

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

THIRTY~THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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

	Sunday	Wednesday	Saturday	Sunday
	Nov. 19	Nov. 22 @ 5pm	Nov. 25	Nov. 26
Lector	Sarah Martin	Peggy Martin	Rick Dailey	Jake McGargill
EME	Bridget Campbell	Tom Martin	Kathy Harbor	Amy Gutschenritter
EME	Kathy Harbor	John Martin		Jim Martin
EME	Joe Cheney	Jim Martin		John Martin
Server	Lillie Martin	Abby Martin	Ethan Laughlin	Caroline Campbell
Server	Nora Martin	Nora Martin		John Martin
Server	Levi McDonald	Ruthie Martin		Caroline Gutschenritter
Gifts	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Jim Martin Family	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Tom & Sarah Martin
Usher	Joe Gutschenritter	Donnie Doyle	Donnie Doyle	Darwin Bugg
Usher	Dan Kinsella	Kim Hughes	Kim Hughes	Sandy Bugg
Usher	Jared Speichenger	Becky Hughes	Becky Hughes	James Doyle
Usher	Trevor Christensen	Aaron Molnar	Kent Owens	Raphael Ekpai
Greeters	Dwight & Madonna Smith	Genene Fienup	Kim & Becky Hughes	Hannah Forney
Streaming	Rita Laughlin	Rita Laughlin		Kari Kinsella
Sacristan	Jake McGargill	Aaron Molnar	Tara Doyle	Aaron Molnar

Mass Intentions

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

Tues. Nov. 21: +Steve Fienup

Sat. Nov. 25: Members of the parish

Tues. Nov. 28: +Ray & Georgia Baker

THOUGHTS FROM OUR PASTOR

This week's Gospel raises the issue of servants being trusted with something of value. The reference to talents is perhaps lost in translation. Modern readers may think of 'America's Got Talent' in reading this passage. However, this parable doesn't really have anything to do with our personal talents (whether we are talented or otherwise). A talent in ancient times was a large sum of money, something of great value. It was also something quite heavy. I am not exactly sure what a talent was in terms of empirical weight, but it was most likely equivalent to a large case or rucksack full of a metal such as gold or silver. Say one talent was for argument's sake worth around \$1million in today's money. That would be the equivalent value of the weight of one talent in gold. A talent would be equivalent to a heavy case or rucksack, something worth a lot. Then of course, there is the question of what to do with that sort of weight of valuable material if the master has gone abroad for a considerable length of time.

Ancient readers would make the connection with this parable of the talents and the kabod of the Lord. This Hebrew word means 'heavy', and also translates into gloria. The root meaning behind kabod (heavy) developed into being heavy with riches (in Isaiah 10:3 for instance). The term kabod also refers to the glory of God. In the temple of Jerusalem, the kabod was housed above the mercy seat. This was seen as the place where the Lord dwelled, and the place from where the Lord dispensed his mercy. And this was such a heavy, infinite mercy of God. The glory of the Lord would also fill the temple.

The talents in the Gospel passage refer to our share in the life of Grace. We have a huge share in the mercy of God. Even someone given one talent is given a large weight of valuable 'stuff'. We are given a substantial share in the divine life, but there is also an expectation that it will increase in value (and, in this parable it would also increase in weight).

Another consideration is that even one talent would be of such a weight that it would be difficult to transport anywhere. It would be of course much easier to distribute the bars or ingots of gold or silver to others, and in some way invest the talents. The problem with the man who buried the talent in the ground is that he misunderstood what he was given. As pointed out, even investing it in a bank would have meant gaining interest on the talent's value.

When we keep possession of the divine mercy, thinking it is our own – that is what we are told not to do. The message of Christ is that in relation to the thing of great value we have been given: much will be asked of those to whom much has been given – more will be expected of them, because they were entrusted with more.

One message to take from the parable is that burying a talent in the ground is not pleasing to the Lord. Yet, the other stewards managed to invest and generate more valuable gold. Having to haul five talents of heavy valuable metal around and make investments, would also entail some degree of suffering. In the context of the Gospel, this equates to not only taking our share in the Glory of God, but also accepting a fellowship in the sufferings of Christ. Investing the talents is a witness to the power of his resurrection. What is pleasing to the Lord is loving others in charity, fulfilling his commands, and increasing the gift of faith we have been given. The Lord's gift of the Spirit can be squandered by corruption or irresponsible behaviour. But it can also be squandered by just not sharing or distributing the life of grace we have been given.

Have a Blessed Week; Fr. Lazarus Kirigia

Our Gifts to God 11/11 & 11/112

Plate: \$1591.50 Tithes: \$20.00
 Children: \$7.00 Mass: \$5.00
 Hall Rent: \$50.00 Donuts: \$42.00



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**



Have you given us your phone number and email for Flocknote? If not, we will be in the back of church next weekend and can get you signed up. With so much going on at the parish, we want to make sure everyone stays connected and up to date. If you are currently receiving the text messages and emails, there is no need to sign up again.

