

NOVEMBER 12, 2023

THIRTY~SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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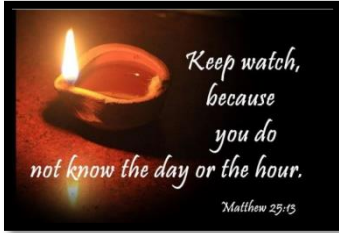
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

We are open to ongoing formation in faith through the sacraments, life experiences, and other opportunities for reflection.

We are committed to witnessing our faith by serving others and working for justice and peace.



MASSES – Sunday-8:30am

Saturday-5pm (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month)

Tuesday-8:30am Thursday-6pm Holydays-check bulletin

RECONCILIATION-Saturday-4:15pm-4:45pm (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month). Sunday (weekend with 1st Saturday Mass) 8am-8:15am

ADORATION-Tuesday 1am-10am,7pm-12am Wednesday 12am-11am, 6pm-10pm

SUNDAY COFFEE- after Mass most YFF Sundays YFF-9:45am-10:35am Sundays

Contact Father Lazarus: when a family member is in the hospital, when he needs to bring communion to the homebound or when someone is in need of anointing, to schedule a baptism and at least **6 months** before your

anticipated wedding date. **East bookcase:** Please sign our Guest Register. Feel free to take a brief parish history and/or a self-guided tour sheet. **Vestibule bulletin board**-If you would like to become a member of our faith family, please fill out a registration blank, drop it in the collection basket or mail to the church. **Tithe envelopes**-top shelf of east bookcase; put your name on the first few envelopes.

*****Livestream Masses: Tuesdays 8:30am, Sunday 8:30am*****

www.facebook.com/stpatrickimogeneiowa or **St. Patrick Church-Imogene, IA YouTube Channel**

Please join our faith community in kneeling at the end of Mass
and silently saying three Hail Marys for world peace and an end to abortion

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Wednesday
	Nov. 11	Nov. 12	Nov. 19	Nov. 22 @ 5pm
Lector	Tom Dinville	Danny Kinsella	Sarah Martin	Peggy Martin
EME	Jim Martin	Tom Martin	Bridget Campbell	Tom Martin
EME		Kent Owens	Kathy Harbor	John Martin
EME		Dan Kinsella	Joe Cheney	Jim Martin
Server	Owen Laughlin	Ellie Kinsella	Lillie Martin	Abby Martin
Server		Henry Martin	Nora Martin	Nora Martin
Server		Abby Martin	Levi McDonald	Ruthie Martin
Gifts	Tim & Sarah Martin	Andy & Bridget Campbell	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Jim Martin Family
Usher	Bernie Hughes	Wes Nicholas	Joe Gutschentitter	Donnie Doyle
Usher	Kenny Hughes	Sam McGargill	Dan Kinsella	Kim Hughes
Usher	Tim Martin	Tom Martin	Jared Speichenger	Becky Hughes
Usher	Bill Ditmars	Jim Martin	Trevor Christensen	Aaron Molnar
Greeters	Bernie Hughes	Rick & Maryanne Dailey	Dwight & Madonna Smith	Genene Fienup
Streaming		Maryanne Dailey	Rita Laughlin	Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Tom Martin	Jake McGargill	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intentions

Sat. Nov. 11: +Angie Smith and +Maureen Burke

Tues. Nov. 14: +Tom Breedlove and +Margie Doyle

Sun. Nov. 19: +Margie Doyle

Wed. Nov. 22: +Dan Nebel and +Gary Campin

Sun. Nov. 26: Members of the parish

Thurs. Nov. 30: +Margie Doyle and +Ann McDonald

Sun. Nov. 12: Members of the parish

Thurs. Nov. 16: +Dan & Betty Head

Tues. Nov. 21: +Steve Fienup

Sat. Nov. 25: Members of the parish

Tues. Nov. 28: +Ray & Georgia Baker

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

The whole business of remembrance is in the air at this time of year. The Church devotes the whole month of November to remembering those who have gone before us, marked with the sign of faith. In so doing, we remember the kindness of those who have died and their influence on our lives, but we might also remember their failings, or the harder aspects of their memory. There may indeed be a range of feelings and emotions in the air when we recall them, called to mind when we remember those who have died.

