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+Fifth Sunday of Lent +

First Reading During the Babylonian Exile, our Judean ancestors struggled with despair. Forced exportation from their homeland and the destruction of the Temple left them feeling without identity, land, or God. Many of them longingly looked back to the Exodus, when God freed them from landless slavery in Egypt and brought them to the promised land. God does not want them looking to the past and yearning for what was lost. Rather, God wants them to see the future as God filled. God will bring them through a new Exodus from Babylon to their homeland. The wilderness that stretches between Babylon and Judah will not prove a barrier for them. The story also lives for us today. Like Israel, God continues to be with us; we are still God's people.

What matters most is that we look to the future with hope knowing that God goes before.

Responsorial Psalm 126 Pilgrims probably sang this psalm as they made their way to the Temple for the festivals. Their thoughts immediately turn to God and to the many times God delivered their ancestors out of trouble. In their minds flash pictures of the Exodus and, more recently, the return from the Exile in Babylon.

Second Reading From prison Paul writes to the Philippians about what he values most. He became a devoted follower of God and strove to please the Almighty One he loved by zealously keeping the Law and persecuting those he thought strayed from God's way. In the midst of persecuting the church, he encountered the Risen Christ in an intimate and life changing experience. What he previously valued no longer mattered, and Paul left it all "because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus." Knowing Christ and "the power of his resurrection" enables Paul to look to the future with hope, whether or not it brings release from prison or further suffering and death.

Gospel The plot of John's story is deceptively simple. The Pharisees ask Jesus his opinion on a case concerning a woman who was caught committing adultery, a capital offense in Israel. Those Pharisees are not interested in the woman or her alleged crime. They are more interested in trapping Jesus. They know that because Rome rules Galilee, they have no power to invoke the death penalty, even if Jesus agreed to it. Jesus, however, is not interested in legal machinations. He wants to demonstrate God's forgiving love. Each of the Pharisees leaves quietly. Jesus turns to the woman. She too, sees herself in Jesus' eyes, but instead of walking away, she turns to Jesus and hears those beautiful words, "Neither do I condemn you."

Mass Schedule: Apr 8 - Apr 14, 2019



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| Mon. Apr 8 | 8:30 am | (V) Mark Sypherd+ |
| Tues Apr 9 | 5:00 pm | (B) Betty Osborn+ |
| Wed. Apr 10 | 5:00 pm | (V) Bernard Burry+ |
| | 7:00 pm | (V) COMMUNAL PENANCE |
| Thurs. Apr 11 | 8:30 am | (B) Living Members of A & R |
| Fri. Apr 12 | 7:00 pm | (B) Stations of the Cross |
| Sat. Apr 13 | 5:00 pm | (B) Paul Cline+ |
| Sun. Apr 14 | 8:00 am | (B) People of the Parish |
| Sun. Apr 14 | 10:00 am | (V) Alice DeRycke+ |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS.....

Lex Ann Alig
Bob Murtha
Margaret Goodrich
Diane Davidson
Katie Kriegel
Shirley Bair

Bev Wood
Marvin Lynn
Kyle McWilliams
Wilfred Suchy
Dawson Klein

Carol Blomme
Joanna Green
Don VanNevel
Sharon Petersen
Marge McGrory

Janice Bringmann
Rev. Philip Ryan
Shirley Noyes
Ruth DeMeulenaere
Grace DeRycke

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Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality

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| 5:00 PM | Sat | Apr | 13 | Mass at St. Patrick |
| 10:00 AM | Sun | Apr | 14 | Jim Rajtora Family |

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

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| 5:00 PM | Sat | Apr | 13 | Mass at St. Patrick |
| 10:00 AM | Sun | Apr | 14 | Devon & Cael Weisskopf |

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

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| 5:00 PM | Sat | Apr | 13 | Mass at St. Patrick |
| 10:00 AM | Sun | Apr | 14 | Bill Lynch |

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

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| 5:00 PM | Sat | Apr | 13 | Mass at St. Patrick |
| 10:00 AM | Sun | Apr | 14 | Tanya Rajtora, Wendy & Terry Damisch |

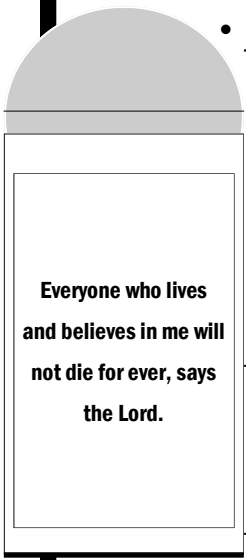
Funeral Committee:

