

OCTOBER 19, 2025

TWENTY~NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FATHER LAZARUS KIRIGIA - PASTOR

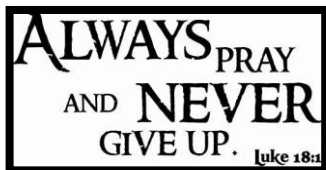
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

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

	Sunday	Saturday	Sunday
	Oct. 19	Oct. 25th	Oct. 26
Lector	Peggy Martin	Jake McGargill	YFF
EME	John Martin	Kathy Harbor	Dan Kinsella
EME	Sarah Martin		Jim Martin
EME	Tom Martin		Bridget Campbell
Server	John Martin		YFF
Server	Addy Christensen		YFF
Server	Finn Martin		YFF
Gifts	Paul & Maria Blake	Tim & Sarah Martin	YFF
Usher	Paul Blake	Bernie Hughes	YFF
Usher	Gerard Brannen	Tim Martin	YFF
Usher	Darwin Bugg	George McGargill	YFF
Usher	Sandy Bugg	Aaron Molnar	YFF
Greeters	Joe & JoAnn Cheney	Zeb & Jenny Burkhisier	YFF
Streaming	Kari Kinsella		Rita Laughlin
Sacristan	Joe Cheney	Genene Fienup	Jim Martin

Mass Intentions

Sun. Oct. 19: Members of the parish

Thurs. Oct. 23: + Michelle Laughlin

Sun. Oct. 26: +Marty & +Margaret Laughlin

Thurs. Oct. 30: +Justin Owens and +Linda & +Michelle Laughlin

Tues. Oct. 21: +Dwight Smith and +Agnes Brunetti

Sat. Oct. 25: Members of the parish

Tues. Oct. 28: +Ann McDonald and +Jerry & +Pat Head

THOUGHTS FROM FATHER LAZARUS

Most of us have heard the saying “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” This colloquial adage can be applied to the persistent widow in our Gospel this weekend. She repeatedly petitions a careless judge to give her a fair ruling. The Gospel begins like this: “Jesus told them a parable about the need to pray always and not to lose heart.” The parable is the one about the troublesome widow.

In answer to the question “How often must we pray?” Jesus answers, “Always!” Prayer, like love, does not put up with calculation. Does a mother ask how often she should love her child, or a friend how often he/she should love a friend? There can be different levels of deliberateness regarding love, but there are no more or less regular intervals in loving. It is the same way with prayer.

This ideal of constant prayer is realized in different forms in the East and the West. Eastern Christianity practiced it with the “Jesus Prayer”: “Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on me!” The West formulated the principle of constant prayer more flexibly so that it could also be proposed to those who do not lead a monastic life. St. Augustine teaches that the essence of prayer is desire. If the desire for God is constant, so also is prayer, but if there is no interior desire, then you can howl as much as you want -- to God you are mute.

Now, this secret desire for God, a work of memory, of need for the infinite, of nostalgia for God, can remain alive, even when one has other things to do: “Praying for a long time is not the same thing as kneeling or folding your hands for a long time. It consists rather in awakening a constant and devout impulse of the heart toward him whom we invoke.”

Jesus himself gave us the example of unceasing prayer. Of him, it is said that he prayed during the day, in the evening, early in the morning, and sometimes he passed the whole night in prayer. Prayer was the connecting thread of his entire life. But Christ’s example tells us something else important. We are deceiving ourselves if we think that we can pray always, make prayer a kind of respiration of the soul in the midst of daily activity, if we do not set aside fixed times for prayer, when we are free from every other preoccupation.

The same Jesus who we see praying always is also the one who, like every other Jew of his period, stopped and turned toward the temple in Jerusalem three times a day, at dawn, in the afternoon during the temple sacrifices, and at sundown, and recited ritual prayers, among which was the “Shema Yisrael!” -- “Hear, O Israel!” On the Sabbath, he also participated, with his disciples, in the worship at the synagogue; different scenes in the Gospels take place precisely in this context.

The Church -- we can say, from its first moment of life -- has also set aside a special day dedicated to worship and prayer: Sunday. We all know what, unfortunately, has happened to Sunday in our society: Sports, shopping, or other various activities have often become something that poisons Sunday from being what it was intended for.

We must do whatever we can so that this day can return to being, as God intended it in commanding festive repose, a day of serene joy that strengthens our communion with God and with each other, in the family and in society.

We modern Christians should take our inspiration from the words that, in 305 AD, St. Saturnius and his fellow martyrs addressed to the Roman judge who had them arrested for participating in the Sunday rite: “The Christian cannot live without the Sunday Eucharist. Do you not know that the Christian exists for the Eucharist and the Eucharist for the Christian?” Like the widow in the gospel, regular prayer opens our hearts, minds, and souls to our God.

Have a Blessed Week, Fr. Lazarus Kirigia.