This whole experience of 'remembrance' inspires wonder. It is crucial to remember to bring some important item on a journey, or to communicate some important words and sentiments. We work hard to remember birthdays or anniversaries, and there can be disappointment if these are easily forgotten. Remembering something or someone brings us close to it, makes it present, and so we can relate to it as something 'in the air', so to speak. There is a kind of 'recollection' with different experiences brought together that bring our hearts and minds into a unity with something beyond ourselves, which is real.

The wise virgins in our gospel reading today are masters of remembrance. Remaining recollected throughout their vigil, they have prudently tended their lamps and conserved their oil, and so they are ready to receive the bridegroom. For sure, they may have had much to learn along the way, but their prudence and foresight have made them ready. But couldn't they have stretched even a little assistance to their injudicious colleagues?

These other virgins had waited alongside with diligence too, awaiting the great moment of arrival. At the last hour, having failed to remember their supply of oil, disaster strikes and all is lost. It is indeed for them a costly mistake. Is there justice? Where is mercy? These virgins, described as foolish, might well be worthy of the title through their tardiness, but haven't they been faithful through their vigil? Their lamps have patiently chided the darkness and warmed the air as the anticipated arrival approached, yet their tardiness results in abandonment. If we're sometimes forgetful, should we be afraid?

The message of the story is one about readiness – we need to be sober, vigilant, watchful, prepared. That's the way to be in the bridegroom's company, and that is where we all desire to be. It's not really about forgetfulness and foolishness, but about prudence and recollection. Jesus comes to show us both justice and mercy, and these things are present when we listen to him and when we are in his presence. Perhaps the greatest and most faithfully observed command of the Lord is to 'Do this in remembrance of me', and we would do well to reflect on the importance of this aspect of our lives in these days of remembrance.

For the presence of the Lord amongst us is something we have already, not something for which we need to wait. True, there is still time before the fullness of God's mercy and justice is made known to us, but who knows how long? The Lord has given us everything we need to keep the vigil all through our lives, so we should stock well our lamps and press on with fidelity. That way we can be like the wise virgins, and march on to victory. The key thing is remembrance, that recollection that enables us to 'meet the Lord in the air', as St Paul tells us.

But what of the foolish? We can all too easily lapse into a sleepy slothfulness that impedes our vigil. We must pray that we will be liberated from this, and for the wakeful fortitude of one another. We can also remember that the Lord has come to save us from death and bring us to life, so we can always remember to renew our relationship with him, and meet him in the air. He will not abandon us, and even in the most devastating point in our weakness, we should remember that we can meet the Lord in the air.

But it is not enough to wait for the bridegroom with the others if the waiting is not accompanied by inner faith. God is not asking us only to 'hang around', he asks for our personal engagement as a response to his engagement towards us.

Have a Blessed Week; Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

Our Gifts to God 11/1 & 11/5

Plate: \$3248.11 Tithes: \$245.00
 Children: \$14.00 Food Pantry: \$80.00
 Building Fund: \$874.99



During the month of November, the Church traditionally remembers those whom God has called through death to eternal life. We can remember our loved ones who are no longer with us in a special way this month:

- + Light a candle
- + Place a framed picture on the altar rail
- + Write their name in our Book of Remembrance

**Save the Date
 Church Cleaning
 Dec. 16th at 9am**



**No Adoration
 Tuesday, Nov. 21
 Wednesday, Nov. 22**

**Strahan Turkey Dinner
 and UMW Bazaar
 Sunday, November 12
 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Strahan United Methodist Church
 64632 360th Street
 Hastings, IA
 5 ½ miles south of Hastings on M16

