

SEPTEMBER 28th 2025

TWENTY~SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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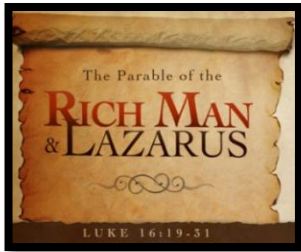
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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.

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.



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 – 8am – 8:15am on Sunday after the first Saturday Mass of the month.

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 Mass: Sunday 8:30am**** www.facebook.com/stpatrickimogeneiowa

	Saturday	Sunday	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	Sept. 27	Sept. 28	Oct. 5	Oct. 11	Oct. 12
Lector	Rick Dailey	Jake McGargill	Abby Martin	Tom Dinville	Sarah Martin
EME	Kathy Harbor	John Martin	Bridget Campbell	Genene Fienup	A. Gutschenritter
EME		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella		Joe Cheney
EME		Tom Martin	Jim Martin		Aaron Molnar
Server		Lillie Martin	Caroline Campbell		Ethan Laughlin
Server		Ellie Kinsella	Devon Gutschenritter		Caroline Gutschenritter
Server		Maia Forney	Ehtan Nelson		Maia Forney
Gifts	Jeff & Jennifer Johnson	Raphael & Ida Ekpai	Joe & Amy Gutschenritter	Bill & Pam Ditmars	Kathy Harbor
Usher	Bernie Hughes	Ken Forney	Dan Kinsella	Donnie Doyle	Sam McGargill
Usher	Tim Martin	Hannah Forney	Trevor Christensen	Kim Hughes	Wes Nicholas
Usher	George McGargill	Jim Gutschenritter	Jim Martin	Becky Hughes	Dan Martin
Usher	Aaron Molnar	Joe Gutschenritter	Tom Martin	Bill Ditmars	Jared Speichinger
Greeters	Bernie Hughes	Henry Martin	Hannah Forney	Kim & Becky Hughes	Jim Martin Family
Streaming		Nora Martin	Rita Laughlin		Maryanne Dailey
Sacristan	Genene Fienup	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar	Tara Doyle	Joe Cheney

Mass Intentions

Sat. Sept. 27: +Steve Fienup **Sun. Sept. 28:** Members of the parish **Sun. Oct. 5:** Members of the parish

Tues. Oct. 7: +Tom Breedlove and +Theresa Hughes Kemp **Thurs. Oct. 9:** +Eleanor McDonald Eller

Sat. Oct. 11: +Dwight Smith **Sun. Oct. 12:** +Gladys Taylor and +Evelyn Taylor

Tues. Oct. 14: +Paul Laughlin and +Eddie Jardon **Thurs. Oct. 16:** +Travis Durfey **Sun. Oct. 19:** Members of the parish

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER LAZARUS

Catholic social teaching is a body of doctrine that applies the wisdom of the Catholic Church to the challenges of society, politics, economics, and culture. Rooted in Scripture and tradition, it promotes human dignity and the common good through core principles. The core principles of Catholic Social Teaching are:

~Life and Dignity of the Human Person: Every individual is made in the image of God and possesses inherent dignity and rights.

~Call to Family, Community, and Participation: The family is the foundation of society, and all people have a right and responsibility to participate in their communities.

~Rights and Responsibilities: All people have fundamental rights, such as the right to life and subsistence, but these must be balanced with responsibilities toward others.

~Option for the Poor and Vulnerable: The Church has a special commitment to the poor and marginalized, and their needs must be a priority.

~Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers: Work is a way to participate in God's creation, and workers have a right to just wages, safe conditions, and dignity.

~Solidarity: We are one human family, called to empathy, care, and mutual support for one another across the world.

~Care for God's Creation: As stewards of the Earth, we must care for the environment, recognizing it as a gift from God and for future generations.

This Sunday's readings from Prophet Amos and St. Luke require more than a quick read to get to the deeper meaning. A casual glimpse may lead one to interpret these readings as a strong condemnation of material wealth and comfort. That is not to say that these readings do not have anything to say about this. What Amos speaks strongly against is the complacency of those he is addressing. When we are comfortable, it can be easy to forget the plight of others. Prophet Amos is expressing distress over those people who have become "complacent."

The Gospel; the unnamed rich man is wealthy, well-fed, draped in purple garments, and comfortable. Lazarus is poor, starving, clothed in sores, and lying outside the door of the rich man. When the two men die, their plights continue to be the opposite of each other.

The message is crystal clear: both Prophet Amos and Jesus tell us that we must not ignore or become desensitized to the suffering around us, that we must work to relieve it so that others might also have healthy lives. If we pay attention to our actions during our earthly lives and resolve to stay close to God, we will remain close to him after our time on earth is ended.

The readings present us with more than contrasting pictures of wealth versus poverty, but rather, we are shown how wealth might blind one to seeing the poor, and how one state of comfort prevents the growth of a compassionate heart. We can become so complacent that laziness creeps in, preventing the development of an active Gospel life modelled on the life of Christ with an openness to all in need--that preferential option for the poor that appears in the scriptures throughout this liturgical year. How does our parish as a community serve those in need? I encourage everyone to read the Catechism of the Catholic Church section on social justice (CCC 1928-1948)

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

Our Gifts to God 9/21

Plate: \$1778.00 Tithes \$210.00
Children: \$31.34 Cookbook: \$20.00
Kenya Donation: \$4000.00

THANK YOU

Thank you to my church family for your kindness and prayers after my surgery. The calls, cards, and food all made me so grateful and brought me a lot of comfort. Thank you very much to all of you for your support and prayers.
-Rose Welchans

Special Collection for the people of Gaza THIS WEEKEND

Archbishop Timothy Broglio, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, has appealed to all of our nation's dioceses, urging support for a special collection for the people of Gaza. Funds gathered from this collection by our Diocese will be sent directly to support the work of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) as they continue to provide vital humanitarian relief to the sick, malnourished, and wounded. May our hope-fueled generosity bring some comfort and relief to our brothers and sisters suffering in Gaza.