Our Gifts to God 10/11 & 10/12

Plate: \$1605.00 Tithes: \$295.00
Children: \$16.85 Hall Rent: \$50.00
Cookbooks: \$30.00

The NCYC group would like to thank Kathy Regan for helping to secure Thrivent funds for our fall breakfasts and basket raffle! The basket winners were: Avery Martin, Gerard Brannen and JoAnn Cheney.

Thank you for all of your support! NCYC will be Nov. 20-23. We have 9 students from our parish attending the conference.

Special Collection Today World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday (WMS) is a special day celebrated by the Catholic Church around the world to recognize and support the Church's missionary work. Each year, the Pope chooses a theme for World Mission Sunday. For 2025, the theme is: "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples" This theme calls all Catholics — young and old — to be messengers of hope, just as missionaries bring Christ's love to people around the world.

YFF All Saints Day Parade – Oct. 26th

The parade begins at 10:10am in the church hall.

Rosary Presentation

Join us downstairs after Mass today for a presentation about the rosary by Maria Blake.

Please remember in your prayers

+Rodney Greiner

+Austin Clayton

Rodney passed away on Oct. 14th. He was a nephew of Joe & JoAnn Cheney.

Austin passed away on Oct. 8th. He was a step son of another nephew of Joe & JoAnn Cheney.

The sympathy of the St. Patrick faith family is extended to Joe & JoAnn and their entire family.

May they rest eternally in the loving arms of our Savior



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

The next Altar Society meeting is Nov. 2nd.
November Altar Society Committee

November 2025	
CH-Karen Gutschenritter	712-370-6903
Sarah F Martin	712-215-5577
Anne McDonald	712-386-2177
Jenny Burkheiser	712-215-2640
Stephanie Martin	712-215-5442
Donuts - 9th, 16th, 23rd	
Turkey Shoot - Nov 23	
Knights Breakfast: Nov 2 (no donuts)	

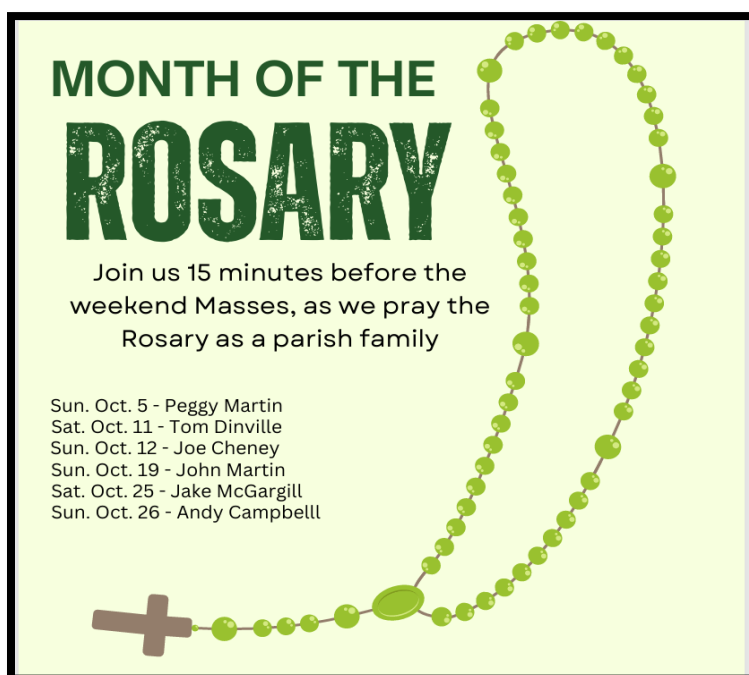
SPaRC Baby Bottle Fundraiser

If you took a baby bottle for this fundraiser, please return it to the church next Sunday, Oct. 26th.



St. Patrick-Imogene Grounds/Facility survey launched last week. If you need to turn in a Grounds/Facility survey, please return to a Finance Council member by Sunday, October 26th. If you would like an electronic copy sent to you, contact Rita Laughlin.

Finance Council: Fr. Lazarus, Rick Dailey, Ken Forney, Genene Fienup, Becky Hughes, Dan Kinsella, Rita Laughlin, and Jim Martin





Staley's Broasted Chicken Dinner! Come to the Corpus Christi Parish's Annual Staley's Broasted Chicken Dinner on Sunday, November 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The dinner will be held at St. Albert Catholic School, 400 Gleason Avenue, Council Bluffs. \$15 per dinner for ages 9 and up. Ages 4 to 8 - \$10. Ages 3 and under are free. Dinner includes: Staley's Broasted Chicken, Mashed Potatoes/Gravy, Stuffing, Green Beans, Corn, Coleslaw, Dinner Roll and Dessert. Dine in and take out available. \$3,000 Grand Prize raffle! Silent auction. Theme baskets, crafts and more will be available for purchase too. Dinner tickets and Grand Prize raffle tickets can be purchased at the parish office, 3304 4th Avenue, Council Bluffs (712) 323-2916 or at the door on the day of the event.

**TRUNK
or
TREAT**

**SONS & DAUGHTERS
OF
IMOGENE**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26
10:30-11:30AM**
IMOGENE BALLFIELD
304 4th Street

All trunks and treaters welcome!