Adults--\$14.00
 Kindergarten-Age 10--\$7
 Preschoolers--Free



Maureen Campin	Nov 1st
Genevieve Doyle	Nov 2nd
Mary Maher	Nov 4th
Bernie Hughes	Nov 4th
Aaron Molnar	Nov 4th
Jim Head	Nov 6th
Chelsey Nicholas	Nov 8th
Jared Blake	Nov 9th
Emily McGargill	Nov 11th
Janice Doyle	Nov 12th
Caroline Gutschenritter	Nov 16th
Mairin Allen	Nov 19th
Dave Sunderman	Nov 21st
Nora Martin	Nov 23rd
Patricia Head	Nov 24th
Gene Fienup	Nov 24th
Amy Gutschenritter	Nov 24th
Cash Smith	Nov 25th
Gerard Brannen	Nov 27th
Kelsey Owens	Nov 29th
Oliver Christensen	Nov 29th

**Ministry Fair
 THIS WEEKEND!**

- Do you know there are over 25 different ministries here at St. Patrick Parish? That means there are over 25 different ways for you to get involved in your parish community!
- Stop downstairs after Mass this weekend and learn about the different ways you can get involved in the parish. There will be people available to talk to about the ministries, so you can find the one that is right for you.

**Knights of Columbus
 Coats for Kids**

We are asking for new or gently used clean coats of all sizes for children and adults. Coats can be dropped off in the box in the vestibule.

ALTAR SOCIETY MINUTES – 11/5/23

Officers Attending: Maria Blake/Bridget Campbell – Co-Presidents
Peggy Martin – Vice President Karen Gutschenritter – Secretary

Attendance Listing was signed by those present-12 women attended.
Maria Blake opened the meeting with HAIL MARY.

Secretary Report: Minutes of the prior meeting, 10/01/23, were passed, and motions reviewed, with no changes proposed or presented. Motion made to accept minutes as presented. Current bank balances as provided by St. Mary's: Checking - \$4,711.04 and Savings - \$11,944.34

Correspondence Received: Thank you note was received from Dwight and Madonna Smith for the Mass said for Dwight's sister, Norma Leffingwell.

Thank-Yous/Get Wells Extended: Maria Blake extended thanks to Madonna Smith family for the donation towards the preparation of maidrites for the Turkey Shoot. Lauri McGargill prompted an official heartfelt thank you to Maryanne Dailey for organizing Altar Society committees in the prior year(s). Maria Blake thanked Ver Keasling for donation of a beautiful, large, framed photo to be used to raise money during the Turkey Shoot.

Old Business: 1) Bridget Campbell announced that the donut order had been switched back to HyVee due to some voiced displeasure and to make it easier in billing/payment. A schedule of pre-order was presented for review and monthly committees should pick up donuts/milk/juice by 7 a.m. on the Sunday's listed. 2) Karen Gutschenritter presented a rough draft of kitchen instructions along with a printed manual for the dishwasher. These instructions will be reviewed by all for changes and may be later posted on the kitchen bulletin board to assist monthly committees. Peggy Martin will try dishwasher instruction. 3) List of college students for the first survival kit was reviewed. Additional names can be added for future kits. Motion was made to include \$25 gift card, Rosary, Prayer Card, and letter of support from Altar Society. Donations from present members for NCYC send-off bags were elicited and will be collected and put together in the kitchen following Mass on the 12th and presented to Kari Kinsella for those attending NCYC. (NCYC participants leave at 5:30 a.m. on 11/16.) Ideas for new parish families and new moms have been tabled.