NCYC Breakfast

Thank you to everyone who stopped downstairs for the breakfast last Sunday. Your support is appreciated. The next breakfast will be Oct. 12th.

Altar Society

The Altar Society will meet after Mass on Sunday, Oct. 5th.

The October Committee:

Bridget Campbell (Chairperson)
Patty Baran
Judy Wischik
Vickie Williams

The town of Imogene is having a Tornado Drill at 10am on Sunday, Oct. 5th. Please be aware that the town sirens will be activated during this drill.



Pam McGargill	Oct 1st
Rachel Kinsella	Oct 2nd
Jared Hiser	Oct 2nd
Dan Kinsella	Oct 3rd
Jack Campbell	Oct 4th
Claire Campbell	Oct 4th
Silas Martin	Oct. 9th
Jim Gutschenritter	Oct 11th
Ellie Kinsella	Oct 12th
Rosaline Martin	Oct 15th
Lisa Dinville	Oct 17th
Emily Smith	Oct 17th
Logan Hughes	Oct 18th
Tara Doyle	Oct 19th
Bev McGargill	Oct 23rd
Jared Speichinger	Oct 23rd
Ida Ekpai	Oct 24th
Julie Dinville	Oct 26th
Maxine Wilkinson	Oct 27th
Sean Smith	Oct 27th
John Martin	Oct 28th
Kenny McGargill	Oct 28th
Sherry Owens	Oct 30th

Priest Workshop – No daily Mass

Father will be away attending a priest workshop beginning after Mass on Sunday, Sept. 28th and returning the evening of Thursday, Oct. 2nd. There will be no daily Mass on Tuesday, Sept. 30th or Thursday, Oct. 2nd while Father is away.

Liturgical Assignment Calendar

The calendar is now being created 2 months in advance. The October and November calendars are on the bulletin board in the vestibule. The schedule is also printed with October on one side and November on the other side and those copies are on the table in the vestibule.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Caroline Campbell who was recently named Miss Shenandoah 2025! She will participate in the Shenfest parade as well as represent the community in other events for the next year.



AMERICA NEEDS
FATIMA

Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 11th at 12pm

Please join fellow parishioners for the 2025 Public Square Rosary Crusade (one of 20,000 rallies throughout the United States). Our nation is in great need of prayer, repentance, and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 11th at 12pm in our Heritage Garden.

Rosary Presentation

By Maria Blake

Sunday, October 19th

**In the church hall after
coffee and donuts**

All are welcome

October

The month of the Rosary

Our parish member, Mary Speichinger will be singing her last concert with Umeri on Oct. 5th and invites our parish to attend what should be a magnificent afternoon. See below for details.

Umeri to Present “Into One Song” Concert on October 5

Des Moines, Iowa – Umeri, the Drake University Alumni Choir, announced its first concert of the 2025-2026 season. “Into One Song” will take place Sunday, Oct. 5, at 2 p.m. at Sheslow Auditorium on the Drake campus. 24 Drake Choir alumni will perform. The concert will feature Alex Berko’s *Sacred Place* and Mozart’s *Missa brevis in F Major*, KV 192.

Featured performers, in addition to Umeri, include members of the Des Moines Symphony and soloists Elizabeth Fisher, Mollie Lawler, Eric Ferring, and Thomas McCargar.

The concert will explore the ways in which ritual and community-gathering contribute to the experience of human connection and transcendence. A primary goal for Umeri is to provide opportunities for both performers and listeners to “go deeper” in exploring the context of the music and words.

“Umeri is exploring the concepts of community, ritual, tradition, and the idea of sacred places – within us, in nature, and in human-created spaces,” said Umeri founder and conductor, Aimee Beckmann-Collier. “We have done so in conversations with a Drake English professor and Director of Drake’s Harkin Institute, Dr. Craig Owens, and Alex Berko, composer of *Sacred Place*, as well as three experts on ritual and community-gathering: Rabbi Neal Schuster, Temple B’nai Jeshurun, Rev. Tim Fitzgerald, Diocese of Des Moines, and Kyle Lechtenberg, West Des Moines United Methodist Church.

The audience will also have an opportunity to consider these concepts by attending the pre-concert talk, “Being and Belonging: The Role of Ritual in Creating Relationships and Meaning” on October 5 at 1 p.m. in Levitt Hall, Old Main, Drake University. This session will feature some of the presenters listed above in a stimulating conversation that will include time for audience questions and comments.

There is no admission charge for the concert and pre-concert presentation. However, free will donations are welcome. For more information and to RSVP, visit umeri.wp.drake.edu.



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DRAKE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CHOIR
AIMEE BECKMANN-COLLIER, CONDUCTOR

INTO ONE SONG

featuring *Sacred Place* by Alex Berko and
Mozart's *Missa Brevis in FM, KV192*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

2:00 pm, Sheslow Auditorium
No Admission Charge

PRE-CONCERT TALK

1:00 pm, Levitt Hall - Old Main
Being and belonging: the role of ritual in
creating relationships and meaning