



# St. Mary St. Patrick

March 2, 2025

## Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### March 2 – Pray more this Lent!

Lent is nearly upon us! This Wed., March 5, is Ash Wednesday, the first day of the Lenten Season.

#### **Masses for Ash Wednesday will be as follows:**

6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick's in Hampton (Bilingual)

7 p.m. – St. Mary's in Ackley (English)

The Lenten Season is where we highlight and emphasize three pillars of our spiritual life – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. Being a penitential season, we often focus on the “sacrificial” aspect: giving up things, fasting from food, abstaining from meat on Fridays. These sacrifices/penances are not only focused on own holiness (cultivating self-control); but also, have an eye towards “Love of Neighbor” through almsgiving. Perhaps, when we fast from a meal, we might donate the cost of that meal to charity. But we might also have an eye toward “Love of God,” using the time that I’d spend preparing for and eating that meal, in prayer instead. Or fasting from the time I spend watching TV or on social media, and offer that time for prayer.

While all three things are important this Lent – Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving – I want to invite you to especially focus on PRAYER. If nothing else, pray more for Lent!

Make more time for prayer this Lent! Both Sunday Mass, but also personal prayer!

Pray more!

My upcoming bulletin columns will have a particular focus on PRAYER throughout this season. Some suggestions of ways to pray, how to pray, how to pray more attentively, some methods of prayer, etc. All to help you to pray more and better, to go deeper in your relationship with the Lord this Lent!

But however you pray, the important thing is THAT you pray. That you make the time. “But, Father Kevin, I’m not a very good at prayer. I get distracted, or don’t really know how to pray well.”

That’s Ok! I live by the philosophy, that if something is worth doing, it’s worth doing poorly!

Better to take time for prayer and do it “poorly” than to not pray at all!

But the Lord uses whatever time we give Him, so whatever time we give to prayer is NEVER wasted! Even if we feel it is “poor prayer,” the important thing is we spend time with the Lord. The Lord can use it!

So let’s become a actively praying people this month! Watch my upcoming bulletin columns to help you in your life of prayer as well!

God’s blessings on you all this Lenten Season!

Peace

– Fr. Kevin

### 2 de marzo – ¡Reza mas esta Cuaresma!

¡Ya se acerca la Cuaresma! Este miércoles 5 de marzo es el primer día del tiempo de Cuaresma, el Miércoles de Ceniza.

#### **Misas del Miércoles de Ceniza:**

6:30 p.m. – St. Patrick's en Hampton (Bilingüe)

7 p.m. – St. Mary's en Ackley (Inglés)

Durante la Cuaresma es cuando resaltamos y enfatizamos tres pilares de nuestra vida espiritual – Oración, Ayuno y Limosna. Al ser una temporada penitencial, a menudo nos centramos en el aspecto “sacrificial”: renunciar a cosas, ayunar, abstenerse de carne los viernes. Estos sacrificios/penitencias no sólo están enfocados en nuestra propia santidad (cultivando el autocontrol); sino que también tienen la mirada puesta en el “Amor al Próximo” por medio de la limosna. Quizás, cuando ayunemos, podríamos donar el costo de esa comida a una organización benéfica; y, teniendo en mente el “Amor de Dios”, podríamos rezar durante el tiempo que hubiésemos usado para preparar esa comida. O tal vez, ayuno del tiempo que paso viendo televisión o en las redes sociales, y ofrezco ese tiempo para la oración.

Si bien las tres cosas son importantes – oración, ayuno y limosna – quiero invitarnos a que durante esta Cuaresma nos concentremos especialmente en la ORACIÓN. ¡Si no hacemos nada más, oremos!

Dedica más tiempo a la oración esta Cuaresma. ¡Tanto la misa dominical como la oración personal!

¡Reza más!

Mis próximas columnas del boletín se centrarán especialmente en la ORACIÓN durante esta temporada. Algunas sugerencias sobre formas de orar, cómo orar, cómo orar con más atención, algunos métodos de oración, etc. ¡Todo para ayudarte a orar más y mejor, para profundizar tu relación con el Señor durante esta Cuaresma!

Pero sea cual sea la forma en que ores, lo importante es que ores.

Que te tomes el tiempo. “Pero, Padre Kevin, no soy muy bueno rezando. Me distraigo o no sé cómo orar bien”. ¡No hay problema! Vivo según la filosofía de que si vale la pena hacer algo, vale la pena hacerlo mal.

¡Es mejor tomarse un tiempo para orar y hacerlo “mal” que no orar en absoluto!

Porque el Señor usa el tiempo que le damos, así que cualquier tiempo que dediquemos a la oración ¡NUNCA es desperdiciado!

Incluso si sentimos que es una “mala oración”, lo importante es que pasemos tiempo con el Señor. ¡El Señor puede usarlo!