Apr Deanna Roe(647-3351), Shirley Hall(685-6245), Marla VanDoe

Money Counters:

Apr 14 Tom & Jean Thys, Jim & Jeannine Scandridge

- **Catholic Messenger**-The Messenger is a real value at \$29 for 50 issues, print and/or e-edition. We owe\$2,268.00 We have collected:\$1,486.00.
 - **PLEASE NOTE**- Mass will be at 5pm on Saturday nights in Brooklyn until October.
 - **KC Meeting**- the next KC meeting will be on Tuesday April 9 at 7pm at the KC Hall.
 - **Easter Lilies**- Please consider donating an Easter Lily in memory of a deceased loved one(s). They are \$18.00. Please fill out a form and drop it in the collection baskets. Thank You.
 - **We are going to try having a "Childrens Liturgy"** during the Sunday Morning Masses starting on April 7. If anyone is willing to help with this please call Steph Thys. We need two people to lead it every week. It can be different people every week, you are not committed to do it every Sun. (For kids ages 4-7yrs) ****Notice****- **No longer will we be collecting the "Milk Moola" caps and labels. They have discontinued the program. Thank you**
- Confessions** there will be confessions heard on Apr 6 at St Patrick in Brooklyn from 3:15-3:45pm



Financial Overview : Our tithing and stewardship for God and Church. If you wish to receive envelopes, please contact 647-2294. Thank you to all who support our parish.

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| Envelopes: \$965.00 | Offertory:\$224.00 | |
| Renovation:\$80.00 | CRS:\$25.00 | Total:\$1,294.00 |

Happy Birthday!

Apr 10- Megan Tharp
 Apr 11- Curt McWilliams
 Apr 12- Mike Fetzer
 Apr 13- Shirley Noyes
 Apr 14- Mary Lou Blomme

Happy Anniversary!

Apr 13- Tony & Denise VanOtegham-28 years
 Apr 14- Charles & Val VanOtegham- 35 years

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Ushers & Greeters: The Ministers of Hospitality:

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| 5:00 PM | Sat. | Apr | 13 | Ron & Javerne Vercande |
| 8:00 AM | Sun. | Apr | 14 | Steve Alig, Francis Kriegel |

Altar Servers: The Ministers of God's Altar

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| 5:00 PM | Sat. | Apr | 13 | William Manatt, Zachary Clayton |
| 8:00 AM | Sun. | Apr | 14 | Kaylee Lint, Cara & Kylie Arment |

Lectors: The Ministers of God's Word

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| 5:00 PM | Sat. | Apr | 13 | Diane Davidson |
| 8:00 AM | Sun. | Apr | 14 | Barb Hall |

Eucharistic Ministers: Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

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| 5:00 PM | Sat. | Apr | 13 | Diane Davidson, Volunteers |
| 8:00 AM | Sun. | Apr | 14 | Angie Gritsch, John & Jane Fetter |

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| Money Counters | Apr | 14 | Jim & Elsie Foels, John & Jane Fetter |
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Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

- **Catholic Messenger**-Each Week The Catholic Messenger reflects the life of the church throughout the world. The Messenger is a real value at \$29 for 50 issues, print and/or e-edition. We owe\$1,971.00 We have collected:\$922.00.
- **PLEASE NOTE**- Mass will be at 5pm on Saturday nights in Brooklyn until October.
- **Stations of the Cross**- Every Friday in Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7pm. We will be alternating between the two parishes. Brooklyn on 4/12
- **Easter Lilies**- Please consider donating an Easter Lily in memory of a deceased loved one(s). They are \$18.00. Please fill out a form and drop it in the collection baskets. Thank You.
- **Lenten Breakfast**- at Grace UMC at 9am on Tues April 9
- **Lenten Soup Supper**-- Wed., April 9 at Grace UMC at 6pm
- **THANK YOU**- Thank you to all that either gave us a donation or came to our breakfast last weekend to support us for our Steubenville trip this summer. We appreciate your generosity! From the youth attending Steubenville Conference
- **Confessions** there will be confessions heard on April 6 at St Patrick in Brooklyn from 3:15-3:45pm

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| Envelopes:\$717.00 | Offertory:\$49.27 | |
| Renovation:\$25.00 | CRS:\$170.00 | Total:\$961.27 |

Happy Birthday!
Apr 11- Mary Jo Upah
Apr 12- Donna Briggs

Happy Anniversary!
Apr 9- Terry & Judy VanTomme- 41 years

Important Information for Both Parishes:

Dear Parishioners:

I hope and pray your Lent has been going well! It is certainly nice that the weather is getting better!

