



# The Shamrock

**May 2020**

In writing this today, I am realizing that in a day or two everything may be entirely different. Change these days is the only thing that is the same. As of now we will not be celebrating mass together and the Bishops in Iowa will continue to monitor the situation as the weeks pass. Don't stop watching the masses on television or the internet and receiving Spiritual Communion in that way. There are many opportunities for rosaries, Divine Chaplets and Adoration on various sites. Feel free to call me if you need some suggestions for sites.

First I will talk of an upcoming change that is for certain. We will be getting not one, but two new priests in July. Also when I say "new" I truly mean it -- they are new. Our pastor will be Father Andrew Marr. Perhaps a few of you may recall him being here during the summer while a seminarian back in the Father Miller years. I, myself, am recalling a young man with a great singing voice! Father Joseph Sevcik will be the other priest here and he will be newly ordained. Please make sure to give them each a warm welcome as well as your support.

Father Dubert as most of you know by now is retiring due to health reasons and will be residing in Ames. Father Lippstock will be the chaplain at Mercy Hospital in Mason City so you may be running into him again here and there (hopefully not as a patient though!).

Please continue to pray for those who have been preparing to receive their First Communion and have as yet been unable to do so. Each parish will be deciding when they will be celebrating this special sacrament so hopefully we will be back soon and these youngsters can have their special day.

The month of May is the month dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The first Sunday in May we would be crowning the statue of the Blessed Mother. What can you do to celebrate and honor Mary at home? A May altar could be created using perhaps a statue or picture of the Blessed Mother, a candle or some flowers. St. Patricks also has a beautiful Mary garden which you could certainly visit while maintaining social distancing and take some time for prayer and reflection.

Thank you for your outpouring of financial support for our parish and Cluster to each and every one of you during this Easter season. It is so greatly appreciated. If you have recently set up with EFT or online donations and are still receiving envelopes, please email Brenda Sanchez at [BrendaS@archangelscc.org](mailto:BrendaS@archangelscc.org) to notify her that you are now giving online and she will take you off the list to receive budget envelopes in the mail. All of this ultimately saves the Cluster money. Mike and I switched our giving to EFT when this COVID 19 ended our ability to give in person at mass and we have decided to keep going with it. It's as easy as going to the parish website at [archangelscc.org](http://archangelscc.org) and setting up your donation schedule. If you need assistance you can call 923-2329 and the gals in the office will be glad to help you get started.

Happy Mother's Day to all of our mothers, grandmothers, godmothers and all female mentors who we love and who love us in return. God bless you always.

*Yours in Christ,*

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