickets for each individual in the family attending, either this week-end or March 13-14.. We need you to write your name on the back of the ticket and turn them in as you come in the door. There will be three winning tickets drawn for some wonderful Irish door prizes!

Holy Cross Cemetery Directors are accepting bids for the cemetery lawn maintenance. Anyone interested needs to pick up a sheet with mowing and trimming specifications from the parish house and present their bid by Friday, March 26.

Some Lenten Suggestions week two Carbon Fast

Unplug your appliances that are off; computers, radios etc. put on power strips and turn the strip off. End junk mail: Stop unwanted catalogs (CatalogChoice.org); credit card offers (1-888-5-optout), and other junk mail (DMAchoice.org).

Loras College Parish Grant: We can designate a new student recipient for a \$500 parish grant, which is renewable while enrolled at Loras .The deadline is 4/1/10. Contact Sr. Susan if interested.

The 2010 Census: Since the census has such an impact on our nation, state, and the Archdiocese of Dubuque, we want to do our part locally. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, every person living in the United States must be counted - both citizens and noncitizens. Data from this national count help determine key funding and government representation decisions. Please complete and mail back your form and encourage your family, friends and neighbors to do the same. For more information, visit 2010census.gov.

LET US PRAY

For the Sick: Jamie Casper, Betty Smith, Bernie Kennebeck, Donna Miller, Nadia Smith, Clare White, Carlene Steen, Joan Decious, Dick Hellman, Danielle Holub, Paul & Esther McNamer, Irene Finn, Mya Gilchrist, John Strand, Don Butterfield, Parker Libolt, Josephine Neville, Lori Feldmann, Theron Chaffee, Alvina Eden, Joseph Costello, Jan Feldmann, Raymond McNamer Jr. Clifford Dunnwald

For Our Service Men & Women: Jessica Feldmann, Josh King, Ben Huerter, Aaron Smiley, Kasey Brown, Byron Middlekauff and Robert Carbaugh

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group – There is no Youth Group this Wednesday, Mar 17, but you are all invited to help celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our church Community! We will start with mass @ 6:30 and then food and fun in the Church basement afterwards. This is for the whole family. You will love Fr. Bahl!

Middle School Overnight – Friday April 9 to Sat. April 10 will be the Middle School overnight retreat, held in Ryan school gym. We have extended the registration date to March 17. So far we have 8 kids going! I will guarantee it will be a GREAT time!

Refundable Cans – The Youth Group will be starting their pop/beer/bottles nickel can drive April 1. (if the snow ever leaves). There will be a box in the elevator entry way or you can put them outside between the elevator addition and the church; there is a cove we store them in. We use the money for our service trips, help pay for retreats and other misc. projects

The Chrism Mass celebration is at St. Gabriel Church in Reinbeck on March 30, at 2:00 p.m.

Retreats and Renewal Days - Adults with Disabilities

March 27-28 Retreat Weekend Sat. 9 am.–Sun. 3 pm, Camp Albrecht Acres Sherrill, IA (8 miles N of Dubuque)

14th Annual Catholic Mens' Conference Sat. 3/27 @ Xavier High School Registration is \$35 by 3/15 or \$45 at the door includes lunch. Archbishop Hanus will celebrate Sun. Mass.

"Immigrant Rights and American Values" is a special presentation at Mt. Mercy College on Wednesday, Mar. 10 @ 7pm in the Flaherty Room of Basile Hall. The presentation, by Dr.Erik Camayed-Freixas, is free and open to the public.

ST PATRICK SCHOOL

SPRING GALA MARCH 27TH, 2010
AT FAWN CREEK COUNTRY CLUB

CASINO GAMES & DINNER 5:30pm – 7:30pm
~~ YOU CAN PLAY & EAT OR EAT & PLAY ~~

DINNER TICKETS ARE \$25 (includes \$1,000.00 Casino play money) and are available at the school between 8am – 3pm

DINNER INCLUDES: STEAK, PARTY POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, ROLL, LETTUCE SALAD & CHEESE CAKE. THERE WILL BE COFFEE, ICE TEA, WATER AND A CASH BAR.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE 1 FOR \$20.00 OR 3 FOR \$50.00 AND ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL FROM 8am – 3pm. OR AT THE GALA!

RAFFLE PRIZES ARE:

- 1 CASH PRIZE OF \$1,000.00
- 2 CASH PRIZES OF \$500.00
- 4 CASH PRIZES OF \$200.00
- 5 CASH PRIZES OF \$100.00
- 4 CASH PRIZES OF \$50.00

SILENT AUCTION WILL HAVE MANY ITEMS AVAILABLE

LIVE AUCTION BEGINS AT 8:00pm
MANY GREAT ITEMS TO BID ON

6 DAY, 5 NIGHT PACKAGE TO DISNEY WORLD FOR 4

PLANTING GOOD NEWS

MARCH 14, 2010

Preschool registration

We are accepting preschool registrations for 3 and 4 year old children. There is no cost for 4 year old children. Three year old classes will be on Tuesday and Thursday mornings as in the past. We will offer all day 4 year old on Monday and Wednesday if there is enough interest. Fridays will remain a half day. We will also offer an afternoon class Monday through Thursday. Registration forms can be picked up at the school during school hours.

SPRING GALA

On Saturday, March 27 St. Patrick School will have its 9th annual Spring Gala at Fawn Creek. Everyone from the parish and community is invited to attend. This is the major fund raiser organized by the parents. Come and spin the roulette wheel or try your luck at Black Jack, poker, craps or any of the other casino games. Enjoy a grilled steak dinner with all the trimmings and then bid on a vacation package to Disney World, an original barn quilt painted by Janelle Martensen, or a pie a month baked by Sheila Machart. There is something for everyone. Dinner tickets are on sale at the school office during office hours.

STO NEWS

The deadline for the first wave of grants for St. Patrick School from the Archdiocesan STO plan need to be postmarked by Monday, March 15. Because the Archdiocese made their goal of 3.7 million, up to 90% of the \$1300.00 tuition made be awarded to families who qualify. Thanks to the generosity of several families who are

members of St. Patrick Parish. There is \$9000.00 earmarked for students who attend St. Patrick School. If we do not use it, we loose it.

CANDY BAR SALE

Thanks to all who bought candy bars at our recent student fund raiser. The children raised over \$1700. There are still a few candy bars left and if you get an urge for chocolate at the end of Lent, stop by the school office and pick on up.

SPRING BREAK

Students from St. Patrick and Anamosa schools will be on spring break this week. Since it is also the start of daylight saving time, be careful driving as children will be out and about during the day and later in the afternoon than usual.

SCHOOL REGISTRATION

If you know of anyone who is interested in having their child(ren) attend St. Patrick School, have them contact the school. We are accepting registrations for the 2010 -2011 school year. If they say they cannot afford it, they can still qualify for the STO grant. Money is reserved for people who might move into a parish or decide that they want to transfer students from a public to a Catholic school.

ST PATRICK DRAMA CLUB

Students from the 4th and 5th grade recently performed the play Peggy the Pint Sized Pirate at Starlighters Theater to the delight of their parents, friends and relatives. The students demonstrated that it is not always size that counts and that we are responsible for keeping our waterway free of trash.