We are finally approaching the end of Lent, as next weekend will be Palm Sunday, and the following weekend is Easter Sunday. If you can, I would highly recommend attending as much of the 'Triduum' as possible. The Triduum is the three days between Holy Thursday and Holy Saturday, and is made up of three critical liturgies. On Holy Thursday, we will have 7 pm Mass in Victor, which is the celebration of the Lord's Supper, as well as the washing of the feet. On Good Friday, we will have the celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm in Victor. Finally, on Holy Saturday night, the chief liturgy of the year, we will have the 8pm Easter Vigil in Brooklyn, in which we will baptize our Catechumen and welcome her into the Catholic Church.

These liturgies are amazing and I hope you will take the opportunity to attend as many as you can. I am writing about it a week early so that you can start planning!

Fr. Corey

***Communal penance will be on Wednesday, April 10th at 7pm in Victor.

Come to an Open Forum on Marriage, Divorce and Annulment presented by our Tribunal Staff at 6:30pm on May 7, 2019 at St. Mary Catholic Church, 1002 Broad St. Grinnell, IA. Bring your questions and learn what our Church teaches about marriage, divorce, and the healing ministry of annulment. No RSVP needed

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- **Loss of Loved One**- Iowa City Hospice is hosting a luncheon for anyone who has experienced the death of someone close to them the third Thursday of each month beginning Sept 20, 2018 at Gus' Food and Spirits, Coralville. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 and you will be greeted by Iowa City Hospice staff or volunteers.
 - **Sharing the Hope Cancer support group**- will meet the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30pm at the Compass Memorial Healthcare Lobby, 300 West May St. Marengo. The group is open to all who have or are experiencing a cancer journey. This includes those going through cancer, caring for someone with cancer or having lost someone to cancer. Join us for conversation and cookies. For more information, contact Margaret Staman, Director of Hospital Fdtn and Volunteer Coordination at 319-642-8054.
 - **Domestic Violence**- Silence does not help the ones we love find hope or safety. If someone you care about is being abused, call 319-351-1043 or 800-373-1043 www.dvpiowa.org
 - **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**- Encounter weekend has something in it for every married couple. The weekend has value for couples married one year on up to 50 years or more. Register for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend today! Sign up for upcoming weekends to ensure your spot. Gift certificates are available by calling the phone number below. Upcoming dates, Apr 12-14 @ Ankeny, May 3-5 @ Dubuque. For information, dates and to register go to: iowa-wwme.org or call 563-608-3305.
 - **Child Sexual Abuse**- Please contact Iowa Dept of Human Services Child Abuse Hotline at 800-362-2178. If the abuse involves clergy or church personnel, also notify Alicia Owens, Victim Assistance Coordinator at 563-349-5002, PO Box 232, Bettendorf, IA 52722-0004 or vac@diodav.org

Website: stpatrick-stbridget.org please look at it, get up to date information and your bulletins!

Office Hours: The office will be open daily from 2:00pm- 4:00pm. Any questions please, call Linda Gensley @ 319-647-2294 or call Father at the rectory @ 319-647-2220. Thank You.

Confessions: There will be confessions heard every Saturday at the parish where Mass is held. From Apr 6 through Sept 30 confessions are now heard at St. Patrick Parish in Brooklyn from 4:15-4:45.

Marriages: Please arrange with Fr. Close at least six months in advance. Engaged Encounter or Pre-Cana is required.

Baptisms: There is a preparation class required in order to have your child baptized. Please contact Father Close for more information.

Newcomers: You may register in the parish by picking up a registration form from Fr. Close or the parish secretary, Linda Gensley. Church line is 319-647-2294 or Rectory is 319-647-2220.

Hall Rental: Anyone interested in renting out the hall please leave a message at 647-2294. The fee is \$100.00 must fill out our parish policy and check on the availability of dates.

Bulletin: Any news for the bulletin needs to be in by Wednesday, or you may call it in or email to us at: stbridgt@netins.net