Así que este mes seamos un pueblo que ora activamente. Está atento a mis próximas columnas del boletín, podrán ayudarte en tu vida de oración.

¡Que Dios los bendiga a todos durante este tiempo de Cuaresma!

Paz

– Padre Kevin

# St. Mary

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## Book Club

March 3 at 6 p.m.

*The God of the Woods*

By Liz Moore

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*April 7 at 6 p.m.*

**Stars Over Clear Lake**

By Loretta Ellsworth

Everyone is welcome to join! Great discussion and fellowship!

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## Lenten Meals

We will be serving Lenten Meals on Friday during Lent following the Stations of the Cross at 6 p.m.. If you would be willing to make and serve a meal, let David Keninger know 515-681-3750. Dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11.

**Coffee and Rolls**

March 2

*Everyone is welcome!*

## ***Liturgical Ministers***

**March 5 – Ash Wednesday**

Lector: Cindy Richtsmeier, Sophia Lazo  
Ushers: Jim Wessels, Angel Vera, Mike Bonewitz,  
Duane Sudtelgte  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jaxon Schipper, Jessica Schipper  
Altar Servers: Lucas Mausser  
Sacristan: Jim Wessels

**March 9 – First Sunday of Lent**

Lector: Jodi Uthe, Doug Lindaman  
Ushers: Richard Bloom, Duane Sudtelgte,  
Mike Bonewitz, Jim Brandt  
Eucharistic Ministers: Jim Wessels, Molly Forgy  
Money Counters: Lisa Kielty, Jodi Uthe  
Altar Servers: Sergio Rojel, Finley Johnstone  
Sacristan: Jodi Uthe

Rosary in Spanish on Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.

*Everyone is welcome!*

Stations of the Cross will be followed by a  
Lenten meal on Fridays at 6 p.m.  
during Lent

*Everyone is Welcome!*

Stations of the Cross in Spanish will be  
held on Fridays at 5 p.m.

*Everyone is Welcome!*

## Men's Faith Sharing Group

*Wednesday mornings during Lent  
7:30 a.m. – 8:30 am. Starting March 12*



Until you can hear Jesus in the silence  
of your own heart, you will not be  
able to hear Him saying “thirst” in the  
heart of the poor.

Thirsting for God daily meditations Mother Teresa

## **Stewardship - Treasure**

Sunday, February 23, 2024

Adult Envelopes	\$1100
Offertory	\$113
Second Collection	\$287
Capital Improvement	\$500

Give Online [www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving](http://www.FranklinHardinCatholic.org/online-giving)

# St. Patrick

1405 N. Federal, Hampton 641-456-4857  
Office Hours: Monday through Thursday  
9:00 AM-1:00 PM, excluding holidays.  
dbq097sec@dbqarch.org

## Liturgical Ministries

March 9th, 2025 – Marzo 9th, 2025

### Mass— March 9<sup>th</sup> 2025 10:30 a.m.

Lector: Cindy Dirksen  
Ushers: April Schoning, Ryne Magner  
Eucharistic Ministers; Dean Markwardt, April Schoning  
Money Counters: Madonna Weiland, Wilma Mason  
Altar Servers: James & Joseph Conlon, Dorian Harper  
Sacristan: Judy Nelson  
Linens: Judy Nelson

### Spanish Mass—Marzo 9th, 2025 5:30 p.m

Lector: Elbia Troches, Anabel Alaniz  
Ministros de Eucarísticos: Esther Garcia, Rafael Garcia  
Contador es de Dinero: Gabriela Garcia, Rafael Garcia  
Monaguillos: Ayleen Rodriguez, Elizabeth Manzo, Gabriel Diosdado  
Sacristan: Esther Garcia

You are responsible to find your own replacement.  
Usted es responsable de encontrar su propio reemplazo.

## Mass Times – Lent / Misa Tiempo-Cuaresma



Lent is fast approaching with  
Ash Wednesday on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mass times will be as follows:

**St. Patrick 6:30 PM Bilingual St. Mary 7:00 PM**

Daily Mass will be held at St. Patrick on Tuesdays at  
8:30 AM and on Thursdays at 5:30 PM (No morning  
Mass will be held on Thursdays during Lent.) /

La Cuaresma se acerca rápidamente con  
Miércoles de Ceniza el 5 de marzo.

Los horarios de las misas serán los siguientes:

San Patricio 6:30 PM Santa María Bilingüe  
7:00 PM. La misa diaria se llevará a cabo en San  
Patricio los martes a las 8:30 a.m. y los jueves a las  
5:30 p.m. (no se llevará a cabo misa matutina los  
jueves durante la Cuaresma).