New Business: 1) Maria extended a warm welcome to new Altar Society member, Kayla Mahoney. 2) Church Cleaning was scheduled for December 16th. Altar Society will start in the body of the Church and continue as time allows. All parishioners are encouraged to participate and Confirmation students will be invited to assist to earn service hours. 3) Bridget Campbell contacted Maryanne Dailey to see about ordering Poinsettias. Maryanne has already ordered these for the upcoming season as they are ordered well in advance. (Thank you Maryanne!) Maryanne will provide information to Altar Society for ordering Easter Lillies and Poinsettias in future. 4) Turkey Shoot prices were discussed. Maryanne Daily provided prior pricing-Adults (11 and up) were \$7, Children (4-10) were \$5, and 3 and Under were free. Motion made to approve those prices for the current year. Parishioners with last names A-L should bring a dessert and M-Z should bring a salad. Food should arrive by 4:30 p.m. on the 19th. Karen Gutschenritter provided an update for Turkey Shoot preparations. Two members of November committee will be at NCYC, so request for assistance in setting up and serving were made. Anyone who is able to help, should arrive an hour early to assist. Picture donation by Ver Keasling was discussed. Since there is a shortage of help, it was decided to set up as a silent auction. Motion made. 5) Motion made to adjourn. Next Meeting December 3, 2023.

Motions: 1) Prior minutes approved as presented. Motion by Peggy Martin, seconded by Joanne Cheney 2) Motion by Bridget Campbell, seconded by Laurie McGargill to include \$25 Gift Card, Rosary, Prayer Card and a letter from the Altar Society in first college survival kit. 3) Motion by Becky Head, seconded by Joanne Cheney for Peggy Martin to purchase and deliver small poinsettias to shut-ins. 4) Motion by Maryanne Dailey, seconded by Laurie McGargill to approve meal pricing as above for Turkey Shoot. 5) Motion by Peggy Martin, seconded by Bridget Campbell to do a Silent Auction of donated photo portrait. 6) Motion to Adjourn by Kari Kinsella, seconded by Madonna Smith.

MEMORARE was said as closing prayer and the meeting adjourned.
Respectfully submitted – Karen Gutschenritter, Secretary

Turkey Shoot
Sunday, Nov. 19 at 5pm
Church basement

Last name begins with A -L – Please bring a dessert
Last name begins with M – Z – Please bring a salad

Please bring your salad/dessert to the church basement by 4:30pm on the day of the Turkey Shoot)

Adults (11yrs & older) - \$7.00
Children (4yrs – 10yrs) - \$5.00
3yrs & under – Free



JOIN US

SEASONAL WORSHIP

ALL ARE WELCOME

Thanksgiving Eve-Wednesday, November 22-5:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve-Sunday, December 24-4:00 p.m.

Christmas Day-Monday, December 25-8:30 a.m.

New Year's Eve-Sunday, December 31- 8:30 a.m.

Regular Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8:30 a.m.

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m.

(2nd & 4th Saturday of the month)



EVENTS IN THE AREA

Saturday Retreats at The Emmaus House

Join us at Emmaus House for one of the new Saturday retreats scheduled. On Saturday, Nov. 18 Kevin O'Donnell will facilitate a Silent Retreat Day. In December we will offer two retreats beginning with Lectio Divina with Father Dan Krettek on Saturday, Dec. 2. On Saturday, Dec. 9 April Young will facilitate a Blue Christmas Retreat, offered for anyone who has experienced loss, difficulty, major life change, or anything else that makes this Christmas "blue." Check out these and more offerings at www.TheEmmausHouse.org.

Nourish for Caregivers

If you're caring for a parent, a spouse or a child and need prayerful support, consider coming to the next Nourish for Caregivers gathering on Nov. 29 at 6 p.m. at Holy Trinity Parish in Des Moines. Questions? Contact Patty Origer at poriger@dmdiocese.org.

St. Ceclia Saints Choir

The St. Ceclia Saints Choir of Hamburg will be performing their annual Christmas Vespers at St. Mary's in Shenandoah on Sunday, Nov. 26th at 4:30pm in the church. Reva Benefiel is the director and states even though it is based in Hamburg, the singers come from all over southwest Iowa. The concert is open to the public and a free will offering may be made.

St. Patrick Parish Giving Tree

As part of the Community Outreach ministry, our parish will be helping 2 families this Christmas season. Next weekend there will be a Christmas tree in the vestibule. We are asking parish members to take an ornament(s) from the tree and purchase the item on the ornament. You don't have to worry about wrapping the gifts, we will do that for you. There will be more details in the bulletin next weekend.