No YFF on Sunday, Nov. 26th

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



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

Special Collection - Today

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development National Collection is today November 19th.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty by funding community programs that encourage independence. You are essential to its success. Mark this World Day of the Poor (Nov. 19) with your generous donations that will give those in poverty the support they need to make lasting changes. Together, we can make a difference in families and communities across the United States. Please donate prayerfully and generously.

**Turkey Shoot – Tonight 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 have your dessert or salad to the kitchen by 4pm.****

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

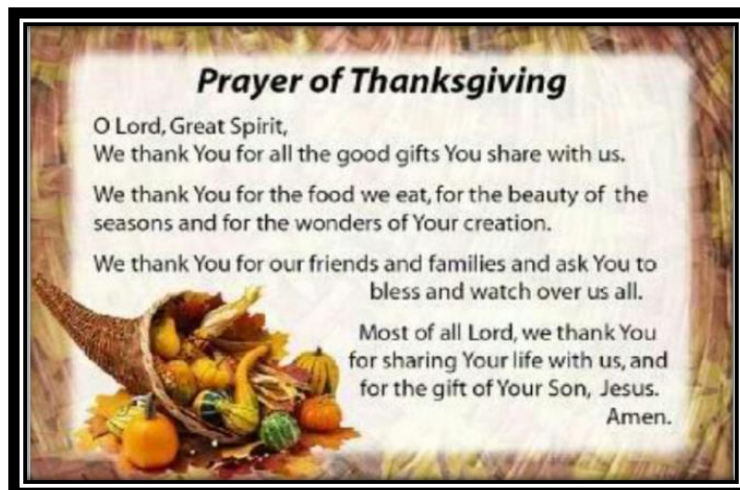
**Christmas Poinsettias - \$20
Deadline is Dec. 17**

The envelopes for the memorial Christmas poinsettias are on the table in the vestibule. Please complete the information on the outside of the envelope, put your payment inside the envelope and drop the envelope in the collection basket or give to Rita Laughlin or Maryanne Dailey.



Thanksgiving Eve Mass

Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 5pm in Imogene
Wednesday, Nov. 22nd at 7pm in Red Oak



ADOPT A FAMILY

ST. PATRICK PARISH IS SPONSORING TWO LOCAL FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS.

PICK AN ORNAMENT(S) FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREE AND PURCHASE THE ITEM(S).

WE WILL TAKE CARE OF WRAPPING THE GIFTS, WE JUST ASK YOU TO KEEP THE ORNAMENTS WITH THE GIFTS YOU PURCHASED.



**PLEASE HAVE GIFTS BACK TO THE CHURCH BY
SUNDAY, DEC. 10TH**

**SPONSORED BY THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE OF
DIVINE RENOVATION**

The ministry material is set up downstairs. Please stop by and see all the opportunities that are available at our parish. We are not asking people to lead these ministries; we are just looking for more volunteers and offering more ways for people to get involved. If you're not able to stop downstairs but would like to get involved, please complete this form, and put it in the collection basket or the basket in the vestibule. Thank you!



ST. PATRICK MINISTRIES



Check the ministries you would like to join

DIVINE RENOVATION

- Hospitality**-Welcoming guests and parishioners
- Mass Experience**- Keeping Jesus at the center of worship
- Outreach**-Witness our faith by serving others

PRAYER LIFE

- Adoration**-Pray to Jesus in the presence of the Eucharist
- Prayer Net**-Prays for the needs of the Parish

SOCIAL GROUPS

- Altar Society**-Organizes Sunday breakfasts & special projects
- Knights of Columbus**-Organizes Catholic volunteer activities

WEDDINGS

- Sponsor Couple**-Supports engaged couples with a Diocesan Program
- Wedding Coordinator**-Point of Contact for engaged couples including during their rehearsal and wedding day

SPREADING OUR FAITH

- Food Pantry**-Organizes, Collects, Distributes donations
- Pro-Life**-Share the Pro-life message to others

LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Greeters**-Welcomes & hands out bulletins
- Altar Servers**-Assist Priest with Mass
- Lectors**-Reads during Mass
- Gift Bearers**-Carries the bread & wine
- Music**-Leads choir & congregation
- Sacristan**-Prepares the altar for Mass
- EME**-Distributes Eucharist
- Usher**-Takes up collection
- Livestream**-Streams Mass on Youtube

PARISH NEEDS

- Altar Candles/Flowers**-Orders candles and seasonally creates florals for the altar
- FlockNote**-Admin for software to send text/email messages to parishioners
- Building & Grounds**-Maintains the facilities and organizes outside clean-ups
- Cemetery**-Maintains cemetery and assists with burial needs
- Church Tours**-Guides visitors through the church while telling the history
- Pastoral Council**-assists the pastor in meeting the spiritual, liturgical and educational needs of the parish

FAITH FORMATION

- Youth**-Teaches or substitute teaches classes for our youth to develop their faith
- NCYC**-Organizes the youth to attend the National Catholic Youth Conference
- Adult**-Reviews programs & facilitates faith groups for Adults to deepen their faith

First/Last Name:

Email:

Phone:

Place completed form in the collection basket or in the basket in the vestibule.