## STEWARDSHIP TREASURY SUNDAY FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025

REGULAR \$ 590.00  
OFFERTORY \$ 254.20

Give On-Line at [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) online-giving.  
Dona en línea para [www.franklinhardincatholic.org](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org) donaciones en línea.

## Happenings Week of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

### Monday/ March 3<sup>rd</sup> / Marzo 3rd

1:00 PM Say Your Name Grief Group – Library

### Tuesday/ Martes March 4th/ Marzo 4th, 2025

8:30 AM Mass  
7:00 PM AA/Al-Anon (RE Center)

### Wednesday/ Miercoles –March 5th / Marzo 5<sup>th</sup>

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

10:00 AM-12:00 PM Food Pantry/Despensa de Alimentos  
(Social Hall)  
6:30 – Mass -Bilingual

### Thursday/ Jueves – March 6th / Marzo 6th

1:00 – 3:00 PM Crafts (Social Hall)  
5:00 PM Stations of the Cross  
5:30 PM Mass  
6:00-8:00 PM Adoration/Adoración

### Friday/ Viernes – March 7th / Marzo 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 PM Stations of the Cross- Via Crucis – Spanish  
5:00 – Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

### Sunday/ Domingo March 9th/ Marzo 9th

10:30 AM – Mass  
5:30 PM – Mass- Spanish

## MEN'S GRIEF GROUP

If you are a male who is experiencing grief over  
the death of a loved one. St. Patrick will be hosting a  
men's grief group meeting

The next meeting will be *March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM*

St. Patrick Church Parish Library

For More Information

Contact Steve Pearson at 641-425-1662 or contact the Parish Office at  
641-456-4857



## ROLL BREAKFAST & SOCIAL SUNDAY MARCH 2nd/MARZO 2nd /PANECILLO DE DESAYUNO & DOMINGO SOCIAL

Please join us after the 10:30 AM Mass for Coffee, Rolls and  
Fellowship and after the 5:30 PM Mass for social time.

Únase a nosotros después de las 10:30 a.m. Misa de café,  
magdalenas y compañerismo y después de las 5:30 p.m.  
Misa para el tiempo social.

## ST. PATRICK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY



MARCH 7, MARCH 21, APRIL 4  
5:00 PM UNTIL GONE  
DINE IN OR CARRY OUT  
\$16.00 PER PERSON

**MENU:**  
FISH, POTATO CHIPS,  
BAKED BEANS, ROLL,  
ICE CREAM CUP AND  
BEVERAGE

 **Knights of  
Columbus**  
ST PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
1405 N. FEDERAL  
HAMPTON, IOWA

# Fast and Abstinence

The regulations on Lenten fast and abstinence are:

- Fasting: On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, only one full meal. Two smaller meals are allowed as needed, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.
- Abstinence from Meat: you are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.



# Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training

St. Mary and St. Patrick has made the change to Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our Faith Formation program. It is a different way of teaching our youth their faith. It uses the Montessori style of teaching (hands on), it allows the youth to explore the works of our faith with hands on projects.. if you would like to learn more you are welcome to tour the classrooms.

We are offering Level I and Level II at both parishes. The two levels are for preschool – kdg and first - third grade. For the continued success of this program we are in need of people to take the training to help us keep the program going. There will be a Level I training offered at St. Cecilia Catholic Church in Ames. The classes will begin July 19, 2025. If you would be interested or have questions talk to Jolene or Father for more information.



**We need your help to keep this program going!**

# First Communion classes for older youth

If you have a child above the second grade that needs to prepare for First Communion we will be holding classes. Please stop at St. Patrick office to register! The classes will begin March 18 at 3:45 p.m. at St. Patricks. If you have any questions contact Jolene.

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Monday, March 3</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Fr. Paul Peters	St. Mary
<b>Tuesday, March 4</b>		
8:30 a.m.	Fr Ed Lechtenberg	St. Patrick
<b>Wednesday, March 5</b>		
6:30 p.m.	Doc Fetter	St. Patrick
7:00 p.m.	Patrick Moreno	St. Mary
<b>Thursday, March 6</b>		
5:30 p.m.	Gerald Kelch	St. Patrick
<b>Sunday, March 9</b>		
8:00 a.m	Sharon Ubben	St. Mary
10:30 a.m.	Duane Kelch	St. Patrick
5:30 p.m.	For the people	St. Patrick
		Spanish

Live stream of Mass

[www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream](http://www.franklinhardincatholic.org/livestream)

## Pray for...

Cathy Kuper, Darwin Wikert,  
Megan (Keninger) Hesnard,  
Jacob Sudtelgte



Please make use of your parish's prayer chain:

St. Mary, Ackley:

Jolene Harms at [stmaryspatrick@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryspatrick@gmail.com)

St. Patrick, Hampton:

Mary Ann Patton at [thepattons4@gmail.com](mailto:thepattons4@gmail.com)